

Beta Omicron Is Thriving!



THE CORNELL

Greetings, brothers. After transitioning to new leadership in January, the active members here at Cornell have been reaping the rewards of their dedication to the fraternity and the Shelter.

After a strong fall semester, the brothers returned to the bitter cold of Ithaca for rush week. The entire chapter worked tirelessly to recruit the strongest possible group of men to join our brotherhood. Our enormous effort paid off, as we were able to add 13 new members to the fraternity this semester. We are hoping to build off this success and continue to grow our chapter over the next year. Young Hur '11 is continuing to keep the undergrads focused on recruitment. In addition, Peter Greczner '10 has been doing a great job molding the pledges into strong brothers as our new member educator.

Shelter maintenance has continued to be a focus of the undergrads. JP Blake '10 and Josh Mabry '10 have teamed up to keep the Shelter spotless. We had a small house improvement day before rush week, and we were able to present an impeccable Shelter to the prospective new members. All of our hard work paid off when we received the Shelter Cleanliness Award at the Eastern Division Conference.

Academics have always been an integral part of life at Cornell, and the brothers pride themselves on being leaders in this area. Our focus resulted in Beta Omicron receiving the Arch Chapter Scholarship Award at the Eastern Division Conference this semester in recognition of having the highest GPA in the Eastern Division. We also received an award for exceeding our recruitment goals. The undergraduate

officers have been energized by these awards, and we hope to win even greater accolades next year.

The chapter remains committed to its philanthropy efforts. We are busy preparing for this year's Strike-Out NF, our annual bowling tournament co-sponsored with Kappa Delta sorority to support the Children's Tumor Foundation. Also, we are already making plans for our fall semester event, a 5K run to fundraise for a cure for leukemia. Both of these events have been very successful in the past, and we look forward to improving upon them this year. In addition, we have planned a pledge bond-building weekend work trip with Habitat for Humanity.

Finally, the bond between brothers here at Cornell remains as strong as ever. Whether we are participating in planned events, such as broomball or intramural sports, or if we are just gathered informally, around the television or in a brother's room, it is clear that the actives understand that "Brotherhood Sustains Us." The undergraduate members are always looking for opportunities to help each other succeed, and to build the great friendships with every brother in the house.

The Beta Omicron Chapter is quickly becoming one of the strongest chapters, both at Cornell and nationally. We always look forward to seeing alumni return to the Shelter, and anytime you are in the area, the alumni suite is always open.

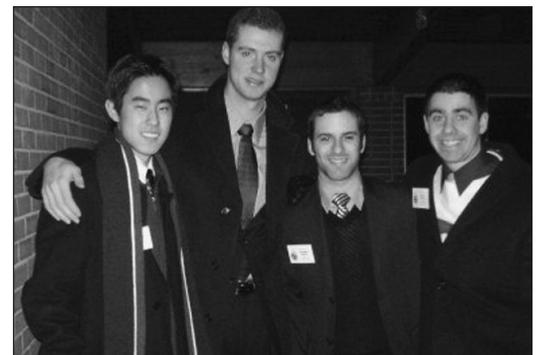
Fraternally,
Michael Bonacum '10
Undergraduate President

Successful Rush Speaks to a Great Future for Chapter

With half the actives looking to graduate this May, it was with great eagerness and a healthy dose of stress that Beta Omicron entered rush week this semester. Outgoing recruitment chair Justin Hedin '10 rose to the challenge, delivering an exceptionally well-organized and successful rush week.

Freshmen turnout was the highest the chapter has seen in recent years, and we were able to run some very successful events, both on and off campus. Some highlights included an intense poker smoker and an equally intense paintball trip to Syracuse. The annual broomball event at the local rink at Cass Park was a great success, as always. Thanks to the tremendous efforts put forth by actives and alumni, we were able to sign 13 pledges this semester, all of whom are proving themselves to be valuable additions to the house. This pledge class has brought in another diverse group of men, among them an Alaskan native active in theatre and a member of the comedy group, Humor Us.

