



THE CORDELT

BETA OMICRON CHAPTER OF DELTA TAU DELTA AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY

SPRING 2017



New flooring installed in the Shelter's chapter room.

Beta Omicron Celebrates Increased Membership *House Corporation Encourages Continued Support in Light of Plans to Expand Campus Housing*

I hope that this edition of *The Cordelt* finds you and your families well and enjoying spring with its warmer weather, the awakening of greenery from the winter chill, and longer days. I am happy to report that the undergraduates had another successful spring recruitment and will be welcoming 13 new men into the brotherhood. Combined with the strong fall recruitment, we have added more than 20 new Beta Omicron brothers. We were recognized at the Eastern Division Conference as having one of the largest membership growths in the country. On behalf of all Beta Omicron alumni, I would like to congratulate the undergraduates and ask them to keep striving to grow the chapter.

On another note, I am pleased to announce that due to the extreme generosity of Kenneth Schapiro, father of Chapter President **Zachary Schapiro '18**, the Shelter's chapter room has beautiful new hardwood flooring, which replaced the long-overdue worn-out carpet. Mr. Schapiro provided all funding for this replacement and Zachary performed the legwork of meeting with Cornell Facilities to find a vendor, an appropriate product, and acquire quotes for the work. It is this unsolicited help by our brotherhood and their families that makes Delt the shining example of fraternities on campus. I personally want to thank the Schapiro family for their donation to the fraternity.

Since my last writing in the fall, a lot has changed both on campus and in our country. The Cubs finally won a World Series, the American people elected a new president, Cornell welcomed its new president this month, Travis Apgar has resigned from his role in the office of Campus and Community Engagement Fraternities, Sororities, and

Independent Living, and there is now a master plan on campus to expand undergraduate housing in the next five years. This housing expansion plan is designed to ensure all sophomores are guaranteed on-campus housing availability, thus adding more pressure on us to maintain our Shelter.

These changes are of varying sizes and have varying degrees of impact for all of us, both as alumni and undergraduates, and most will not be fully understood for some time. However, as a brotherhood that prides itself on open communication and acceptance of all, I would ask that each brother ask themselves how they can help make the lives of those around them better. Whether it is donating time or money to a worthy cause, questioning or supporting the actions of those in power, or opening our doors to those in need, we must remember that our Creed states:

"I believe in Delta Tau Delta as a shrine of international brotherhood; her cornerstone friendship, her foundation conscience, her columns aspiration, her girders self-restraint, her doorway opportunity, her windows understanding, her buttresses loyalty, her strength the Everlasting Arms."

This statement is critical to our success as an organization. It has helped guide thousands of men over the last 127 years of Beta Omicron, and will continue to do so for decades to come. If you are unsure how you can help, please reach out to me or any of the members of the House Corporation.

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CORNELL AND DELTA TAU DELTA PROVIDE SHALIYA DEHIPAWALA '14 WITH TOOLS TO LEAD

When looking at colleges, **Shaliya Dehipawala '14** found the perfect match at Cornell University. "I was attracted to Cornell's *any person...any study* motto. I have a diverse set of intellectual interests and I wanted an opportunity to explore them. I also wanted to attend a school with an active Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program. Not only is Cornell's active, it also has a tremendous legacy of producing exceptional leaders."

Similarly, joining Delta Tau Delta was an ideal match for Shaliya. "The lessons I learned in the Beta Omicron Chapter were just as valuable as those I learned in the classroom at Cornell. The fraternity taught me how to build consensus for an idea, embrace diversity, lead by example, and overcome adversity."

Shaliya did not shy away from leadership opportunities as an undergraduate, serving in the roles of assistant new member educator, road chairman, new member educator, and secretary. "The fraternity forced me to learn how to lead a diverse team. We came from all over the world,

studied a broad variety of subjects, and had our own motivations for coming to Cornell and reasons for joining the fraternity. Turning a group of individuals into a cohesive team prepared me well for what I hope to be a long career as a leader."

