



# The CORDELTA

*Beta Omicron Chapter of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity at Cornell University*

*Fall 2000*

## *House Corporation Report*

### **Off To A Good Start**

**F**or those of you who were able to make it back for Homecoming, I think you will agree it was a special event. We not only celebrated Beta Omicron's 110th anniversary but also welcomed a new brother into the fraternity—Bill Duba '51.

Bill pledged the chapter in the fall of 1947. A WWII veteran with the Navy, Bill left Cornell while still a pledge to join the Army as a commissioned officer. He continued his education on active duty and graduated from the University of Maryland. He then earned an MBA from George Washington University. He continued his Army career and retired after 30 years as a colonel in 1978. He then owned and operated a real estate company for several years before taking over the ROTC program at his high school alma mater. Our newest brother now lives in Newport, Rhode Island, in the house in which he was born. Thanks to the assistance of John Dorfman '49, the house corporation successfully petitioned the Arch Chapter to arrange for this special initiation.

Homecoming Weekend was just the beginning of a strong year for Beta Omicron. I had the pleasure of meeting many of the undergraduates over the weekend and am convinced that they are a great group of guys. I am confident that they will be successful in all of their endeavors.

The house corporation has some exciting initiatives of its own planned for the upcoming year, one of the most impor-



*Undergrads Neil Rosekrans '01 (right) and Piyush Chabra '01 (middle) reunite with alumnus Greg Sullivan '00 (left) at Homecoming this fall.*

tant of which is the Alumni Mentoring Program to be chaired by Sonny Sonnenstein '90. We are very thankful to Sonny for agreeing to take on this responsibility. Other initiatives include continuing to strengthen our alumni communications and working with the undergraduates on improving the Shelter.

I look forward to reporting our progress to you periodically throughout the upcoming year.

Fraternally,  
Alex Wernberg '96  
House Corporation President

## *Undergraduate President's Report*

### **Homecoming Highlights Successful Fall Semester**

**B**eta Omicron celebrated 110 years of excellence this September at Homecoming. The brotherhood was overwhelmed by the alumni turnout and enjoyed dinner and dancing with those who attended at the Clarion Hotel in Ithaca. We also celebrated the initiation of brother Bill Duba '51, who has been waiting over 50 years to become a member of our brotherhood. Those attending the ceremony were reminded of how much being a member of such a great fraternity means to us, and everyone was touched by brother Bill's excitement at the conclusion of the initiation.

Homecoming was a great example of how this semester is progressing here at Beta Omicron. After paying us a visit, Chapter Consultant Sean O'Callaghan stated in his report, "Beta Omicron is a chapter that is ready to explode into the community and campus and do great things." The brothers

took this to heart, and we have achieved great feats this semester.

Currently, we have the names of 23 freshmen and sophomores who are actively involved in our individualized rush program. Many of those 23 have been meeting brothers and enjoying the chapter's many social events. We will use this solid base to build a strong pledge class for the spring.

Apart from rush, Beta Omicron has gotten the Delt name out on campus through successful parties, including our annual Fall Rock and Oktoberfest. Delt is building stronger relationships with the sororities by sponsoring and participating in various philanthropy events. Our charity work includes donating our recycled can money to the Pulmonary Hypertension Association and supporting our national philanthropy,

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## Recruitment

**F**all rush is going well for the Deltas. We have a rush list of 23 freshmen and sophomores. We consider more than a third of them strong prospects and would expect them to give strong consideration to joining our brotherhood in the spring. The brothers have been taking rushees bowling, to movies, and on road trips as well as just inviting them over to hang out and see what our chapter has to offer.

As you may recall, the week before the spring semester is recruitment week. The Deltas plan to inform potential pledges before then of their impending bids, so recruitment week will be a time of high activity. We are always open to new ideas for recruitment and would like to hear of past activities that created a large pool of prospects from which to choose. You can e-mail Jon Fursman at [jmf22@cornell.edu](mailto:jmf22@cornell.edu) with suggestions.

