

CDUA PRESIDENT'S REPORT



DU Greats Honored at Homecoming

We held another terrific Homecoming weekend this fall. The September weather cooperated, and our post-game party and dinner were held outside on the deck.

The highlight was the celebration of three very active alumni, Nels Schaenen '50, Tony Cashen '57, and Bob Verna '68, for their decades of service and support to the chapter as well as Cornell. The ceremony and the recipients' comments were moving and inspirational. These great brothers remind us all of the unique experience DU brings to the lives of those who join in bonds of fraternity. See photos from Homecoming on page 3 of this newsletter.

The chapter's fall rush program was an outstanding success, with 15 new members coming on board. Fall rush generally draws upperclassmen and athletes who either transferred or did not rush as freshmen.

Our capital improvements continued during the summer of 2018 with significant work on the upper-floor common areas, including improved lighting and refreshed paint and wood surfaces. In the basement, demolishing old walls and commissioning a new bathroom are in preparation for future improvements. For 2019 we plan to renovate the main bathrooms on the second and third floors. For details on summer 2019 projects, be sure to read Duane Phillips's report on page 3.

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CDUA Launches New Website

Visit www.cornelldu.org to Register and Update Profile

The alumni association's main website, www.cornelldu.org, was relaunched earlier this month with a new look, better user experience, fresh content, but the same great name and URL. The site will continue to be updated and expanded, so visit often. As before, alumni can:

- ★ Look up DUs in your area or near a travel destination
- ★ Learn about upcoming events
- ★ Access the Raising Our Game site, make a donation or pay your Alumni DUES
- ★ Read what's new at DU or past *Nooses*
- ★ Browse Homecoming, reunion, and many other pictures in the ever-expanding galleries section

CDUA asks every alumnus to visit and register on the site—a quick process that includes selecting a user ID and password.

Vintage DU Showcases Historical Pictures and Documents

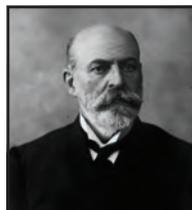
Our second new site is www.vintagedu.org, our main repository of all historic images and documents. Brand new to our collection are photos and memorabilia donated by the family of John M. Luther '32—these images from the early 1930s are amazing! Alumni can visit the site directly or access it from our main cornelldu.org site.



visit www.vintagedu.org for historical images

DU's Second Connection to Stanford

Nearly every Cornell DU knows the first president of Stanford was our very own David Starr Jordan '72. But to the amazement of many, the discovery a decade ago of chapter records dating back to 1869 revealed that Stanford's second president was a Cornell DU. In fact, John Casper



Branner '82 also was the first professor Jordan hired, in 1891 at the university's founding.

The renowned geologist grew up on a farm in Tennessee. He entered Cornell in 1870 but left in 1874 for Brazil, working first on the
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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 alumni@cornelldu.org. If you have any questions about scanning or want to donate/lend original prints, documents, or objects, contact me to arrange mailing and delivery.

Kevin Bruns '79
Alumni VP of Communications

DU Philanthropy

DUing Good In Ithaca and Elsewhere

Chapter Chair Noah Schweizer '19 has ambitious plans for DU philanthropy this year, reports Alumni Chair Cal Fastuca '78. The program hopes to not only expand its current international activities on behalf of causes in Haiti and Jamaica, but also will go down the Hill to serve the local community.

Registration is currently underway for DU's sixth mission to Jamaica (January 5-12, 2019). Through the DU International Global Service Initiative, as many as a dozen brothers will help rebuild schools and playgrounds.

Other activities this semester have included the following:

- ★ DU's annual S'mores event with Sigma Delta Tau, which raised \$533 for the Wounded Warrior Project
- ★ DU booth at a local school's Halloween fair
- ★ Participation in Movember to raise awareness of men's health issues—such as testicular cancer, suicide, and prostate cancer—and money for the Movember Foundation.