While it is a relief to be celebrating a successful rush week, we must remember that, as always, we have much work ahead of us. Half the actives are graduating this year, which will leave us 13 returning brothers and 13 new members next fall. It is my hope as your new recruitment chair to continue to build off of the positive change that Justin Hedin '10 has



From left: Young Hur '11, Michael Bonacum '10, Garret Moniz '08.5, and Yaroslav Dvinov '09 prepare for a rush week event.

brought to our recruitment process and to see our chapter continue to grow. I must remind the brothers that recruitment, one of our five responsibilities as Delts, is now more crucial than ever to keeping Delt strong. I am honored to serve as your recruitment chair, and I look forward to even greater successes in recruitment this coming year.

Sincerely,
Young Hur '11

No House Job Left Behind

There are many developments to report on the Shelter maintenance front, the foremost being that at the Eastern Division conference, we were awarded a plaque for "Outstanding Shelter Cleanliness and Maintenance." Earlier in the fall, we also received a letter of commendation for Shelter maintenance and comprehensive planning from the fraternity's central office.

Shelter maintenance is an issue we take very seriously. Strict quality control measures for weekly house jobs have fostered an increased sense of personal responsibility and improved cleanliness.

The semester started strong with a day of pre-rush week improvements. While this

improvement day was smaller in scope than that of last August, it would not have been possible without the financial support of our House Corporation. The primary focus was on bathroom renovations, general painting, and cleanup. The bathroom ceilings and stalls were also repainted. With participation from over 20 actives and one alumnus, Andrew Howlett '07, we were able to put the Shelter in top condition before rush week.

We are also excited to report that we have been working with Bob Persons '73 to conduct an energy audit of the Shelter. We believe this audit will provide key insight for long-term Shelter improvements.

Mindful of the challenges presented to

new house managers, we are also working closely with new assistant house managers so that they may better understand the Big Red bureaucracy and the process of government inspections.

Looking forward to the fall, we are planning for the next improvement weekend. At this time, the second annual alumni-active Shelter improvement weekend is tentatively scheduled for August 29-30, 2009.

Please e-mail jpb78@cornell.edu if you are interested in our future plans or would like to learn more about our recent work.

Sincerely,
JP Blake '10 and Josh Mabry '10
Co-House Managers

SAVE THE DATE



CORNELL REUNION

June 4-7, 2009

Come home to Delta Tau Delta & Cornell. Details to follow as the date draws near.

2ND ANNUAL ALUMNI-ACTIVE SHELTER IMPROVEMENT WEEKEND

August 29-30, 2009

Make plans now to stop by the Shelter and help us improve the house facilities! Contact JP Blake at jpb78@cornell.edu for more info.

HOMECOMING 2009

October 16-18, 2009

Everyone had such a great time at Homecoming 2008, you should plan to join us for Homecoming 2009! Details to follow as the date draws near.

Alumni Lend a Hand during Rush

Alumni continue to make the Delta Tau Delta brotherhood a strong, successful fraternity—one that will grow and expand its horizons in new directions for many years to come. Just a couple of weeks ago, several alumni played an active role in our rush week. Whether it was assisting with set up for smoker events, helping make contacts in the evening, or just maintaining an optimistic attitude, it would be unfair not to thank our fellow alumni brothers.

Special thanks go out to Andrew Howlett '07, a young alumnus who was extremely dedicated to ensuring a successful rush. Andrew shared some of his wisdom with us during quite an intense time, giving brothers

some helpful advice on how to put together an optimal rush. One of the highlights of the week was our Founders dinner, a wonderful event at which brothers, alumni, and future brothers enjoyed fine food and great conversation. It was during this dinner that many of us Delts realized how fortunate we were for being in such a supportive, friendly brotherhood—a brotherhood that indeed continues to "Sustain Us." Alumni of Delta Tau Delta should feel free to stop by any weekend, whether for a hockey game, a formal, or just a chance to say hello. We welcome you with open arms.