The brothers are putting a great deal of effort into recruitment and plan to report a large, dedicated pledge class next spring.

John Brockman '03

## Alumni Relations

**A**s mentioned in Nick Ennella's report, I would also like to thank all of the alumni who were able to attend our 110th Homecoming celebration. There were many exciting moments, including the engagement announcements for David Graveline '96 and for Owen O'Rourke '00. Additionally, Cornell triumphed over Yale in the fourth quarter to put them one step closer to an Ivy championship season. There were some touching moments, most notably the initiation of William Duba '51. His excitement was contagious among all present. You can send him an e-mail at [doob143@aol.com](mailto:doob143@aol.com) to congratulate him on his 50-year quest.

We are looking forward to the alumni mentoring program that is currently being implemented. This will not only provide a new career search resource but will also bring together alumni and actives and open communication among brothers to clarify our short- and long-term goals.

The chapter recently held elections for executive positions. Jon Adler '02 and Nik Elkovitch '03 will take over as president and vice president, respectively. We are anticipating Jedd Narsavage '03 to hold the position of alumni chairman starting in the spring. He can be reached via e-mail at [jcn24@cornell.edu](mailto:jcn24@cornell.edu).

Thanks again for your continued support.

Neil Rosekrans '01

## CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITE:

<http://www.rso.cornell.edu/delt>

## Shelter

**S**everal significant improvements have been made to the Shelter over the past several months. Most notably, the residential corridors have been rejuvenated with a new paint job, thanks to the hard work of the brothers who found the time to dedicate an entire Saturday to the project. Our pool table has been refelted a beautiful maroon and is now equipped with a heavy-duty protective cover. Finally, new chapter room blinds have been installed, helping to preserve the elegance of the Shelter's most formal area.

For those of you who don't know, we rent out the Shelter to the Ithaca Day Camp during the summer. This provides the kids with a great place to have their camp and enables us to add to the house corporation fund.

The brothers have made a commitment to maintain the condition of the Shelter, and we thank the alumni for their continued support.

Piyush Chabra '01, House Manager

## Social

**T**he Beta Omicron Chapter has been very busy with social endeavors. From weekly informal Thursday gatherings to the larger Friday parties, the Cornell Deltas have definitely had their hands full.

The most recent event was modeled after the ever-popular "Octoberfest" celebration and involved some seasonal props, such as pumpkins and bales of hay. Our successful rendition of this renowned celebration demonstrated our members' creativity and helped to make Delta Tau Delta more visible on campus. Another event this semester was our "Dusk Till Dawn" party, which cleverly utilized the acronym "DTD." This gathering lasted until four in the morning.

Being the congenial and hospitable gentlemen that we are, the Deltas have also rented their Shelter to the sisters of Sigma Delta Tau for their annual fall crush party. The SDT women were very impressed with the amount of space our humble abode provided for their party and gladly agreed to call on the Deltas for some of their other social engagements.

The main focus of the Beta Omicron Chapter has been on rush. As it is our goal to maintain a strong membership, the Delt brothers have placed an emphasis on relationships with freshmen and potential upperclass rushees. After a brainstorming session, the social chairmen, vice president, and president decided to host weekly Thursday gatherings in which freshmen could come to the house and meet the Delt brothers. These weekly events usually included house tours as well as time for freshmen to interact with the brothers in a more relaxed situation. The freshmen seemed to appreciate these Thursday gatherings, because they allowed respite from the tumult of a normal Cornell week.

The Deltas have begun to wind down the semester but still look forward to a few more social events. The Beta Omicron Chapter has received offers to set up mixers with Alpha Omicron Pi and Chi Omega, which they plan to pursue in the near future. Until then, life in the Delt house remains unpredictable and interesting. The brothers have enjoyed this semester's events and plan to work just as hard in the spring.



Arel Greif '03 (right) and Jedd Narsavage '03 (left) as they audition for \*N Sync.