"Raising Our Game"

Co-Chairs Issue Fall Report

With a critical decision point fast approaching, "Raising Our Game" co-chairs Doug Porter '78 and Tom Scott '78 made a special plea when they issued the campaign's fall 2018 report: If you have outstanding pledges, please consider paying off the pledges before year-end, so the alumni association can commit to next summer's renovations.

The reason: The university (which owns the house) requires a certain amount of cash on hand before it will permit CDUA to proceed with summer 2019 renovations.

"We have plans to upgrade the bathroom facilities, continue to improve the downstairs for social gatherings, and enhance the kitchen functionality in the coming summers," the

fall report states. "But the plans are just plans until we can activate them with the necessary funds."

We need your help before the end of the year. Again, if you have outstanding pledges, please consider paying off the pledges early, so we can commit to next summer's renovations.

If you have already fulfilled your gift, please consider another generous gift; if you haven't made a gift yet, get inspired and do so today.

Questions? Contact Doug Porter '78 at dcp1056@gmail.com or Tom Scott '78 at tom.scott78@gmail.com.

HOW TO MAKE A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION

VIA CHECK:

- ★ Make payable to: "Cornell University - Delta Upsilon Capital Campaign"
- ★ Important! Write on check: "Fund No. 279004, General Ledger Account No. S38 8708"
- ★ Mail to: Cornell University, Box 37334, Boone, IA 50037-0334

ONLINE:

- ★ Visit: <http://bit.ly/GiveToDU>
- ★ Important! You must write in special instructions box: "Fund No. 279004, General Ledger Account No. S38 8708"



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Finally, regarding the Raising Our Game capital campaign, we continue to ask for your assistance. We still require additional funds to complete our rebuild activities. If you have pledged funds for 2018, please complete your giving as soon as possible. If you can increase

your pledge, or if you can pull forward your commitment to 2018, your support will go a long way to making our 2019 plan possible. As you know, we are not borrowing to complete our work; all projects are funded in cash through your generosity. Thanks for your support!

Mark Kamon '75
President, CDUA

Homecoming 2018



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- Mark Kamon '75



Renovation Round-Up:

Improvements Continue at 6 South Ave



It's the Bathrooms, Stupid!

Phase 3 of our capital improvements will take place in summer 2019. The big-ticket item is a complete remodel of the second- and third-floor bathrooms. Alumni of all ages will really appreciate and enjoy the results of this project. We are going down to the studs—walls, ceilings and floors—and installing all new everything: electrical, plumbing, ventilation, and lighting. What a surprise for the incoming sophomores and their parents next August!

It was the consensus of our alumni capital improvement committee that this project be accelerated in time. The cost for both bathrooms is in the range of a quarter of a million dollars. Keep those donations flowing!

Our plans beyond 2019 include other bathrooms. In particular, we still very much need a bathroom on or near the main floor of the house. That goal remains intact. Depending on final funding from the capital campaign, we may also invest further in the basement bathrooms.



ADA Access at Last

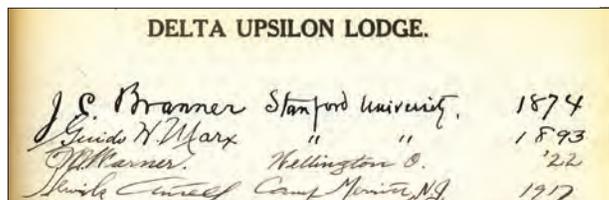
Federal law mandates that our substantial improvements include ADA access to the main floor of the house. Phase 3 construction in summer 2019 will include modifications inside and outside the house to achieve just that. This is a project that is long overdue for our house.

A two-stop lift will be installed in the entry foyer. The lift will bring a wheelchair occupant from the foyer level up to the level of the Great Hall. We will simultaneously install new flooring in the entry foyer and upgrade the lighting. In addition, we will install a walk-off floor system designed to capture wet and grit from inbound boots and shoes. You encounter such systems upon entering schools or larger retail establishments. This system is designed to slow down the wear and tear of foot traffic entering the house. We have our new hardwood floors to protect.

