



# THE BAZOO

Delta Upsilon at Syracuse University • Fall 2024

## A Successful Alumni Reunion

*Complete with a Housewarming, Big SU Win, and Barbecue*

From September 6-8, alumni from the '70s to our most recent graduates came to campus to visit our new house at 721 Comstock (right next door to 711, our house during the '80s and '90s) and spend time with our outstanding undergraduate brotherhood.

The weekend festivities began with a welcome cocktail reception on Friday night at the new house followed by the usual spirited gathering at a DU favorite, Faegans. Saturday started off with a Dikaia board meeting, which was well-attended and productive. After a tailgate party at the house, alumni and collegians headed to the Dome to watch an exciting and action-packed football game that had the Mighty Orange taking down ranked Georgia Tech 31-28.

Following the game, a crew of alumni headed down to The Varsity for pizza, wings, pitchers, and the legendary post-victory performance by the SU Marching Band. Several undergrads and some alumni chose to watch the game at the house while preparing for a great post-game party and barbecue held on a sunny afternoon right behind the new house. The alumni were amused and perplexed by the game of dice, but the undergrad contingent displayed high energy and skill as they bounced dice off the tables for hours.

The fun continued late into the evening, both down on Marshall Street as well as at the chapter house, and a handful of hardy alumni got together for breakfast and farewells on Sunday morning at the Collegian Hotel. We were all impressed with the current collection of men who are carrying on the long tradition of the passion, character, and excellence of Delta Upsilon at Syracuse University.

Fraternally,

Andrew "Schirms" Schirmer '84



*Brothers gather for the DU alumni reunion. A great time was had by all!*



# The Move from 801 to 721

DU IS BACK ON COMSTOCK AVENUE



*Brothers move into 721 Comstock.*

*Our new home!*

**A**fter a whirlwind year that saw our undergraduate brothers facing an earlier-than-expected end to our lease of 801 Walnut, heroic efforts to secure a much bigger house, and an intense clean-up and refurbishing, the brothers officially moved into 721 Comstock, owned by Sigma Phi Epsilon, right next door to 711. While we are once again in a short-term lease, there is a dedicated alumni team working to secure our 'Forever House' to ensure DU continues to be the leading fraternity on campus for the long term.

Special thanks to **Ethan Gunther '24**, for giving us an early heads-up on 721 Comstock, as well as **James Moore '26**, **Will Broad '26**, and **Jobe Hause '26**, who spent much of the summer moving furniture, painting, cleaning, and landscaping the new house. In addition to their efforts, DUSU Housing Corp partnered with SigEp National Housing to tackle several projects this summer including a new boiler, new windows, wall repairs, replacement of ceiling tiles and light fixtures, installation of treads on stairs and landings, renovation of the kitchen and basement, improvements to life and safety systems and a host of other facility

upgrades. Because 721 Comstock has a higher expense base, we needed increased participation from the undergrads to make it work. Once again, they came through with flying colors, nearly doubling last year's run rate: out of 78 returning DUSU brothers, 41 are living in and over 60 signed up for the meal plan! Most of the composites and other DU historical items have been installed – we encourage all alumni to come by and see the new house!

Fraternally,  
**Mark "Minty" Linnan '85**  
 President, DUSU Housing Corp.

## Proud of My SU Accomplishments

*Jacob Leisawitz '24 Shares His Post-College Role*

I am excited to share that I have graduated summa cum laude from Syracuse University with honors and a B.S. in biochemistry and neuroscience. I would like to thank the Syracuse University Department of Chemistry for recognizing my academic achievement through the Department Award for Overall Excellence in Biochemistry. Additionally, I would like to thank the Syracuse University Department of Biology awards committee for selecting me to receive the award for Outstanding Achievement in Biochemistry on the basis of academics, research, and scholarship. I am extremely proud of what I was able to accomplish during my time at SU.

Following my graduation, I am excited to announce that I will be starting a role as a research coordinator at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital in the Department of Neurosurgery. In this role, I will be working alongside distinguished surgeons and clinicians to coordinate data collection for a cognitive study taking place at The University of Texas at Austin.

*Congratulations, Jacob!*

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Over the next few days we will be announcing the winners of our Department Awards.

First up, the Department Award for Overall Excellence in Chemistry & Biochemistry. This award is given to seniors with the highest GPA in Chemistry & Biochemistry major courses. Congratulations to **Deva Mark** & **Jacob Leisawitz**!

### OVERALL EXCELLENCE



*Deva Mark  
Chemistry*



*Jacob Leisawitz  
Biochemistry*

 Chemistry

# READY FOR ANOTHER GREAT SEMESTER

*Teamwork Keeps Our Chapter Thriving*



Brothers at the Leadership Institute in Atlanta, Georgia, this summer.

From left: Jobe Hause '26, Greg Carlton '27, Matt Raccua '26, Matt Jerchower '26, Darren Murphy '27, Jacob Charnow '26, and Blaze Jones '27.

**A**s I begin my second semester as president, there's a lot to look forward to as we settle into our new house. With a strong Executive Board around me, there's little we can't achieve.