His leadership skills followed Shaliya to his military career as an active duty Army officer currently based out of Fort Bragg, N.C. "It is an absolute pleasure to lead American paratroopers and jumping out of a flying airplane is an exhilarating experience. I've trained all over the country from the Atlantic Coast to the Mojave Desert."

Shaliya keeps in touch with several of his fraternity brothers through social media and attends the Frozen Apple Hockey game every year in Madison Square Garden. "Many thanks to **Jason Saltsberg '94**, who organizes a block of tickets for the fraternity. It is a great opportunity to catch up with alumni of all ages. I also had the tremendous pleasure of attending Homecoming last year and got to meet several of our current active members."



Shaliya Dehipawala '14 stands on the left with his first fire support team at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Staying connected to Beta Omicron is important to Shaliya. "Like most things in life, what you get from the fraternity is what you put into it. The more I've given to the Beta Omicron, the more honored I am to be a member."

In his spare time, Shaliya enjoys reading, running, and traveling to New York. He ran his first marathon in March. You can reach Shaliya at shaliyadehipawala@gmail.com.

Thank You, Loyal Alumni, for Your Generous Support

Through the generosity of the donors listed below, we've raised \$29,667 since last fall. 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 2016 appeal 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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Michael R. Bonacum '10

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Anthony D. Lacke '85

Andrew S. Wolfers '16

To support continued improvements to the Shelter, visit betaomicron.kintera.org/donate and make a gift today!

ALUMNI UPDATE

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Hamilton Miller '48 entered Chapter Eternal on July 2, 2016, as a resident of Waco, Texas. His son, Jimmy, says, "All of us kids knew how much our dad enjoyed Cornell and being a member of Delta Tau Delta."

John Sundburg '50 entered Chapter Eternal on May 2, 2016, as a resident of Priest River, Idaho. He was the lab manager for American Optical and later Coburn Optical. He was an avid short story writer and frequently published in local papers. His wife of 55 years, Doris, passed away in 2005. He moved to Idaho after connecting with a high school classmate, Marjorie Vannatter, in 2008. John loved Idaho's mountains, trees, and slower pace of life.

Richard Penner '68 entered Chapter Eternal on December 11, 2016, as a resident of New Paltz, N.Y., after a battle with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP), a rare degenerative neurological disease. Richard was a former Beta Omicron chapter advisor and faculty academic advisor.

