



# SouthAvenews

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## Message from the Alumni President Chapter Planning to Return to Pre-COVID Traditions

After more than a year full of challenges, restrictions, testing, and changes to all aspects of academic and fraternity life, DU brothers are planning a safe return to 6 South Avenue this fall. This includes a return to in-person classes and traditional fraternity activities including group dining, chapter meetings, in-person recruiting, and limited social gatherings. I wanted to again recognize the brothers' efforts last year to maintain a safe and healthy environment. DU managed to complete the entire academic year with zero positive in-house COVID-19 results, following all-new testing, dining, and cleaning protocols, with 90+% of classwork completed virtually.

The chapter house is in great shape, with several improvements completed over the summer, and more planned for this year (thanks to Duane). DU brothers are returning to campus with a new set of officers (see pictures and bios in this newsletter), our most diverse recruiting class in years, and a strong advisor duo with returning chapter advisor Scott Sheavly and new live-in advisor Connor Flannery (see bio in newsletter). We remain financially stable (no debt) and continue to work on a future vision that maintains compliance with changing Cornell policies and complies with DU International's Substance-Free Housing Policy.

On a personal note, it's been a year

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## WANTED: Alumni Volunteers, We Need You!

Have you ever considered "volunteering" your time and talents to support Cornell Delta Upsilon? We are looking for some "younger" alumni to join our board and lead some specific projects. By the way, we define "younger" as any alumni who did not use a typewriter while at Cornell. I would especially like to reach out to my classmates from the early 80s who may have recently retired or are considering retirement.

Cornell DU is fortunate to have a core group of alumni and a dedicated alumni board to support the current DU brothers, take care of the structure at 6 South Avenue, and ensure DU continues to thrive in changing and challenging times. Most of these brothers have been supporting DU for decades! We are thankful but would also like to give them some relief as we plan for the future.

Some of the specific positions and work we are hoping to fill include...

1. **Alumni Vice President:** work with the president supporting overall direction, alumni events, campus connection, and

ultimately transition into the president role.

2. **Assistant Alumni Treasurer:** work with current treasurer, Duane Phillips, and undergraduate officers on budgeting, capital improvements, and financial systems and reporting (as all frats move away from Bursar billing).

3. **Communications:** help manage DU alumni communications including the newsletter, website, and event messaging.

4. **Undergraduate Career Support and Alumni Networking:** work with undergrads to create a LinkedIn group with bios, resumes, and

career interests and help connect with relevant alumni willing to help mentor and support internship and career interests. This could include a live or virtual "job fair".

If you're interested or have any questions, please call or email me.



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## SAVE THE DATE

### CORNELL HOMECOMING

Sept 17-19

Please join us in the Great Hall at DU on Saturday, Sept 18, immediately following the football game for an alumni reception. Food and beverages will be served. Please refer to the Cornell Homecoming website for more Homecoming details at [alumni.cornell.edu/come-back/homecoming](http://alumni.cornell.edu/come-back/homecoming). It's time to plan a trip to Ithaca!

# DU NEWSLETTER BIO - CONNOR B. FLANNERY



Hi! My name is Connor B. Flannery, and I am a rising 2L at Cornell Law School, where I serve as co-president of Cornell Law School's Data, Privacy, and Cyber Law Society. Before Cornell, I received my bachelor's and master's degrees from Manhattan College, where I was a captain and a defenseman for the Manhattan College Men's Division I Lacrosse Team. I grew up in Southern New Jersey and lived in New York City before moving to Ithaca. After

law school, I plan to move back to New York City and focus on data privacy and cyber technology issues and their connection to the First Amendment and intellectual property matters. When I'm not studying, I do everything I can to stay mentally and physically sharp. I enjoy skiing, working out, reading, and catching up with friends. Please don't hesitate to say hello; I'm looking forward to working with the entire Delta Upsilon community!

## Undergrad Officers

### President: **Jack Rifkin**



I'm a junior from Chappaqua, New York. I am in the College of Human Ecology majoring in human biology, health, and society and minoring in business for the life sciences. Outside of DU, I play club soccer, I am a brother of the pre-medical fraternity Phi Delta Epsilon, and I am a volunteer for the Ithaca Suicide and Crisis Prevention Center. Additionally, I love to play video games and eat food. I plan to attend medical school after I finish my undergraduate degree.