## Delt Establishes Alumni Mentoring Program

Each of us remembers his first steps into his chosen post-undergraduate pursuit. It is a trying time that poses many questions: Is this really what I want to do? How do I even go about finding a job/grad school? What are employers/grad schools looking for? The list of questions is endless. The answers for Beta Omicron undergraduates may become a little easier to find through the recently established Alumni Mentoring Program.

The purpose of the Alumni Mentoring Program is to provide guidance and insights to undergraduates in their pursuit of their chosen careers and to assist them in making the transition from their undergraduate academic pursuits to their post-undergraduate careers. The goal of the program is to provide each undergraduate with the opportunity to connect with a Beta Omicron alumnus in his chosen field for advice and counsel. After 110 years at Cornell, we are sure to find a suitable match for every undergraduate; from economist to engineer, from IT consultant to lawyer, Beta Omicron alumni have conquered almost every discipline imaginable. Providing access to that network to our undergraduates in a tangible, proactive manner is part of our commitment to provide for "the education of youth and the inspiration of maturity."

Undergraduates, at the beginning of their junior year, will be invited to submit a brief description of their career goals. The Alumni Mentoring Committee will then match up the undergrads with alumni in similar fields. Geographic preference, either hometown or intended location following graduation, will also be considered in matching mentors. The committee will inform both the undergraduates and the mentors of the pairings and will provide both with the necessary contact information. The undergraduates will then be required to initiate contact with their mentors.

Mentors can assist the undergraduates in the following ways:

- Discuss career options/search, advice and counsel
- Review resumes
- Make introductions

The alumni mentor should expect to dedicate one to two hours per month to this program. The primary methods of contact will be e-mail and phone.

By the time you receive this *Cordelt*, the first committee will have convened (via e-mail), and the process will have begun for this year's juniors and seniors. The committee includes Sonny Sonnenstein '90, Matt Berta '89, Joe Wilson '76, Henry Sanders '86, and Mike Kennedy '01.

If you are interested in being an alumni mentor, please contact Sonny Sonnenstein via e-mail at [sonny@coretp.com](mailto:sonny@coretp.com) or via phone at 704/716-7210 (w). If you are sending an e-mail, please provide your name, year of graduation, and profession. Thanks.

Sonny Sonnenstein '90

## Keep Connected! Cornell Career Services

Connect with current Cornell students and recent grads...online and at your convenience! Join the Career Contact Network, a database through which Cornell students may search for alumni in their field to contact for advice and information. This network is made possible by software provided through Jobtrak.com. Access the network and complete your registration/career profile via the Cornell Career Services home page at [www.career.cornell.edu/ccs](http://www.career.cornell.edu/ccs), the alumni link and Career Contact Network button, or contact Nancy Law at 607/255-9046 or [NFL1@cornell.edu](mailto:NFL1@cornell.edu) for more information.



Conor Brownell '01 and his date having a great time at the Homecoming formal.





Brothers enjoy a sunny Friday by tackling each other in a game of football.

## Successful Fall Semester

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Adopt-a-School.

Once again near the top of the GPA rankings for fraternities, the Delt brotherhood continues to strive for academic excellence. Beta Omicron will soon launch a mentoring program in which undergrads will be matched up with alumni in the same field so they can take advantage of the networking that Delt offers them and use this guidance to start their post-Cornell careers on the right foot.

I would personally like to thank all the alumni for the great support we received during Homecoming and throughout the year. Beta Omicron could not survive without your generosity, and I would invite any alumni to stop by the house to see what a great brotherhood we have here in our Shelter. Please feel free to contact me via e-mail at noe1@cornell.edu or Alumni Chairman Neil Rosekrans at nar5@cornell.edu. Thank you for your support.

Nicholas Ennella '01  
Chapter President



Rob Brown '01 (right) poses with President-elect Jon Adler '02 (left).

