



THE BAZOO

Delta Upsilon at Syracuse University • Winter 2024



There are currently 26 undergraduates living in 801 Walnut, the most since pre-COVID! Kudos to former/current Housing Managers **Dylan Greenhouse '24** and **Jack Lucas '26** for their outstanding efforts to make that happen!

Farewell, 801!

Since January 2018, the DU chapter house has been located at 801 Walnut Avenue, a property owned by Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. During that time, we partnered with $\Delta\Tau\Delta$ to make a variety of improvements and have generally enjoyed a strong relationship.

Our current lease extends through this academic year, and until late summer, both DU and $\Delta\Tau\Delta$ anticipated executing a one-year option to extend to May 2025. However, $\Delta\Tau\Delta$'s recruitment effort to return its chapter (dormant since 2017) to campus happened faster than anticipated. $\Delta\Tau\Delta$ informed us in August that they need 801 Walnut back in May 2024, a year earlier than expected.

The Search for a New House

We immediately began looking for a new location but soon discovered that the campus-area real estate market is tight. In recent years, the stock of traditional Greek houses has contracted even as new fraternities and sororities have been chartered. Local and national real estate developers and the University have been in acquisition mode and recent zoning changes further limited the areas where fraternities and sororities are permitted. It increasingly began to look like DU would be forced to operate off-campus starting in the fall of 2024.

Understandably, the undergraduate brotherhood was deeply disappointed and dismayed by this development (as were alumni), but at DU, we've always risen to meet challenges—this time was no different!

A Remarkable Collaboration

About a month into the search, **Matt Holmes '25** and Chapter President **Ethan Gunther '24** gave us a head's up that Sigma Phi Epsilon's property at 721 Comstock Avenue (next to the former DU house) may become available. We immediately created a small "strike force" of alumni and undergraduates to evaluate the property and enter discussions

THE START OF A NEW ERA

DU's Search for a Long-Term Home

with SigEp. Heartfelt thanks to **Alan Schanzer '90**, **Ken Berlin '92**, **David Nass '91**, **Gary Cohen '93** and especially **Steve Hochberg '83** for your help and unwavering support during this engagement.

Over the ensuing six weeks, we built a dialogue with SigEp National Housing. These conversations convinced SENH that DU's size, strength, and track record as a high-quality tenant put us in the pole position to rent their (12,400-square-foot/24 bedroom) house. Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of the strike force, we secured a two-year lease and are **thrilled to announce that DUSU's Chapter House will be located at 721 Comstock starting this fall!**

Go-Forward Plan

As relieved as we are to have an immediate solution, we also realize that 721 Comstock is only a short-term fix. The hard truth is that as long as we are renters, our chapter will be in a precarious position. Every few years, we'll be scrambling to find a new location and will be reliant on decisions of landlords with other priorities. In addition, our property improvement efforts and the undergraduates' (considerable) rent checks will continue to accrue to the benefit of other organizations.

A Wake-Up Call

Together with the Chapter Advisory Board and Dikaia Foundation, Housing Corp has started developing a long-term plan to ensure DUSU will own its own house and be on campus for another 150 years. In the meantime, **we wanted you to be aware of just how close DU came to having no true chapter house for the coming academic year**. These events were really a wake-up call that has reinforced the critical importance of property ownership in order for DUSU to continue its remarkable resurgence and secure our rightful place on campus.

We will be in touch in the new year to share thoughts on a sustainable long-term plan!

Fraternally,

Mark "Minty" Linnan '85
President of the DUSU Housing Corp



Celebrating 150 Years

A Weekend to Remember

In the spirit of brotherhood, Delta Upsilon recently celebrated a monumental milestone—150 years of history, friendships, and shared experiences. The fraternity embarked on a weekend-long celebration filled with events, reunions, and laughter.

Planning for Success

The groundwork for this exceptional event began in January 2023, when organizers began the meticulous planning that would ensure a seamless celebration. The careful consideration of the football schedule played a crucial role, steering clear of home game weekends to alleviate logistical challenges with accommodations.

