



The Kappa Chapter of Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity at Cornell Edgecliff News

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From The Chapter President —

Goals For Kappa Include House Upgrades, Academics, Alumni Ties

As the fall semester winds down, the brothers of Kappa are enjoying a year of fun and looking toward upcoming improvements at Edgecliff. After more than half a century of wear and tear, the brothers have been excited to restore Edgecliff to its original form since move-in day in mid-August. The brothers and their full-time cook/maintenance man, Jerry Temple, have installed ceiling fans throughout the house, painted a number of rooms, and fixed all electrical outlets. They've landscaped and cleared out much of the excess brush that has accumulated over the years and have moved on to a number of other projects at Edgecliff. Some recent alumni have commented that the house is in the best shape it's been in quite some time.

Although the house has undergone a number of improvement projects, the brothers, along with the Kappa foundation, want to make the house significantly better. We are currently planning to modernize the house by installing a high-speed Internet network throughout the house, as well as redoing the bathrooms and replacing the flooring. The success and the future of this house will be greatly impacted if we can get any or all of these projects accomplished in the near future, and this goal is definitely possible with the support of our alumni.

Fixing the house is not our only task this semester, as the brothers are still hoping to maintain the highest GPA on campus, an honor we have won or come close to winning every semester for the past five years. Kappa has brothers in almost every major and in every school on campus. Brothers belong to numerous honor societies, clubs, and musical groups and work as teachers assistants. Brother Justin Shubert '02 is in the Cayuga's Waiters and brother Chris Noble is in The Hangovers. These groups are the top two

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a cappella groups at Cornell. The brotherhood is actively participating in a number of intramural sports and also involved in various community service and philanthropic events throughout the greater Ithaca area. Overall, the brotherhood is strong and prosperous and hopes to get even stronger with the upcoming rush, where all signs point to another great group of Kappas.

The brothers of Kappa have also been very involved with our national organization, which included a visit from Zeta Beta Tau's national Executive Director, Jonathan Yulish, along with two other members of the National Counsel. The brothers of Kappa have helped initiate two new brotherhoods, one at SUNY Binghamton and one at SUNY Buffalo. It has been a great pleasure for the brothers to have two new brotherhoods within driving distance to Edgecliff.

We at Kappa look forward to a great remaining semester and year here at Edgecliff. Although alumni support has been good, we hope to make it even better. There has been increased interest in Kappa ever since our successful Reunion Weekend, and we want to channel that enthusiasm into something greater. The brothers are considering a spring formal

in New York City that would involve both current Kappas as well as alumni. Please stay tuned for more information about this. And as I said last year, we always enjoy the company of alumni, young and old. We continue to have occasional visits and calls from our brothers, but we'd love to see and hear from more of you. Whenever you get a chance, please drop us a line or come by and see us at Edgecliff.

Eric Altfest '00
President

New Wiring For House Would Provide Faster Internet Access

As Edgecliff enters the 21st century, the Kappa Chapter of Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity has been taking cautious steps to keep pace with the rapidly changing technology of today's world. The brothers currently living in the house have expressed a strong desire for the physical structure to be wired with networking cable so as to provide the brothers with a high-speed connection to the Internet.

Alumni David Coyne '90 and Randy Brandoff '98 discussed the matter with President Eric Altfest '00 and are currently researching various possibilities along with the rest of the alumni board. From what we have been told so far, the plan is to have a professional network engineer survey the house structure and complete all of the wiring over the winter break. As of now there are two possible companies that the alumni are considering. After this work is done, the brothers

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Although he retired from the life insurance business in 1980, S. ROBERT SIENTZ '30 remains active as a part-time realty manager. He's enjoyed golfing all his life but was afraid his golfing days were over after injuring his back last winter. "I was really looking forward to shooting my age," laments Bob, who missed by one shot in the summer of 1999. He and his wife, Jane, make their home at 10 N. Ridgewood Rd., Apt. 307, South Orange, NJ 07079.

Keep in touch with MYRON "Bill" GOLDMAN '46 at 13800 Shaker Blvd., #906, Cleveland, OH 44120 (mwgoldman@stratos.net).

ALVIN R. FINKELSTEIN '53 (5430 E. Royal Palm Rd., Paradise Valley, AZ 85253) reports that GEORGE GERSHEL '50 is alive and well at 6496 Via Rosa, Boca Raton, FL 33433.

MICHAEL GLUECK '60 writes, "In my second life following retirement from radiology, I have been writing on medical, medicolegal, and mental health/disability reform issues. After 750 articles and columns in local, state, and national publications, I am now nationally syndicated and do a health care and health policy editorial column for 400 newspapers." Mike attended the wedding of MARSHALL GRODE '60 in Beverly Hills, where he saw ALAN SIEGEL '60 and JAY HARRIS '60 of New York. Write to "Killer" at 1208 Somerset Lane, Newport Beach, CA 92660 or send e-mail to 72143.2077@compuserve.com.

"Lost" brother WALLY BUCH '61 has been found! He lives at 178 Glenwood, Atherton, CA 94027.

ARTHUR H. KROLL '61 (25 Rectory Lane, Scarsdale, NY 10530; kstconsultinggroup@att.net) is the chairman and CEO of KST Consulting Group Inc., specializing in executive compensation and employment contracts. He is also the author of a newsletter, *Family Business Professional* (published by Harcourt Brace), and serves on the board of directors of Student Advocacy, a not-for-profit organization that helps students protect legal rights in the case of a disability.

MICHAEL E. SIEGEL '64 (2284

Century Hill, Los Angeles, CA 90067; mesiegel@hsc.usc.edu) is professor and director of nuclear medicine at LAC-USC Medical Center in Los Angeles.