## Brothers To Gather In Beantown

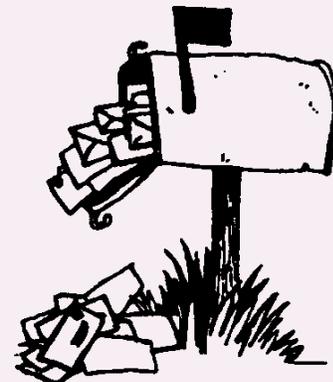
It is my pleasure to invite you to attend Beta Omicron's celebration for the Cornell-Harvard ice hockey game. On **February 3, 2001**, we will be hosting a reception at **John Harvard's Brew House** (Harvard Square, 33 Dunster Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts; 617/868-3585) from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. followed by the Cornell-Harvard ice hockey game at 7:00. The undergraduates have already scheduled a road trip to coincide with this event, so this will be a great opportunity for alumni and undergraduates to meet and socialize.

Appetizers will be provided at John Harvard's before the game, and a cash bar is available. The price for this event is \$10 per person, which includes the pre-game reception and a ticket to the game. Tickets will be distributed at the reception. As tickets are limited, please send your ticket order and payment (checks payable to Delta Tau Delta) by January 15, 2001, to Jason Saltsberg, 39-32 212th St., Bayside, NY 11361.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 718/224-7212 or e-mail me at jss5@cornell.edu. Thank you to Ray Jansons '97 for helping to make arrangements for this event. I look forward to seeing you on February 3. Happy holidays!

Fraternally,  
Jason Saltsberg '94

## Send In Your Newsform!

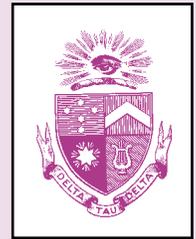


The success of this newsletter depends, in part, on the participation of our alumni. Please take a moment to fill out your newsform and return it to the address below. Include your latest news, news of brothers with whom you've kept in touch, and maybe also one or two of your fondest Delt memories or thoughts on what Delta Tau Delta means to you. We'll look forward to sharing your news in the next issue of *The Cordelt*.

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# Alumni Write



ROBERT A. BLUM '35 reports that all's well with him at 714 W. Rancho Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85013.

Keep in touch with WARNER HOWE '41 at 7271 Jermyn Cove, Memphis, TN 38138 or at howewarner@aol.com.

JOHN C. PENNOCK '44 receives mail at RR 1, Cardigan, Prince Edward Island COA 1G0, CANADA (peipenn@capecod.net).

When we last heard from G. PETER SMITH '50, he was looking forward to his 50th reunion at Cornell. To find out how it went, write to Pete at 3830 Carriage Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301; g.perfects@gs.com.

"My wife, Helen, and I just returned from a Cornell Alumni Federation trip to Italy," wrote JOHN H. HOLLANDS '51 in May. John and Helen make their home at 79 Edgewood Rd., Allendale, NJ 07401.

EDMUND O. GRIESEDEICK '52 resides at 2001 Shepard Rd., Wildwood, MO 63038.

"After retiring in 1996," pens DAVID R. MacDONALD '52, "I formed my own foundation for the purpose of encouraging the playing of chess in the inner cities. We now have an 'MVP playoff' for high school students in the Chicago public school system. The winner of the tournament receives a \$10,000 scholarship." Write to David at 6605 Radnor Rd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

Drop a line to JOHN F. HOSMER '61 at 9820 Hickock Dr., Stockton, CA 95209. He is general manager of N.J. McCutchen, Inc.

LAWRENCE A. WHEELER '61 is a petrochemicals consultant in Houston, Texas, where he lives at 2911 Robin Hood St. (77005). E-mail reaches him at wheeler@hal-pc.org.

Writes JAMES H. REYELT '64, "After moving from Westchester County in New York three years ago, I have found a 'slice of heaven' up here in 'Little Rhody' on the Narragansett Bay, just 15 minutes south of Providence. Our Donald Ross designed and renovated golf course is awesome and hosts 21,000 people in July 2000 for the annual CVS Pharmacy/Charity Classic. This year Greg Norman, Hal Sutton, Dana Quigley, Brad Faxon, and Davis Love are among the premier pros to play in New England." The general manager of the Rhode Island Country Club, Jim resides at 10 Payne Rd., Barrington, RI 02806.

