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BETA OMICRON CHAPTER OF DELTA TAU DELTA AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY

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House Corporation Plans for a Bright Future

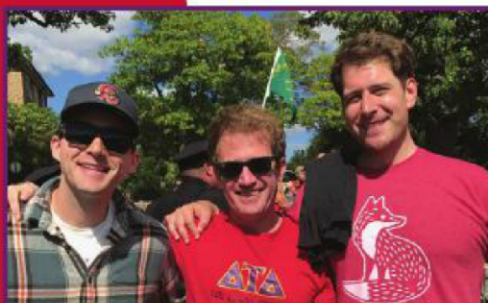
Alumni Leadership Seeks Volunteers to Update Beta Omicron's Online Presence



The ATA Homecoming kitchen crew prepares an excellent feast at the Shelter. From left: Jeffrey Catalano '09, Stephen Tucci, Helene Katz, Tim Ray '83, Jeff Katz '86, Chuck Rossi '83, Sheryl Rossi, John Pirie '83, Kim Ray, Chris Litvin '06, Richard Schrade '82, and Andrew Korik '85.



Alumni enjoy a campfire in the backyard during Homecoming.



Nicholas Stanley '06, Andy Howlett '07, and Dan Shaw '11 cheer on Big Red football during the Homecoming tailgate.

I hope that this edition of the *Cordelt* finds you and your family well and enjoying a great fall and football season. I am happy to report that the undergraduates have had one of their most successful fall recruitments in recent memory and will be welcoming eight new men into the brotherhood later this fall. This is a great sign of the growth of the chapter and the work the undergraduates have undertaken to put increased membership at the top of their priority list.

Beta Omicron celebrated its 126th Homecoming on The Hill, and we had yet another successful event. The kitchen crew was back in charge of dinner, led by House Corporation Secretary **Jeffrey Catalano '09** and **Tom Sweda '82** and served well over 100 Delts and their guests. During our annual meeting, which was led by Vice President **Jeff Alfano '13**, the House Corporation passed a resolution to create a new mentorship program led by **Jason Saltsberg '94** and **Young Hur '11**. They are looking for alumni volunteers to help with the new program, which will aim to provide both professional mentorship and mentorship by position to the undergraduates. If you wish to participate, please e-mail anyone on the House Corporation board and we will put you in touch with Jason and Young.

Another item that was passed during the annual House Corporation meeting was to explore creating an alumni group to head up technology, specifically as it relates to our website and other online presence. As we all know, we live in a world dominated by the digital format, and if we want to remain relevant and easily accessible to all members, we need to update our website to be a leading example of fraternities in the 21st century. If you have any interest in participating

in this group, please e-mail me directly as we will be starting this work soon.

On a personal note, this was the first Homecoming since I joined Delta Tau Delta in the spring of 2005 that I was unable to attend, and it has given me time to reflect on what Beta Omicron means to me. As I wait for my first child to arrive, I was saddened to not be on campus celebrating yet another successful year with my brothers. I was glad to hear of all the successes the chapter has had in the past year and was glad that the alumni and undergraduates are both pushing our executive board to serve them better. I also wondered whether in 18 years my son or any of our sons would have the opportunity to join Beta Omicron when they enter college. Will we continue to prosper? Will our membership continue to grow? Will the Shelter be the same edifice that we all know? Or will it be a dilapidated ruin at the corner of Campus and Stewart?

These are all questions that will only be answered by time; however, we as alumni and undergraduates will help shape these answers. As such, I ask you take a minute to reflect on what Beta Omicron has meant to you and what you can do to ensure it is there for the next generation of Delts. Volunteering for one of the new groups we've begun, donating funds, or even simply paying your dues all help immensely. Remember, these choices will not impact you as greatly as they will impact those who follow in your footsteps.

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Recent graduates and Delt alumni Jeff Rossi '15, Jeff Alfano '13, John Salvagno '16, Rad Adityavarman '13, and Renato Amez '14 visit during the Homecoming banquet.



Eric Stucker '13, Drew Reilly '12, and Justin Hedin '10 take in the scenic views on West Campus.

LOOKING BACK AT THE GOOD OLD DAYS



When looking back on his time with the Beta Omicron Chapter, **Bill Matson '81** recalls great memories of his experience and how it shaped him into who he is today.

During his first semester at Cornell, Bill struggled academically and felt like he did not fit at Cornell. However, that all changed once he found Delta Tau Delta. "It was home," he says. "Once I joined Delta Tau Delta, I was able to settle down and feel like I belonged at Cornell."

Once settled in Beta Omicron, Bill was elected assistant treasurer and then treasurer the following year. He used that opportunity as an executive officer to develop not only his financial skills but also his social skills. "Living in a house filled with engineers, I learned how to deal with the kind of people I have been working with my whole career," he says. "By taking on responsibilities in the chapter, I learned how to work with others in a leadership capacity while also making friends who are always there to support you."