Spreading the Word

To generate excitement, DU employed a multi-faceted marketing approach. Starting with hints during the January Virtual Chapter meeting, the fraternity later utilized regular “eblasts,” social media engagement on their alumni Facebook group, and a feature in our spring issue of *The Bazoo*.

Weekend Highlights

Friday Evening

The festivities commenced with a warm welcome at the current chapter house at 801 Walnut. Alumni had the opportunity to connect with undergraduates, sharing stories and creating new memories. The celebration extended to Faegans, a local favorite, for a night of revelry.

Saturday

A Dikai Foundation Board meeting drew over 20 alumni and 10 undergraduates who

contributed to a scholarship program that annually grants over \$25,000 to undergraduate brothers. We also took a group photo and visited Bird Library, exploring a rich archive of DUSU materials spanning over 150 years.

Next was a spirited golf tournament at Drumlin's Country Club, showcasing the resilience of brothers against rainy weather. Campus strolls to past chapter houses, a football game viewing at Faegans, and a gala at the Collegiate Hotel ended the day with speeches, stories, and laughter.

Sunday

The weekend concluded with a brunch at the Syracuse University Sheraton, offering a final opportunity for around 120 DU brothers to bid farewell before returning home.

Acknowledging the Heroes

The success of this celebration wouldn't have been possible without the dedication of the planning committee. **Vinny Dipaola '18, ET Tecosky '91, Mateo Diaz '16, Rick Holland '11, and Ken Hyman '88** played pivotal roles; however, special recognition goes to MVP **Mark “Minty” Linnan '85**, whose powerhouse efforts were the driving force behind the entire weekend.

The 150-year celebration was more than a commemoration of the past; it was a testament to the enduring bonds of brotherhood. These enduring relationships enrich the fabric of our fraternity and contribute to its vibrant legacy.

Fraternally,
Andrew Schirmer '84

“Celebrating 150 years at SU is an extraordinary milestone, and I had the privilege of hearing captivating stories and reconnecting with both seasoned alumni and vibrant young undergraduates during the celebration. My hope for the men is they took away a profound understanding that a DU brother is a brother for life.”

This photo of DU brothers from 1889 is an example of some of the DU memorabilia that brothers saw during their stop at Bird Library.

WELCOMING NEW FACES

An Update from the Advisory Board



Welcome, new members! Back row: Beckett Radomisli '26, Will Nusser '26, Alex Carpenter '26, and Yohaan Abraham '26. Front: Matt Raccuia '26, Matt Jerchower '26, and Kai Gottesfeld '26.

Carpe Diem



Oswald Street '80 Talks Making the Most of Every Opportunity

For Oz Street '80, the path to Syracuse University and, ultimately, Delta Upsilon was a unique one. "The route my life has taken is the result of making the best of all opportunities that were given to me," he said. His journey began at Phillips Academy, a prep school in Andover, MA. "I joined the rowing team as a coxswain, competed on the variety team, served as captain, and eventually won silver as part of the U.S. Youth team at the 1976 World Championships in Austria."

His success at Phillips earned him an opportunity with Syracuse's rowing organization, where he played a key role in the team securing an IRA Championship. The relationships he formed through rowing then ushered in his first encounter with the fraternity. "After hearing about my struggles living in a one-room triple as a freshman, my coach suggested I connect with Delta Upsilon," Oz said. "Some of my teammates were members, and he felt it would be a good place for me."

As soon as Oz visited the house and learned what the brotherhood was all about, he knew it would be a good fit. "It was an opportunity to belong to something important where I could give to others and receive the same support in return." He joined forces with the newly recolonized chapter's executive team and proceeded to serve as treasurer, vice president, and president.

Oz earned a bachelor's degree in accounting, inspired by the example of his father, who was a corporate controller for a Fortune 500



company, and the influence of Horace Landy, "a legendary accounting professor who was also a rowing coxswain as an undergraduate." Oz credits Delta Upsilon with providing opportunities to develop leadership skills, learn to communicate with others, and understand what it means to work with a team. "These are important life skills I have used daily during my career."