### Spring Vice President: **Matt Kates**



My name is Matt Kates, and I am from Port Washington, New York. I am double majoring in finance and business analytics in the Dyson School with a minor in data science. In my free time, I like to hang out with my friends as well as go skiing.

### Vice President of Loss Prevention:

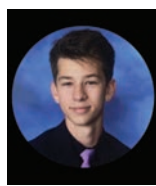
#### **Chris Goranov**



Hi, I'm Chris Goranov! I'm from Connecticut and attended Deerfield Academy for high school. I'm pursuing degrees in both economics and statistics in the College of Arts and Sciences. Outside of the classroom, I enjoy spending time with friends, creating music, and playing soccer, lacrosse, and chess. I'm interested in a career in financial services or entrepreneurship.

### Treasurer: **Nicholas Terbancea**

My name is Nicholas Terbancea and I'm



from Roslyn, New York. I'm studying applied economics and management and I currently hold the position of treasurer within DU. As a rising sophomore, I plan on joining the men's club volleyball team here at Cornell, as well as pursuing a career in investment banking moving forward.

### Treasurer: **Nick Nejadnik**



My name is Nick Nejadnik and I'm born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. At Cornell, I'm a rising junior in the arts and sciences school studying information science. I'm also the president of a finance club and a member of a consulting organization. Professionally, I am pursuing a career in private equity. In my free time, I enjoy playing golf, basketball, and chess.

### House Manager: **Chase Collins**



My name is Chase Collins, and I am originally from Jackson, Wyoming. I am a rising junior in the college of engineering hoping to major in mechanical engineering with a focus on aeronautical engineering. Outside of the classroom, I am a part of the rugby club and the ski team. I enjoy skiing, mountain biking, surfing, and any activity outside.

### House Manager: **Cole Lovejoy**

My name is Cole Lovejoy and I'm from Larchmont, New York, where I attended Mamaroneck High School. I am a rising sophomore in the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management with an in-



tended concentration in finance and potentially business analytics. Next year, I will be taking over the position of house manager and hope to join a consulting club at Cornell as well as the Club Alpine Ski Team. Outside of the classroom, I enjoy finding new places to eat, exploring campus with friends, or staying active playing lacrosse, golf, or ski racing in the winter.

### Recruitment Chair: **Kai Mulligan**



My name is Kai Mulligan, and I am originally from Villanova, Pennsylvania, and I am now a junior in the Dyson School at Cornell. I am concentrating in finance and accounting, and am a member of Cornell's Sprint Football Team, the Dyson Undergraduate Council, and multiple finance organizations on campus.

### Recruitment Chair: **Adam Gellert**



Hi, my name is Adam Gellert, and I am from Randolph, New Jersey. I am a rising sophomore in the Dyson School with an undecided concentration. I currently hold the position of recruitment chair for DU and I love to play golf and chill.

### Social Chair: **Jared Slade**



My name is Jared Slade. I am a sophomore at Cornell University in the Dyson School. I am from Plainview, New York. I like to spend time with friends as well as play guitar and soccer. I hope to attend law

# ALUMNI NEWS

**Frank Cuzzi '61** is a professor and author in the field of sports management and marketing. He was on the Cornell board of trustees from 1991 to 1995, and he is interested in giving to the cabinet collection in the library. He adds, "Thanks, and send me an e-mail. I'll answer." (fcuzzi@aol.com).

"Our whole family is now here in Central Florida," writes **Bruce Carlson '68**. "Our son Brian (Cornell '98), his wife Jean, and their four children moved back from London before

COVID-19 got so bad over there, and they now live about three blocks away, in Celebration. Our other son Brad (Rollins '05), his wife Jen, and their daughter moved to Tampa from LA about a year ago, after surviving a severe head-on crash by a drunk driver at over 70 mph. Her parents also live in Tampa. Tampa's professional sports teams have had a banner year, despite COVID, including a home-team 'super bowl.' My wife Kathy ('69, Kappa) and I still are very busy. Despite COVID, we had a record business year in 2020, with Kathy

finishing as the #1 realtor in our county. We also had a chance to see five of my classmates and DU brothers for a golf outing here in Orlando last February: Gary Deems '68, Bobby Smith '68, Roger Ham '68, Frank Tamulonis '68, and John Belknap '68. Gary is a scratch golfer and has played all the top 100 courses in the world. We turned our home into a Southern 6 South Avenue for an extended weekend. Great times, before COVID shut all down. Stay safe and God bless you all."

school after college.