Since graduating, Bill admits that he regretfully is not as involved as he would like to be, but he does try and stay connected with his brothers. "A lot of us still do holiday cards, which is nice. I also see **Cliff Strat '80** whenever he has a layover in Boston."

Bill recently retired as senior vice president and chief human resources officer of Analog Devices. He lives in Boston with his wife, Donna, whom he brought to several Beta Omicron formals. They have two grown children, Ellen and Steve. In his free time, Bill likes to golf and travel. He is also passionate about giving back. "I've been very fortunate in my life and I want to be sure others have the same opportunities," he says.

"It's hard to believe we're now retired and part of the old guard that we used to see come back for Homecoming each year. Thanks for making my Cornell experience terrific and for letting an ILRee feel at home in a house of engineers."

To contact Bill, send him an e-mail at boston.matson@gmail.com.

Alumni Update

Chapter Eternal

Edward F. Sutherland '55 entered Chapter Eternal on March 28 as a resident of Melvin Village, N.H. He served with the U.S. Army Signal Corps in Germany and then joined General Radio Company, where he was employed in sales and sales management positions for 12 years. Ed then joined Teradyne Inc. as a regional sales manager, later becoming the manager of advertising and publicity and product manager for relay and telephone test systems. He left Teradyne after seven years to found Relay Testing Services Inc. in Wolfeboro, N.H., an independent testing laboratory, which used computer-controlled tests for predicting early failure of electromechanical relays, a company he ran for 23 years. Ed also founded Relay Testing Systems Corporation of Ballston Spa, N.Y., which developed and manufactured a computer-controlled system for testing relays. He published a number of technical papers on the subject of relay testing, some of which were presented in the U.S., as well as Japan and China. In his spare time, Ed enjoyed sailing, flying, skiing, and music.

Alumni News

William C. Krell Jr. '58 and his wife, Gini, live in Sao Paulo, Brazil, where he gives English and translation lessons to post-graduate students at the University of Sao Paulo. One of William's favorite memories in Beta Omicron is of seeing the statue of Ezra on the quad during a moonlit, winter night. E-mail: williamkrd@uol.com.br

GREEK LIFE ON CORNELL CAMPUS SEES BRIGHT FUTURE UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF TRAVIS APGAR



Travis T. Apgar is the Robert G. Engel senior associate director of Cornell University for campus and community engagement, fraternities, sororities, and independent living. He and his staff act as the primary advocates for the Greek community on campus. "Our role is to make sure students are having a successful experience at Cornell. We do what we can to help those involved in fraternities and sororities live up to their core values and the mission of their organization."

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NEARLY \$90,000 IN UPGRADES MADE TO SHELTER

House Corporation Has Several Projects Still to Be Funded as Required by the University

2016 was a big year in terms of improvements to the Shelter. Thanks to both the generous support of alumni and the undergraduates for contributions to the facility reserve, the House Corporation dedicated almost \$90,000 to Shelter maintenance and upgrades. Among larger projects, recently completed maintenance included:

- A complete upgrade to the fire alarm system of the Shelter, accompanied by a full design study. This project was mandated by Cornell.
- New steps for the front porch.
- A new front patio, which shows off our letters and plaques.
- Maintenance to the radiators.
- A new refrigerator for the kitchen.

Cornell has informed the chapter of additional work that will be necessary, so significant fundraising and undergraduate contributions to the facility reserve are still needed to fund these improvements. The House Corporation is committed to undertaking the necessary and desirable upgrades to the Shelter and ensuring that ΔTΔ maintains its presence on Cornell's campus for the next 125 years.

If you have any questions about the House Corporation's finances or recent and upcoming improvement and maintenance projects please contact me.

Fraternally,
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Thank You, Loyal Alumni, for Your Generous Support

Through the generosity of over 100 donors, we've raised nearly \$30,000 since fall 2015. The success and achievements of Beta Omicron are directly attributed to the support and involvement of its members. The active brothers are grateful for and proud of the donations they receive from alumni.

Contributions to the fall 2015 and spring 2016 appeals are listed below. If an error has been made in recording the amount of your gift(s), or we have mistakenly omitted your gift, we sincerely apologize. If corrections to your giving record are needed, please contact our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661. Your generosity is making a difference!

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 Matthew B. Guindin '08
 Yaroslav Dvinov '09

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 Lawrence D. Zamojski '76
 Paul A. Baginski '78
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 Nicholas D. Stanley '06
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Other (Up to \$99)

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 John D. Braun '55
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*To support
 continued improvements to the
 Shelter, visit <http://betaomicron.kintera.org/donate> and
 make a gift today!*

GREEK LIFE ON CORNELL CAMPUS SEES BRIGHT FUTURE

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Travis offers his guidance to 64 organizations on campus, 47 of them with physical structures. “Greek life is doing very well at Cornell. We have seen strong growth over the last decade. Part of the success I see is due to a strong alumni base, both from a distance and those coming to Ithaca as advisors. Chapters are performing well academically with most maintaining a 3.0 or higher GPA,” Travis says.