Sincerely,
Michael Barnett '11

A History Preserved

History is still well preserved here at Beta Omicron. With our 2009 pledge class of 13 men, it is time to educate a new generation of Delts on the rich history of our over 100-year-old chapter. The new pledges are already being inducted into our history, with daily tests covering both the history of Beta Omicron and Delta Tau Delta as a national fraternity.

A recent reorganization of the Shelter's library has uncovered interesting facets of Beta Omicron. Several blueprints from the 1960s detailing the initial design of Beta Omicron's new Shelter, together with mock-ups of a proposed renovation of the Shelter's rear facade that was prepared in the late 1990s, are being prepared for display, including arranging to have the blueprints framed for preservation. The old chapter minutes have also been displayed to the brotherhood at large.

The old Delt scrapbook featuring pictures all the way back to the early 1900s is in the process of being restored and displayed in the Shelter. Exhibited during rush week, the scrapbook helped to illustrate Beta Omicron's rich history.

Other pieces of Delt history are being updated. Thanks to the efforts of former historian Daniel Shaw '09, all family tree lineages have now been electronically preserved and updated, dating back to the 1970s.

Finally, a fairly comprehensive history of Beta Omicron is being assembled, with the hope that it will be finished by the end of the semester. Any alumni with interesting stories, photos, documents, or other contributions are encouraged to contact me at wcmcohen@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Will Cohen '09

OUR ALUMNI SEND THEIR NEWS & NOTES

Warner Lansing '41 is retired. Reach him at 6065 S. Verde Trl. S, #G-310, Boca Raton, FL 33433; wlansing@bellsouth.net.

Hamilton A. Miller '48 writes, "I'm still playing in the saw dust with my little wooden cars, plus any type of toy I can cut out and paint. We now have nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. All of our grandkids are either married or working—some of each." Write to "Hammy" at 4303 Patton Dr., Longview, TX 75605; milhh2@aol.com.

John C. Dorfman '49 reports, "I noted that **Jack Servis '50** has died. I wrote to his wife, Lucinda, expressing our condolences. Jack was a natural leader and president of our undergraduate house much of the time I was in law school. I affiliated with the house and took my meals there. Jack was a great peacemaker. As a magician, he was also a great performer. Everyone who attended DTD parties remembered the climax when he appeared to bite off a piece of a martini glass. Jack had a photographic memory. His favorite trick was to ask for a telephone directory and have someone select a page at random, which he would scan quickly. Then he could repeat the names, addresses, and phone numbers. Jack loved his hometown of Princeton, ran a successful electric business there, and coached various sports teams. He will be greatly missed." Keep in touch with John at 215 Midland Ave., Wayne, PA 19087; e-mail rbdorfman@verizon.net.

"I am a retired veterinarian, currently living in Saratoga, Wyoming," reports **Gustave "Bud" Fackelman '62 (Vet '64)**. "Other than doing a little consulting work for friends and old clients, my passions are fly fishing and dog agility. Attached is a picture of me, my dog, and the judge at a recent trial, where we won a championship." Catch up with Bud at 41

Walnut St., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043; budf@mac.com.



Bud with his trial dog and the judge, February 8, 2009.

Brian Boehlecke '66 writes, "I have some very sad news to report. **Bill Wilson '65** passed away recently after a brief illness. My wife and I had visited him in August in his retirement home in Vermont, and we had a grand time remembering our time together at Delt. He became ill at Christmas time and when I called to check on him in February, I was informed by his brother that he had already passed on. A wonderful tribute to him was posted on the Rice University website at http://www.ece.rice.edu/news/featurestories/09wlvw_feature. He had been a faculty member there since his graduation from Cornell." Contact Brian at brian_boehlecke@med.unc.edu; 608 Churchill Dr., Chapel Hill, NC 27517.