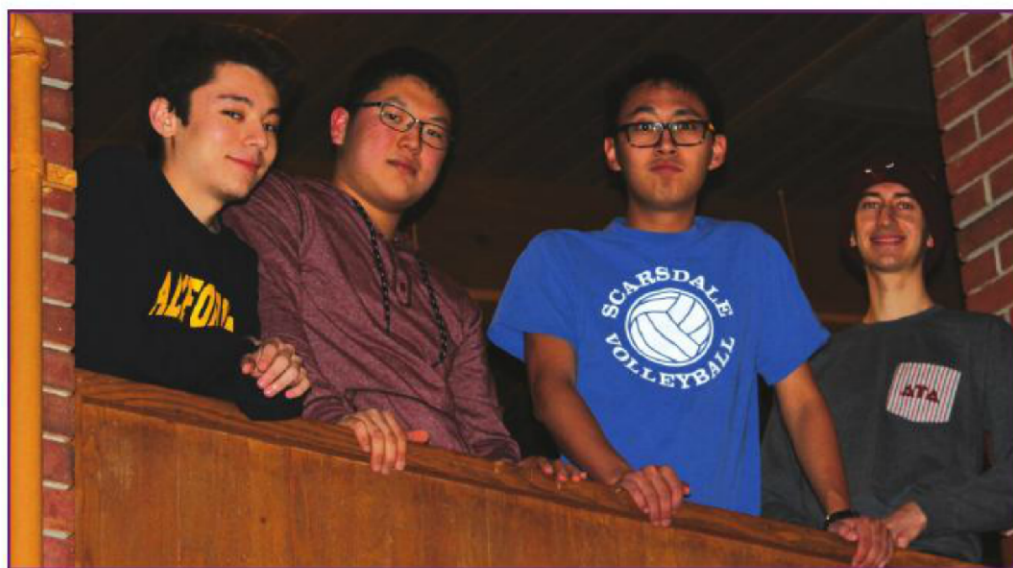
ALUMNI NEWS

Steven J. Getman '86 was reappointed as town attorney for Ovid, N.Y., in January 2017. In his role, he is the legal adviser to the town board, town officers, and employees, along with prosecuting and defending civil actions for or against the town. Steven also serves as the Schuyler County Attorney, where he represents the county's legislature and public officers. E-mail: sjg36@cornell.edu

Aaron S. Osofsky '85 lives in Hanover, N.H., near Dartmouth College. He sends well wishes to all his Beta Omicron brothers! E-mail: aaronosofsky@gmail.com

John "Ovie" M. Overton Jr. '92 of Derry, N.H., had a great visit with his Delt roommate, **Bernie Sochia '92**, and his family last summer. E-mail: johnoverton2@comcast.net

Andrew "Andy" L. Howlett '07 and his wife, Jessica, welcomed their daughter, Anne Elliot Howlett, into the world on May 7, 2016, and will soon celebrate her first birthday. "Anne loved her first Homecoming at the Shelter this past fall and is looking forward to the many to come." Andy and Jessica live in Washington, D.C. E-mail: andrewlhowlett@gmail.com



Alex Chong '19, Justin Kim '19, Alex Lin '18, and Eddie Dreyer '19 hang out before a chapter meeting.

INCREASED CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT YIELDS INCREASED MEMBERSHIP

Undergraduates Set out to Meet Goals

The Beta Omicron Chapter has continued to improve its recruitment efforts, initiating 13 men into the fraternity this semester, the largest class in three years. These new members, mostly freshmen, are excited to offer their talents to make our chapter a fun, welcoming place for all on Cornell's campus. With a small senior class graduating, we hope to continue our positive trends due to steady, consistent leadership from our sophomore and junior classes.

STRONG NEW MEMBER EDUCATION

Our new member education has been outstanding this semester, instilling our positive fraternity values in our new members. This led to the strongest performance on the national exam in all the years that Chapter Advisor **Jack Thompson '73** has administered the test. Therefore, I would like to personally commend New Member Educator **Rohith Vudatha '17** for his excellent work at making sure our new members know what it truly means to be a Delt.

NEW PHILANTHROPIC TRADITION

Greek organizations often host an annual philanthropic event to help raise money for their respective causes. Starting this spring, we will host the first Dunk-a-Delt for JDRF. Spearheaded by Philanthropy Chairman **Alex Chong '19** and Vice President **Ian Melvin '18**, we will position brothers in a dunk tank on Ho Plaza. Charging \$1 per throw, we hope this event will attract positive attention to our chapter and raise money for a great cause.

STRONG CAMPUS PRESENCE, STRONG RECRUITMENT

Members participate in a wide range of activities on campus. Some notable organizations Delts boast include: Cornell University Asia Business Society, Cornell Concert Commission, Cornell Media Guild, and Cornell Fencing Team. Recruitment Chairman **Matthew Habel '18** has emphasized using our campus presence to facilitate recruitment, which has contributed to our successful efforts in recent years. We hope a continued effort to leverage our strong campus networks shall continue these positive trends.