The opportunities Oz received at DU motivated him to support the next generation. "I spent my tenure as an undergraduate and the years since endeavoring to give back to DU as much as it had given me." He has been involved with the board since he graduated in 1980. "I have served as treasurer of the Alumni Foundation, Dikaia, for the past 28 years. The foundation has proudly granted between \$10,000 and \$25,000 in scholarships per year, which to my knowledge, is the highest level of giving of any alumni group at Syracuse," he shared. "Every year, I am more impressed with the quality of the young men who wear the Brotherhood pin."

After graduating, Oz began his career in public accounting at Coopers and Lybrand. "After raising our two children, Ozzie and Claire, in Milton, Massachusetts, my wife, Nancy, and I moved into Boston, where we currently live. We have owned a home on Cape Cod for the past 35 years, where we enjoy the summers and take every chance we get to play golf." If you'd like to hear more about Oz's lifelong commitment to Delta Upsilon, you can send an email to ozstreet@comcast.net.

The greatest gift I have received is the friendships I made through rowing and Delta Upsilon.



Catch Up with John R. Cooley '59 and William M. Lynch Jr. '79

John lives in scenic Chatham, N.Y., in an 18th-century house with his husband, Jack, and their Dalmatian, Blue, who gets a daily hike and helps John with gardening. The couple enjoys travel and will be vacationing in Spain and Portugal in May. John still visits campus occasionally and follows SU sports. Go Orange! Email: raven.cooley09@gmail.com

William shared, "After graduating from Cornell, I worked with my father for 18 years. After he passed, I sold the business and took a position with Blount (now Oregon Tool), an international manufacturer of saw chains. I ended my career there in a global role; I spent a lot of time traveling. After a short stint for a Kansas company, I bought a small business with a partner. I married my high school sweetheart and have two great kids!" William and his family reside in Kansas City, Kan. Email: wynch8829@gmail.com

Describe Delta Upsilon in three words!

"Friendships, identity, singing." —John
"Transparent, growth, fun!" —William

What are your favorite DU memories?

"426 Ostrom Avenue from 1957-60, winter festival snow sculptures, tennis in Thornden Park, and walks to Pop Welsh's for a burger and brew (the drinking age was 18 then!)" —John
"Restarting the house! I had a special bond with all brothers." —William

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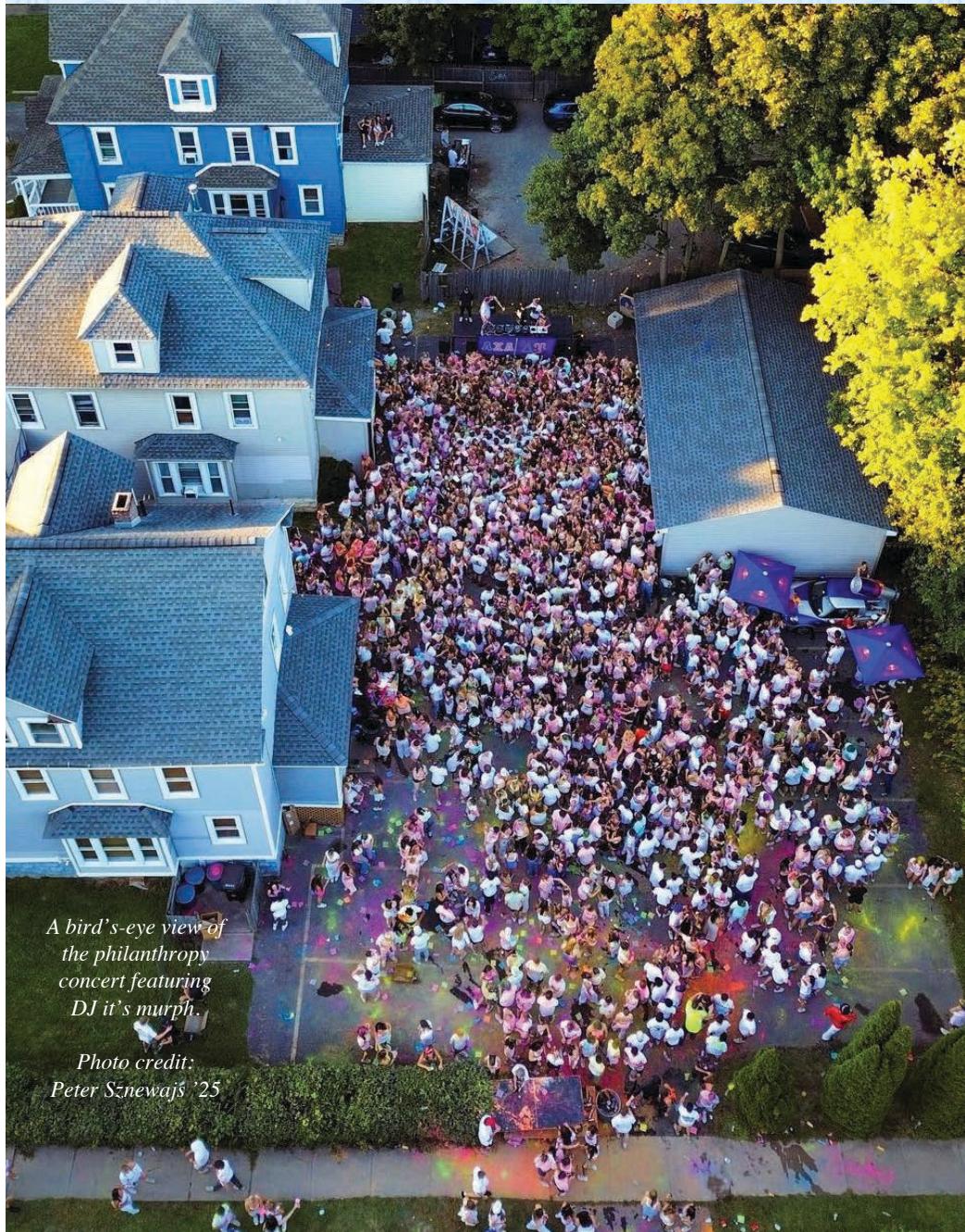
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PRESIDENT'S PEN POINTS