William Hopping '69 (5773 Shasta Cir., Littleton, CO 80123) is saddened to report that **Bill Kaufman '69** passed away on January 21, 2009, in Hilton Head, South Carolina. Willy died of multiple myeloma.

Donald J. Warwick '71 lives at 57 Newport

Bridge Rd., Warwick, NY 10990. He's in charge of human resources at Konica Minolta Business Solutions. Don writes, "After living in Connecticut for over 30 years, Elin and I have moved, taking on our fifth home, and it's still not the retirement house! With deer constantly grazing in our front and back yards and bears ripping down the bird feeder a few times, we've really gone rural. Our son, Graham, has completed his master's degree in English from Lynchburg College. Now that we are two hours closer to Ithaca, a visit to the chapter house is likely." Send e-mail to warwickd@konicabt.com.

Ralph A. Peterson '73 writes, "My wife, Jan, and I are still enjoying life in Florida, along with being grandparents of two grandsons in Jacksonville. As a senior partner in my law firm, I am still quite busy with my labor and employment law practice. My travels around the country frequently permit me to stop and visit **Nat Jones '71** in Baltimore. While Jan and I were able to attend my 30th Cornell reunion, a lengthy trial in June 2008 prevented me from attending the 35th." Reach Ralph at 10 Tristan Way, Pensacola Beach, FL 32561; raplaw@hotmail.com.

Neil D. Brown '74 reports, "I've been spending a lot of time in Baku, Azerbaijan, under a contract with USAID to consult with five banks there on marketing and sales issues. Feel free to drop by the next time you're around the Caspian Sea." Reach Neil by e-mail at neil@stratamar.com.

Hoyt L. Duff '76 and his wife, Bobbie Lou, reside in Virginia Beach, where they own and operate Lynnhaven Fishing Pier, a recreational sport fishing pier and local landmark, as well as Route 60 Garage, a builder of vintage hotrods and bobber motorcycles. Hoyt has

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Chapter Strives for Academic Excellence

This past fall, the brothers of Beta Omicron have once again shown themselves to be leaders in academics. We recently received an award for having the highest GPA in the Eastern Division. This GPA of 3.42 was also the seventh highest out of 46 fraternities at Cornell. The brothers worked very hard this past fall and continue to strive for academic excellence.

Work on the library continues, but the project is far from complete. We are still

searching for new chairs to complete our renovations to make the library a much better place to work and study. Planning has also begun for a faculty dinner later this year.

Our academic programming is broadening to create more career resources for the brotherhood. We are planning a resume critique and an interview critique session. Due to the current job climate, these skills have become increasingly important.

The brotherhood is poised for another

great semester academically. After the great success from this fall, we hope to continue in our academic endeavors and excel both in the Eastern Division and among the other fraternities at Cornell.

Sincerely,
Justin Hedin '10
Director of Academic Affairs

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also been a co-author of the *Red Hat Fedora Unleashed* series of Linux books and contributing editor to *Maximum Linux* and *Linux Format* magazines. Hoyt and Bobbie Lou visited the DTD Shelter this past July on their way to a car show in Syracuse. Quite a change in 30 years. Stay in touch with Hoyt at 2209 Newbern Ln., Virginia Beach, VA 23451; hoyt@maximumhoyt.com.

Ross J. Salawitch '81 lives at 4305 Van Buren St., Hyattsville, MD 20782. He writes, "I joined the faculty of the University of Maryland, College Park, teaching and conducting research in climate change, air quality, and ozone depletion. It's been a long, fun journey back to my home state. Get in touch if you are going to be in the D.C. area at rjs@atmos.umd.edu."

Steven J. Getman '86 receives mail at P.O. Box 333, Interlaken, NY 14847. A lawyer in Romulus, New York, and attorney for Seneca County, Steven was recently instrumental in helping to draft an anti-puppy-mill law for his city. E-mail him at sjgetman@flare.net.