Social Chair: **Henry Scharff**



My name is Henry Scharff and I'm from Los Angeles. I'm studying economics at the moment. I'm a rising sophomore and this year will be the vice president of external relations. I love football and soccer and enjoy going to the beach and surfing.

Fall Vice President of New Member Education: **Michael Petrazzuolo**



My name is Michael Petrazzuolo, and I am a senior from Oakland, New Jersey. I recently transferred to the Dyson School of Applied Economics from Bergen Community College in the fall of 2020. I am currently double concentrating in finance and environmental and resource economics and hope to work in renewable energy finance. I enjoy watching and playing sports, hanging out with friends, and traveling to new places. I am excited to work with my fellow members on the executive board this year.

Fall Vice President of New Member Education: **Bobby DeMeo**



My name is Bobby DeMeo, and I am a junior double majoring in applied economics and management as well as information science. I am from Long Island, New York, and enjoy playing sports along with hanging out with friends.

Fall Vice President/Spring Vice President of New Member Education: **Simon Sasson**



My name is Simon Sasson, and I am a rising senior at Cornell studying hotel administration and philosophy. I enjoy fitness, travel, and sports and would like to work in management consulting after I graduate.

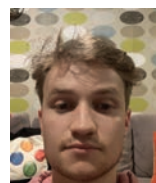
Spring Vice President of New Member Education:

**Jason Faulkenberry**



My name is Jason Faulkenberry, and I am a rising junior from Frisco, Texas, in the Dyson School concentrating in finance. Here at Cornell, I am also a member of the Cornell Varsity Football team, playing quarterback. Upon graduating, I plan to pursue a career somewhere in financial services. In my free time, I enjoy being outdoors, playing video games, snowboarding, and watching and attending sports games.

Brotherhood Chair: **Corgan Goodrow**



My name is Corgan Goodrow, and I am a rising senior from Burlingame, California, double majoring in mathematics and computer science in the College of Arts and Sciences. I plan on working in either software engineering or quantitative finance after graduating from Cornell. My interests include baseball, skiing, skateboarding, and chess.

Brotherhood Chair: **Brendan Sullivan**

My name is Brendan Sullivan and I'm from New York City. I am a rising senior at Cornell



University and am currently studying electrical engineering. Last year, I served as the vice president of new member education. My interests include basketball (I'm an avid Nets fan), chess, and poker.

## Call for Dues

I hope this note finds each of you well and enjoying the summer with family and friends. Our DU Alumni Leadership Team has been working diligently to prepare the house for the upcoming school year. The Cornell 2021-2022 school year is less than two months away and your contribution to the alumni dues would be most appreciated. A gift of any size will help us continue to provide the alumni support for the undergraduates and to continue our alumni operations, including The SouthAvenews, maintaining our database, reunions, homecoming, a live-in RA, and other priorities as they arise. Thank you again for your past and future contributions to our beloved fraternity.