Please feel free to contact Duane Phillips '78 at duane.phillips@me.com or (925) 788-5258 about our capital improvement plans.

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Edison and Branner

Second Connection

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Geological Survey of Brazil and then for a gold mining company. After returning to the states, Thomas Edison sent Branner back to South America to search for vegetable fiber for use in Edison's newly invented incandescent electric lamp.

Branner returned to Cornell and graduated in 1882. Between 1883 and 1891, he served as state geologist of Arkansas and, later on, professor of geology at Indiana University. At Stanford, Branner served as professor of geology and, later, vice president.

When Jordan retired in 1913, Branner was named president, serving just two years due to the university's age limit. *The Stanford Daily*

wrote at the time of his appointment, "There was only one man on the Farm who could have handled the job, and he was trained by [President] Jordan himself. In fact, he had been a fraternity brother and close friend of the University's first President for 43 years. The man—John Casper Branner."

After his retirement, Branner visited 6 South Avenue, as evidenced by his signing the chapter's guest book on at least two occasions. He died in 1922. A dormitory and earth sciences library at Stanford are named after him. Two of his students were future president Herbert Hoover and his wife, Lou Henry Hoover.

Alumni DUES Are DUE

Alumni DUES forms for 2018-2019 were sent out in September. Thank you to all of you who have contributed. Our dues are fund everything we do every year (not for improvements). That list is long and includes alumni events such as Reunion and Homecoming, new recruit dinners and functions, newsletters, web site operation and maintenance, preservation of DU memorabilia and history, and the necessary accounting and insurance expenses. You can pay by credit card online (<http://bit.ly/CornellDUES>). See enclosed for the dues form.



In Memoriam

The Cornell DU family lost several beloved members this year. The alumni association wishes to express its deepest condolences to families, friends, and fellow DUES for their loss.



John "Le John" Halloran '75 of Orono, Maine, died unexpectedly September 27, 2018. A starting cornerback on the 1975 Sprint ("150s") football championship team, he received a B.S. in agricultural economics, followed by an MS and PhD in the same field from Michigan State. John spent the first half of his career as an extension economist and professor at the University of Hawaii. Following a move to Maine in 1999, John was employed as a research economist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's New England Plant, Soil, and Water Laboratory in Orono.

Le John is fondly remembered by his DU brothers. On October 28 more than 50 DU brothers, friends, and high school classmates gathered with his wife, Leslie Hudson, and his

siblings at 6 South Avenue for an afternoon of remembrance, love, and laughter. "John was a wonderful person who brightened the lives of everyone," said Don Sussman '76. "Le John was one of the funniest brothers in DU," added Mike Sandul '76. "The many laughs he provided lifted my spirits many times." His obituary may be found at <http://bit.ly/JohnHalloran>.

Just as the *Alumni Noose* was being prepared for publication, we learned the tragic news of the passing of **Jason Radin '16** on October 31, 2018. Jason's brother **Jeffrey** is a senior in the house. He received a BA in economics and worked at Credit Suisse after Cornell. A large group of brothers and DU alumni and Cornell friends attended the memorial service on November 5 in NYC.

A belated announcement that **Bruce Shaw '62** of Severn, Maryland, died on May 20, 2018. During Brother Shaw's 22 years with the US Air Force, he was awarded the Meritorious

Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, and the Air Force Commendation Medal. After active duty, he served in a civilian capacity, finally retiring from the National Security Agency in 2002. Always a sports lover, he diligently worked on his golf and bowling games, and armchairquarterbacking his beloved Pittsburgh Steelers to victory.

We are also sad to announce that **George "Spoff" Spofford III '57** passed away on July 20, 2018, following a brief illness. After graduating from Cornell with an engineering degree, George went on to a career in aviation management. He retiring from his position as director for the Broward County Aviation Department in 1998, where during his tenure he developed a \$1.2 billion, 20-year expansion of Fort Lauderdale International Airport.

George was a lover of the ocean, and those who knew him will remember his nautical skills, biting wit, and the intellectual rigor he brought to all conversations.

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