William H. Anderson '89 returned in August 2008 from a 13-month deployment in Afghanistan, where he was an officer in charge of the Kandahar Intelligence Fusion Center, which supports 25,000 combat troops. He's transferring in May of this year to the United Nations in New York, where he will serve as a military political advisor in support of the U.S. mission to the UN. Stay in touch with Bill by e-mail at andersonwh@msn.com.

Cassius M. Drake '91 is proud to announce the birth of his second son, Xavier Marcellus, on October 6, 2008. Cassius is the medical director for the Henry Ford Center for Health Services Emergency Room near Detroit. He invites brothers visiting the Motor City to drop him a line at 2003 N. Vermont Ave., Royal Oak, MI 48073.

Brian Carlson '98 writes, "Jenn and I are finally preparing for the adventure of parenting—we have twins due in early August, so we're just getting over the shock and starting to plan. Looking to move into a three- or four-bedroom house in the next month or so, as a two-bedroom apartment just won't cut it. In personal news, I'm also in the job market, looking for any opportunities to use my skills earned over 10 years with KPMG. If anyone is looking for a senior-level business analyst, global mobility professional, or expatriate services consultant, please be sure to pass on my details! We would prefer to stay in London if possible, but could be flexible if the right opportunity presented itself." Contact Stogie at briancarloson@uk2.net.

Ryan Oettinger '98 is pleased to announce, "After five long years of waiting in anticipation, I proposed to my fiancée, Clarice, and she said yes! Some may remember that I met Clarice during business school on a trip to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The wedding will be in Sao Paolo in fall 2009." Send congratulations to Ryan at djryano@yahoo.com.

Benjamin W. Raile '00 has a new address: 5500

Wissahicken Ave., #M907C, Philadelphia, PA 19144. Send e-mail to bwraile@aol.com.

Neil Rosenkrans '01 reports that he and his wife, Beth, have bought a house. Their new address is 11383 East Greythorn Dr., Scottsdale, AZ 85262, and their new phone number is 480-575-0093.

Matthew Briggs '02 recently moved to 8701 Overhill Rd., Richmond, VA 23229, to work as an operations manager at Starr Hill Brewery. E-mail him at briggs@starrhill.com.

"I have just finished up my first year working as a navigation officer and hydrographer for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration," reports **Matthew Nardi '03** (189 Fairview Ave. E, Seattle, WA 98102). "I am spending my summers surveying various parts of the Alaskan coast and winters in Seattle, Washington. I had the good fortune to meet up with **Joshua Grunin '03, Arel Greif '03, and Jason Higginbotham '03** on a recent trip to the New York area. I look forward to hearing from all of my brothers on the West Coast. My e-mail is mjnardi@gmail.com."

Joshua A. Toll '03 writes, "I'm currently in my first year of internal medicine residency at Bay State Medical Center. I welcome any Delts to visit me here in western Massachusetts. I regret that I missed Homecoming last year, but I'm very proud of the chapter for winning the most improved fraternity at Cornell and placing seventh academically among the Greeks. We must have a lot of human ecology guys; keep up the good work!" Reach Joshua at 700 Chestnut St., Springfield, MA 01107; joshtoll@temple.edu.

Pierce W. Corwin '07 receives postal mail at P.O. Box 500, Aquebogue, NY 11931; e-mail at pierce.corwin@gmail.com.

Sam Morgante '09 has started working for Congressman Michael McMahon (NY-13) in Washington, D.C. Congratulate Sam by e-mail at stmorgante@gmail.com.

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We regret to announce the deaths of:

Charles C. Shoemaker '35
September 30, 2007

Daniel DeWitt Mickey Jr. '49
September 12, 2008

David R. MacDonald '52
November 28, 2008

James B. Pierce '54
January 16, 2007

William L. Wilson Jr. '65
January 23, 2009

William F. Kaufman '69
January 21, 2009