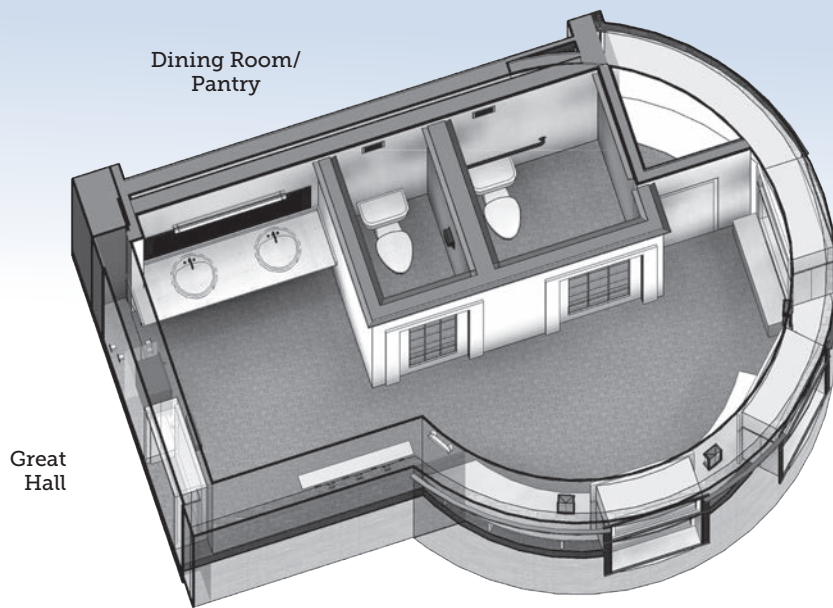
You can donate online through our secure server at [www.cornelldu.org](http://www.cornelldu.org). Just log on and follow the link to "Dues and Gifts". A new feature on the site also allows you to set up a recurring contribution each year.

Fraternally,

**Mark Merila '82**

Alumni DUES Chair,  
Cornell Delta Upsilon Association

# TURRET RESTROOM UPDATE



Our plans to build a main floor restroom in the house remain on track. As part of the competitive bidding process, prospective contractors are scheduled to evaluate existing conditions in the house. We will have bid pricing in hand before Labor Day.

As a reminder, this restroom has been designed for the southwest turret room off of the Great Hall. After 100 years without a restroom on the main floor of the house, this will be a welcome amenity. This will be a unisex facility that also satisfies ADA compliance requirements. As you can see from the rendering below, we had sufficient space

to design this room properly.

The timing of the actual construction has yet to be determined. As for pricing, there is no guarantee that at least one bid will be acceptable to us. The good news is the alumni gift account has sufficient funds to cover what our architects believe this facility will cost to build. Thank you for your continued gifts and pledge payments as we work to identify the remaining smaller improvements to the house.

**Duane Phillips '78**  
Treasurer & VP Capital Planning

## Chapter planning

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since taking over as DU alumni president. It was quite a transition, with COVID-19 impacting everything we do, including alumni events like Homecoming and Reunion, live recruiting, campus meetings, and live mentoring. A year of Zoom discussions was not the reason I signed up. I was able to make my first visit to campus in May (after rigorous testing that including everything short of a cavity search) and was re-energized after meeting the brothers and hearing about their backgrounds, career plans, and interests. I am thankful for all the support and advice from Mark Kamon, Tony Cashen, and Bob Verna... and everything Duane Phillips does regularly to support house operations and

me personally.

I am excited to announce that Cornell is planning to have an in-person Homecoming this year, and DU will also plan to host a Homecoming reception at 6 South Ave. Homecoming weekend is scheduled for September 17-19. Mark your calendars and make your travel plans. We have some catching up to do! The football game and DU reception will be held on Saturday, September 18. We will send out an email blast when we have more details from Cornell.

Please consider paying your dues, increasing your giving level, and planning a return visit to Ithaca to share some exaggerated stories with other DU brothers.

Thanks for all your support and stay safe.

**Bob Straka '82**  
CDUA President

## IN MEMORIAM

Dylan C.  
CLANCY '20  
May 2021

## DU Foundation Beds Replanted

As we prepared to install our ADA ramp next to the house (east side, north half), we necessarily removed the yews in front of the library. Doing so made the whole house look taller, so we continued the demolition. We removed the yews everywhere: to the left in front of the dining room and around the corner on the north side. We planned to replant in 2020, but the pandemic delayed work for a year. The work was finally completed in July 2021. We now have new hollies, dwarf ninebark, serviceberry bushes, and more replanted in the foundation planters. All the soil was amended, so these plantings should fill in nicely in the years ahead. Cayuga Landscape of Ithaca has been and continues to be our vendor of choice. They work all over campus. Cayuga Landscape also now has the contracts for DU mow and snow.

## Congratulations to Drew Goldberg '21!

Edwin Fitzpatrick Award Winner for Outstanding IFC Student Leader



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