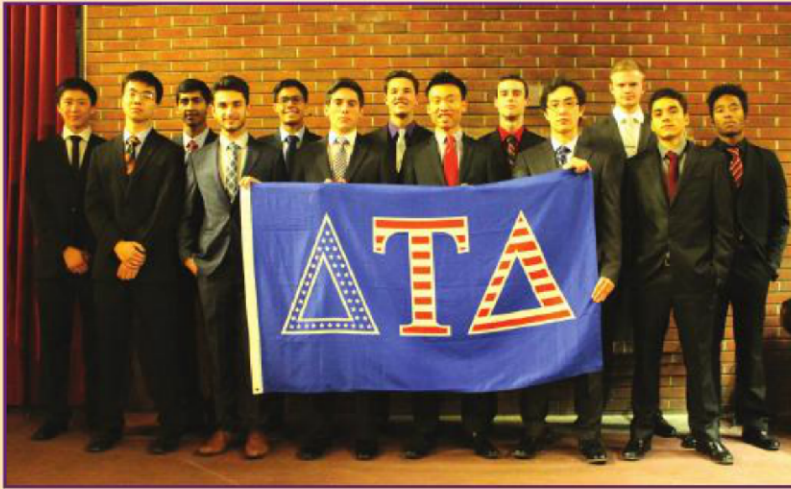
THANK YOU, ALUMNI, FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Lastly, we would like to thank you all for your never-ending support, your dedication to the values of Delta Tau Delta, and your commitment to our chapter. Special thanks to Jack, our chapter advisor, and the House Corporation for their immense support.

If you find yourself in the Ithaca area, please stop by for a visit. We love having the opportunity to connect with you to share stories of our time in the Shelter.



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Welcome, Spring 2017 New Member Class!

Welcome, New Members

David Barge '20
Miami, Fla.

Justin Kuang '20
Baltimore, Md.

Ryan Slama '20
Hudson, Ohio

Arjun Bhalla '20
Singapore

Ethan Lanphere '20
Wellsville, N.Y.

Eric Sun '20
Orangeburg, N.Y.

Carlos Gonzalez '20
Santa Ana, Calif.

David Lewis '19
Syracuse, N.Y.

Grant Uebele '20
Colleyville, Texas

John Grover '20
Bellmore, N.Y.

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San Antonio, Texas

Kevin Wang '20
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Philanthropy Chairman
Alexander Chong '19

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Pratik Tarafdar '18

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Austin Serling '19

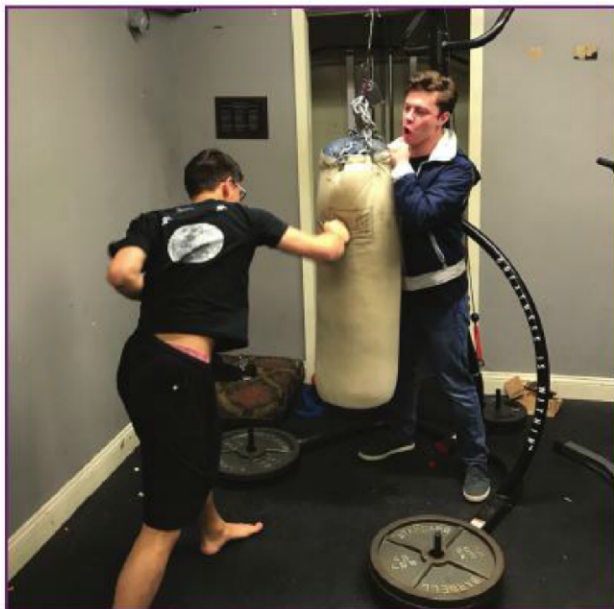
Public Relations Chairman
Trevor Smith '18

New Member Educator
Rohith Vudatha '17

Vice President
Ian Melvin '18

Social Chairmen
Sean King '19
Austin Serling '19

Treasurer
Jacob Mathai '19



Alex Milne '18 holds the punching bag while Trevor Smith '18 gets in a workout in the Shelter's gym.



Austin Serling '19, Matthew Habel '18, Mike Alter '16, Jacob Mathai '19, and Eliot Holop '19 make a ΔΤΔ sculpture after the first snowfall.

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