Our chapter has done an incredible job of continuing the principles our alumni established before us while also growing as a unit. We said goodbye to more than 30 seniors to graduation, so the expectation was our brotherhood would need some adjustment to retain our chapter's strength.

As is our specialty, we started this semester with a heavy emphasis on recruitment efforts. VP of Recruitment **Zach Weiss '26** put on a show with fun activities and spread the word about what our great fraternity has to offer. His committee included over 20 people, and they succeeded in landing 13 outstanding men who have the poise and personality to be the torchbearers of DU Syracuse's future. VP of AME **Arren Cuyler '24** also did an excellent job teaching this group of men what it really means to be a DU.

Our signature event was a massive concert hosted as a joint philanthropy with Lambda Chi Alpha. Every house attended: our ticket sales exceeded 1,700 and it's been called the best Greek event on campus this semester! We continued our partnership with the nonprofit "We Rise Above the Streets" by donating a portion of the proceeds. This event was by far the biggest event our fraternity has pulled off since our recharter, and I need to give a huge shoutout to our socials for not only this event but also for their incredible work in general. Thank you, **Nick Albanese '25**, **Jackson Bernard '26**, and **James Barker '26**!

This semester included many enjoyable activities organized by Brotherhood Chairmen **Jack Moothler '24** and **Isaiah Taveras '26**. We held a Basketball Tournament, a casino night (hosted at 801), our signature "Booze Cruise" and, as is tradition, our annual Cry Night.

As you all know, this year also marked a legendary milestone. We were founded in the Hall of Languages in 1873, so we celebrated our 150th anniversary. Thank you to **Ken Hyman '88**, **Mark Linnan '85**, **Rick Holland '83**, **Kevin Stein '83**, **Will Broad '26**, and **Ben Harris '24** for putting everything together for our alumni weekend and making it one to remember.

My Executive Board this semester deserves all the credit for making sure our house runs smoothly and ensuring we build on the 2023 DU Sweepstakes Semi-Finalist award we received in July. It all begins with Vice President **Cole Weintraub '25**; his ability to step in and lead is so valuable—this house could not run without him.



James Barker '26, Rick Holland '83, Ethan Gunther '24, Robert Munch '25, William Broad '26, William Burger '26, Jack Lucas '26, Adam Neufeld '26, and Zachery Weiss '26 gather for a photo at this year's Delta Upsilon Fraternity Leadership Institute in Kansas City, Missouri.