From a recruitment standpoint, **Ben Catlin '26** got us off to a great start by securing 12 new members for the Rho Class. Ben has played a significant role in recruitment for the past year, and his hard work has paid off with this impressive new class.

Vice President **Will Burger '26** and Secretary **Ness Damania '27** led the way on the CEP over the past year. Thanks to their dedication, we made our second-consecutive appearance as Sweepstakes finalists, showcasing the strength of our brotherhood. Will's abilities to manage the chapter's operations are truly unbelievable, and he has been a great mentor to many, especially Ness.

Veterans like **Jack Lucas '26** and **Adam Neufeld '26** continue to make an impact, not only in their roles as risk management and finance chairmen, respectively but also as key leaders driving the chapter forward. They truly serve as the backbone of this Executive Board.

Among our newer board members, **Will Fritz '27**, our housing manager, and **James Barker '26**, who handles external relations, have already made a lasting impression. Will has

started a smooth transition into our new home at 721 Comstock, while James has organized memorable events, including those upcoming this fall.

**Collin Smith '25**, our sole senior on the board, is taking on his second semester managing internal relations. His consistent involvement, numerous chairman positions, and positive attitude are deeply appreciated by all.

Lastly, **Daniel Bachara '26**, our associate member educator, has been a true leader from the moment he joined the house. Daniel has not only mentored our new associate members but also inspired the entire brotherhood.

As we take on this new chapter at 721 Comstock, we are filled with excitement and optimism for what lies ahead. Reflecting on my journey at DU at SU, I am incredibly grateful for the opportunities and experiences it has provided. Looking forward, I'm confident this fraternity will continue to change the lives of its members.

For any inquiries or to connect, feel free to reach out at (908) 230-2140 or via email at [znweiss@syr.edu](mailto:znweiss@syr.edu).

Fraternally,  
**Zach Weiss '26**  
Chapter President

## Chapter Goals

1

Successfully adjust to the new house dynamic with 41 live-ins, ensuring a smooth transition while continuing our journey to a permanent home.

2

Work effectively with the experienced Executive Board to continue building the best brotherhood possible.

3

Create a staple philanthropy event for the fall, aiming to establish a lasting tradition for years.

## Welcome, New Brothers!

**Grayson Brady** • Yarmouth, Maine

**Thomas Caputo** • Shrewsbury, Mass.

**Ellis Cowan** • Brookline, Mass.

**Evan Garvey** • Boston, Mass.

**Zach Harvey** • Baltimore, Md.

**Vince Kang** • Centerville, Va.

**Gray Lindsay** • Los Angeles, Calif.

**Bryan Luu** • New Rochelle, N.Y.

**Jack Maurer** • Hingham, Mass.

**James Wildhack** • Syracuse, N.Y.

**Sebastian Wodnick** • Montclair, N.J.

**Thomas Zelnick** • Southborough, Mass.

## Chapter Officers

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**Ness Damania '27**

# Our New Dikaia Scholar

Get to Know William Broad '26

For the 2024-25 academic year, the Dikaia Foundation has selected **William Broad '26** as the next Dikaia Scholar. He received the recommendation from former Dikaia Scholar **Cole Weintraub '25** and 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**.



Will is a junior from McLean, Virginia, majoring in broadcast and digital journalism. Since his initiation, Will has been heavily involved with the chapter, serving as the alumni and family relations chairman as well as recruitment chairman last spring.

"I'm thrilled and honored to be taking on this role to represent Syracuse Chapter," said Will. "I watched Cole do a tremendous job last year and know I am capable of this task; I can't wait to get involved with the alumni and continue to build a bond between them and the students"

The Dikaia Awards application portal opens on December 1 and closes on December 31, 2024. All applicants must fulfill their housing commitment to be considered for a Dikaia Award.

"Will Broad was the clear candidate for this role," Chapter President **Zach Weiss '26** said. "His dedication to the house will push him to succeed in yet another leadership position for this brotherhood. I have no doubt this year's Dikaia Awards are in good hands."

Will has already started working on the upcoming application process along with Dikaia President **Kevin Stein '83**, who stated, "We encourage active members of the chapter to reach out to Will with questions and apply early for scholarships, which fulfill Dikaia's mission to aid, encourage, and promote the education and general well-being of members of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity at Syracuse University."

**The annual Dikaia Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, February 22, 2025, on the Syracuse University campus.** All family, friends, and alumni are invited and strongly encouraged to attend in person. If you cannot attend in person, you can join us via Zoom. Event details will follow.

For more information on the Dikaia Foundation and the scholarship application, please visit [dikaia.org](http://dikaia.org). As always, alumni are encouraged to support our undergraduate brothers through Dikaia's Annual Fund Drive.



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## COLE WEINTRAUB '25 INTERNS WITH PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES

Over the years, DU collegians have had some amazing experiences through internship programs. Cole was part of the Philadelphia Phillies broadcast team this past summer, where he spent time with sports media legend and DUSU brother **Mike Barkann '82**.

Cole was interviewed in the booth by another Philadelphia sports hero, John Kruk, and longtime announcer Tom McCarthy. Watch the broadcast at [tinyurl.com/ColeWPhillies](http://tinyurl.com/ColeWPhillies). Well done, Cole.

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photos inside!*