Although his permanent home is in Portage, Michigan, ERIC JOHNSON '68 is working for Kraft Foods in the Chicago area for a couple of years. He has three sons; the older two are married, and the third is a student at Hope College. Send your regards to Eric at ejohn15560@aol.com.

A consultant, GARY C. MASTERSON '72 has moved from Florida to 635 W. Briar Place, #2W, Chicago, IL 60657. His e-mail address is gmasterson@windspring.com.

MICHAEL A. DOMINIAC '76 works for Harris Corporation in Rochester, New York, as an engineering manager. Mail reaches him at 19 Southgate Trail, Fairport, NY 14450, and e-mail at w2ka@arrl.net.

Write to GERARD H. ZIEGLER '76 at 607 S. Highland Ave., Champaign, IL 61821; gziegler@expresshome.com.

MATTHEW CAMPBELL '82 reports a new address of 59 Ethier Circle, Marlborough, MA 01752 (matthew.c.campbell@intel.com). He is employed by Intel Corporation.

"We moved—again!" writes MARTIN J. BARRACK '83, vice president and general counsel at Qwest Cyber Solutions. "You can now reach me and Patty and the kids in Denver (9922 S. Stratford Lane, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126; martin.barrack@qwest.com), where I'm working for an applications services provider and dreaming IPO dreams. For the last three years we regularly got together with JOHN RANDALL '82, Leslie, and their two daughters (if that isn't revenge, what is?). They are doing great and living in Davis, California."

On May 13, JOHN PIRIE '83 and Carrie Sholts exchanged vows at the Fontainebleau Inn, a B&B outside of Ithaca owned by JOHN VAN SOEST '86. Other Deltas in attendance were JEFF KATZ '86, JACK NICKLES '81, RICH SCHRADER '82, NATE PIERCE '83, CHUCK ROSSI '83, MIKE SCHWARTZ '83, ERIC WOLFGANG '83, ROB GREENWAY '83, DUNCAN PERRY '84, RALPH BROZZO '85, NATE TAYLOR '85, CHRIS SLON '85, BOB PLUNKETT '84, DON PHYKITT '81, HENRY SANDERS '86, and JASON SALTSBERG '94. "No arrests were reported," writes the groom, "but keep sending those checks, Schrade, or I'm releasing the photos..." The newlyweds live at 1340-A S. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21230, and "Japes" can be reached by e-mail at jwpirie@mindspring.com.

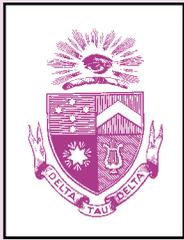
Keep in touch with BOBBY S. TSAI '83 at Flat B, 5/FL., 17-19 Conduit Rd., Hong Kong, HONG KONG; bfskmt@netscape.net.

STEVEN P. ENO '84 is director of customer retention for GiftCertificates.com and resides at 17 Whistler Place, Stamford, CT 06905 (e-mail: seno@giftcertificates.com).

"I finished my first year of fellowship at the University of

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*If you did not receive a copy of the 2000 Beta Omicron membership directory, please contact Brian Steele at 607/273-2717.*



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# Alumni Write

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Washington," reports ROBERT E. GEISE '84 (420 N. 39th St., #101, Seattle, WA 98103; rgeise1208@aol.com). "I'm doing clinical research in infectious diseases with an emphasis in HIV medicine. I love the Northwest and Seattle. I saw SCOTT SUMNER '84, his wife, Jane, and STEVE SUMNER '87 in San Francisco just before Scott and Jane left for London for two years. They all look great."

We have a new address for PAUL RODER '85: 4911 Jewell St., San Diego, CA 92109 (paul\_roder@hp.com).