Our executive board vets, **Cage Lasley '25**, **Robert Munch '25**, and **Nathan Starkey '25**, continued their success from last semester while also taking initiative to reach even greater heights. Our Academic Mentorship Program, DEI Forums, and second philanthropy, Kats & Dogs (hosted with Kappa Alpha Theta), are just a few things that were implemented this semester.

Our wonderful VP of Finance **Riley Wall '24** is officially stepping down, and his jersey will be hanging in the rafters soon. His nearly two years of work will never be forgotten by our brotherhood, as he tirelessly strove to make sure our chapter could sustain the initiatives we envisioned and executed. Our new guys on board, **Will Burger '26** and **Jack Lucas '26**, did a great job of asserting themselves and making their presence felt immediately. I am sure you will be hearing from them very soon.

As I exit my post as president, I would like to express my gratitude to the entire brotherhood for their excellence, and I hope we can all come together to make sure this great fraternity can live on for another 150 years.



Dikaia,
Ethan Gunther '24
President



The Executive Board enjoying the philanthropy event on September 16. Back row: Cage Lasley '25, Nathan Starkey '25, Riley Wall '24, Jack Lucas '26, Cole Weintraub '26, Will Burger '26, Robert Munch '25. Front: Arren Cuyler '24, Ethan Gunther '24, and Zachery Weiss '26.





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Enjoy more photos and a full
recap of our 150th anniversary
celebration on page 2.**

**Also inside on page 1, see where
DU is moving in fall 2024, learn
about our plans to secure a
long-term home, and find out
where our youngest brothers
are staying from 2024-26. (It's
not 801 Walnut!)**



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Congratulations, Dikaia Scholar Cole Weintraub '25!

Dikaia 2023 Awards and 2024 Ceremony

For the 2023-24 academic year, Dikaia Foundation has selected **Cole Weintraub '25** as Dikaia Scholar from a group of highly qualified candidates recommended by the Executive Board. The Dikaia Scholar was created in 2019 to represent Dikaia and support Dikaia's Grants and Awards Committee, led by **Ken Hyman '88**.

Cole is a junior from Morristown, New Jersey, majoring in broadcast and digital journalism. Since initiation, Cole has held the position of secretary and is the current executive vice president. Cole follows outgoing Dikaia Scholar **Jack Cote '24**. "I'm grateful to be selected. Having seen the great accomplishments Jack achieved during his tenure, I am determined to follow in his footsteps. I will strive to make the Dikaia Awards process the best it can possibly be for our brotherhood."

"We were thrilled to learn that Cole was selected," stated Chapter President **Ethan Gunther '24**, adding, "Cole joined our chapter in fall 2022 as part of the Nu class and has become an important member. We are excited to see how he tackles this new endeavor."

The Dikaia Awards application portal opened on December 1 and closes on December 31, 2023. Cole has begun working on the upcoming application process along with Dikaia President **Kevin Stein '83**, who stated, "We encourage active members to apply for scholarships, which



fulfill Dikaia's mission to aid, encourage, and promote the education and general well-being of members of DUSU."

At Dikaia's annual meeting on October 7, **Rick Holland '83**, chairman of the nominating committee, accepted the resignation of **Ted Limpert, Bucknell '81**, who served on the Dikaia Board for more than 30 years, including a term as president of the foundation from 2013-19. "The Dikaia Board is so grateful for Ted's remarkable record of service," said Rick. "For many years, he opened his offices in Syracuse to host Dikaia's Annual Meeting, and his thoughtful perspective and level-headed demeanor were great assets to the Board's deliberations. I hope he continues to join us for Dikaia events in the future."

The annual Dikaia Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, February 24, 2024, on the Syracuse University campus. All family, friends, parents, and alumni are invited and encouraged to attend in person or via Zoom. Details will follow!

The Dikaia Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) educational foundation in continuous operation since its founding in 1952. Its ability to give annual scholarships to undergraduates depends on gifts from alumni and friends. For more information on The Dikaia Foundation or to make a gift, please visit dikaia.org.