One major change Travis has implemented during his time at Cornell is how fraternities and sororities recruit new members. “We have moved away from the pledge model to an orientation model based on mutual respect, with a recognized period of time where information is transferred from chapters to potential new members, giving all students the opportunity find the right organization for them.”

This recruitment model has been in place for four years and has been embraced by the organizations on campus. “The orientation model helps maintain a platform of equality emphasizing the need to help people grow, rather than breaking them down—each student has a unique value to add to their organization,” Travis says.

Travis and his staff enjoy working with the men of Beta Omicron. “We spend time reading their orientation plans and then offer feedback. We encourage them to host activities that are well planned and based on core values. We ask questions—what are your goals and what do you need to do to achieve your goals?”

Travis encourages students to see the big picture and hopes when they leave Cornell they have the tools needed for successful careers. “These are skills they can use not only in college but are transferable to any industry.”

The Shelter and other Greek houses are owned by the university but maintained by the students and alumni. Travis says it is important for these facilities to stay up to date and encourages alumni to be involved in the upgrade and renovation process. “These facilities like the Shelter provide a home away from home. It is more than just a place to lay down your head and eat a meal—students need space to study and pursue their academic missions, with technology and furniture conducive to a living and learning environment.”

Travis is proud of the progress organizations, including Delta Tau Delta, have made at Cornell and hopes to see continued success on campus.

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Undergraduates Exceed Their Own Expectations with Fall Recruitment

Beta Omicron Welcomes Eight New Members This Fall

The Beta Omicron Chapter went above and beyond this fall by inducting eight men into the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. We expect to recruit 15 new members next semester. Much of our brotherhood graduated last spring; we came back to campus facing the challenge of successfully growing our chapter with fewer resources and younger leadership. Thanks to the passionate determination of the executive board and the unwavering dedication of every brother, we were able to not only continue our successful recruitment trend, but also raise the bar for philanthropic activities.

RECRUITMENT EFFORTS PRODUCE OUTSTANDING RESULTS

In the spring *Cordelt*, I wrote that we expected a six-man pledge class, but thanks to the incredible work of the executive board in planning recruitment, our increased involvement with the Interfraternity Council and their initiatives, and the strong campus presence of the brotherhood through leadership positions in other organizations on campus, we exceeded expectations and welcomed an eight-man new member class this fall.

CHAPTER BOASTS NEARLY 100 PERCENT PHILANTHROPIC PARTICIPATION

In early October, Delta Tau Delta was awarded by the Interfraternity Council for the chapter’s dedication to the Ithaca community. Nearly 100 percent of our chapter participated in the largest philanthropic event, Greeks Give Back.

Beta Omicron is working on our green initiative by participating in Project Hope, a local nonprofit that takes recyclable cans and uses the proceeds to support underprivileged kids in Haiti.

BETA OMICRON MAINTAINS COMPETITIVE ACADEMIC STANDING

Our men represent a wide range of majors from hotel administration to electrical engineering, with an overall GPA of 3.279. This GPA is competitive with Cornell’s fraternity average of 3.358.

THANK YOU, ALUMNI, FOR YOUR SUPPORT

As always, we thank you for your never-ending support, your dedication to the values of Delta Tau Delta, and your commitment to our chapter. Special thanks to Chapter Advisor **Jack Thompson '73** and the House Corporation for their immense support.

If you are ever in the area, please stop by for a visit. We love having the opportunity to connect with you to share memories and our vision for the future.



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Zach Schapiro '18, Alexander Lin '18, and Alexander Rucker '18 enjoy the beautiful spring weather.



Alexander Lin '18, Nathan Goldberg '18, and Austin Serling '19 play lawn games.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS



Beta Omicron welcomes eight new members this fall.

Alexander Chong '19

New York, N.Y.

Alexander Milne '18

Austin, Texas

Edward Dryer '19

Wheaton, Ill.

Shafay Munir '19

Douglassville, Pa.

Justin Kim '19

Bardonia, N.Y.

Pratik Tarafdar '18

Rutledge, Pa.

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Hollis, N.Y.

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Pompano Beach, Fla.

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Trevor Smith '18 and Greg Struble '18 are ready for ΔTA Date Night social at Sumo Hibachi Grill.



John Lopes '17, Austin Serling '19, Jorge Rocha '18, Nathan Goldberg '18, and Nate Taylor '19 enjoy the ΔTA tailgate food platters while waiting for the burgers and hot dogs to be grilled up.



Jakub Bobrowicz '19, Ian Melvin '18, and their dates enjoy ΔTA's Homecoming formal.