Contact CARL F. SUTTER '85 at 1821 E. Marshall Place, Long Beach, CA 90807 or at sutter@pobox.com.

An attorney with the firm of Midey & Swinehart in Seneca Falls, STEVEN J. GETMAN has been named to the House of Delegates of the New York State Bar Association. He lives in Interlaken, New York (P.O. Box 333, 14847), with his wife, Joan, and step-daughters, Rachael and Meredith.

JOSE O. ROIG '87 and his wife, Mary, have three children—Jonathon (13), Meghan (8), and Michelle (7). Jose earned a degree in economics from Loyola College in Maryland in 1989, and he is now director of marketing information systems for Erickson Retirement Communities, LLC. He adds, "I'm still playing piano and guitar, focusing on Texas blues and Christian contemporary." Send greetings to Jose at 3114 Northway Dr., Baltimore, MD 21234 or at joseroig@aol.com.

With great joy, ANDREW BERGERSON '88 announces the birth of a daughter, Kyle Goldenstar Bergerson, on September 26, 2000. "We named her Kyle for JJ's brother (who was killed in the '80s as a young man), while Golden was her mother's maiden name and Star my mother's. Kyle is a good sleeper and eater. She is regularly quiet and does not complain very much so far. In other words, she takes after her mother rather than her father...." The Bergerson family lives at 3600 Holmes St., Kansas City, MO 64109.

"I am the assistant intelligence officer on board the *U.S.S. George Washington*, a nuclear aircraft carrier," writes WILLIAM H. ANDERSON '89. He and his wife, Kim, have two teenage daughters, Megan and Ashley, and a pre-school son, Brian, "who is keeping his mother and sisters running while Dad is overseas." Write to Bill at andersw2@washington.navy.mil or at 3161 Iron Horse Dr., Woodbridge, VA 22192.

Earlier this year EDWARD P. CLARY '89 wrote that he was engaged to marry Martina Brewer on October 21 in her home town of Tucson, Arizona. "I'm planning on separating from the active duty Air Force at the end of the year and

either moving on to the airlines or still doing what I do now—fly and instruct on the A-10 Warthog—with the Air National Guard. Stay tuned...." Congratulate Ed and Martina at 10237 E. Essex Village Dr., Tucson, AZ 85748 (edclary@earthlink.net).

ROSS M. LEVIN '93 resides at 2125 Sea Pines Way, Coral Springs, FL 33071.

A Marine Corps captain, BRET W. MASSEY '93 can be reached at 420 Elmington Ave., Nashville, TN 37205.

CHRISTIAN THOMPSON '93 writes, "I just got a job as marketing director of Body Balance, a golf fitness program at TherapyWorks, a physical therapy clinic in Lawrence, Kansas. I am beginning my dissertation work at the University of Kansas and expect to graduate with my PhD in May 2001." Christian's address is 3644 W. 10th St., Lawrence, KS 66049.

Announces TEDDY M. MERTYRIS '94, "My wife, Elizabeth, and I are expecting our first baby in December." Send best wishes to them at 782 Correll Ave., Staten Island, NY 10309; t\_mertyris@hotmail.com.

DAVID GRAVELINE '96 (1178C Westlake Blvd., Westlake Village, CA 91361) is pleased to announce his engagement to Nathalie Normand from Gravelines, France. They got engaged during Homecoming '00 and have a tentative wedding date of January 27, 2001. David thanks his fellow Delts at the Beta Omicron Chapter for making his engagement weekend one of the highlights of his life.

Drop a line to SCOTT STRAZIK '00 at P.O. Box 400, Cape Vincent, NY 13618.

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## CHAPTER ETERNAL

We regret to report the death of the following alumni:

PAUL J. BUHL '28  
February 10, 1999

JOHN W. CLARKE '37

JOHN L. JOHNSTON '39  
April 11, 2000

THOMAS A. McCOLLUM '36  
April 29, 2000

WILSON H. PRATT '40  
February 24, 2000

HUBERT M. VINING '53

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