"I have been elected president of my medical staff at Exeter Hospital," reports MARK R. WINDT '72. "It is a two-year position. I have also been appointed adjunct professor in the school of animal science and nutrition at the University of New Hampshire. I will be working with fellow Cornell graduate Dr. Anthony Tagliuferro on obesity and asthma." Drop a line to Mark at caard@nh.ultranet.com or at 21 Pickpocket Rd., Exeter, NH 03833.

WILLIAM H. McALEER '73 and his wife, Colleen, continue to enjoy life in Seattle with their two children, Billy (15) and Lindsay (13). In 1997 Bill started a \$50 million venture fund investing in early-stage information technology companies. "The first fund was successful," writes Bill, "and we recently raised Voyager Capital Fund II, with \$215 million under management." The McAleers reside at 3530 W. Laurelhurst Dr., Seattle, WA 98105.

"Life is both happy and too busy," writes ANDREW SCHATZ '73 (220 Fern St., West Hartford, CT 06119; sn06106@aol.com). "Our son, Jeff, is starting high school and daughter, Laura, is finishing elementary school. Both have extracurricular activities way beyond what Barbara and I remember from when we were kids." He adds, "Our law practice continues to represent investors from all over the world in securities fraud class actions. Our Web site is snlaw.net"

JOEL M. ROTHAIZER '74 is organizational consultant and CEO at Clear Impact Consulting Group, Inc. (joel@clear-impact.com). He receives mail at P.O. Box 1139, Boulder, CO 80306.

On March 29, 2000, STEPHEN E. KESSELMAN '78 and his wife, Alison, welcomed their second son, Samuel. Their first, Ross, is two years old. Steve stays in touch with BILL STERNBERG '78, RON FRIER '78, BRIAN OCHS '78, and MICHAEL SHAPIRO '78 and can be reached at 1133 Park Ave., New York, NY

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Prospects Look Promising For Upcoming Rush

Brother Creates Committee

ZBT alumni and current students are always wondering about the status of rush. It is obvious that everyone worries about the future of the house, and the alumni take an interest in maintaining the legacy that has been left behind.

At the beginning of the semester, Jason Behrens created a rush board committee. This highly enthusiastic group of Kappas is hungry for interesting, outgoing, and intellectual new blood. The good news is that ZBT's rush list has never looked so promising. With a diverse group of people from various religious and cultural backgrounds it seems that if all goes according to plan, ZBT should see a powerful and representative class like it has never seen before.

Jason has established an organized system to keep track of important contacts to help ZBT further its rushing activities. With numerous listings, extensive descriptions, and a highly organized system to locate key individuals, Jason is effectively running this highly complicated process. With a reasonable rush budget and numerous events planned to promote the house on campus, we look forward to a promising rush.

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in the house will be able to communicate with each other at lightening speeds and have extremely fast Internet access. Increased communication within the house will make it function more efficiently and smoothly.

Having high-speed Internet access at home will afford the brothers much greater research capabilities without making multiple trips to the library. In addition, it will keep us on an equal plane with many of the other fraternities on campus so that we can remain competitive during rush. Brothers and alumni agree that this as an important addition to the house and look forward to its completion.

Character Of Edgecliff Lives On Despite Condition Of House

Edgecliff's physical condition remains a controversial issue among both current brothers and alumni. Some believe Edgecliff is in the worst shape of its history. Others think it has lots of tradition and character. I believe it is up to the brothers. Edgecliff is what we make of it. The bathrooms need work. Our heating system is erratic. The wiring is not built to handle the new electronics and computers in our rooms. However, the house has lots of character.

Brothers can walk through Edgecliff and remember the many good times they had. Edgecliff has its own spirit, and years of parties, mixers, and memories have only added to this. Although it may not be the biggest or nicest house on campus, it has the nicest property. One look at our view of Ithaca and our waterfall will surely prove why we choose to live here.

Basically, it is up to the in-house brothers to make the best of the situation at hand. Cleanliness, planning, and careful repair will keep our house up and running for a long time to come. By eliminating little problems when they start we avoid bigger problems in the future.

When I was rushing, the condition of the house was something I considered. I asked myself if I wanted to live in a place like this. After meeting the guys in my rush class I decided that I certainly did. It was the people that brought me to ZBT, not the house. It's great to be a Kappa.

HOMECOMING 2000 — MAKING MEMORIES AT ZBT



Past President Jeremy Brauer '00 and Jeff Brauer '03.

Jason Behrens '02, Dan Kahn '00, Jared Brandoff, Carl Torrillo '01, and Matt Gray '01.



Brian Rose '01, Brian Gershengorn '00, and Keith Gray '03.



Ryan Kass '03, Jeff Brauer '03, Marc Lapidus '03, Kenny Rosen '03, and Dan Arnold '03.



Robb Stokar '03 enjoys the barbecue.

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10128 (sek@briefjustice.com).

MARK S. NEDVIN '82 receives mail at 245 Beacon Point Lane, Wildwood, MO 63040.

MICHAEL D. CIMINI '92 writes, "I recently saw ROB FORSTER '90 in Atlanta. He is still practicing emergency medicine and has bought a beautiful home in Buckhead. I did not get to see other Atlantans JIM PARKER '91 and STEVE LEWENGRUB '89, but I spoke to them, and they are both doing well. Jim is still in construction and has two children now. Steve is still a lawyer and looking to make partner. Michael manages Yankee Spirits, Inc., in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, where he lives at 8 Sidney Road (01566). Send e-mail to Mike at mkecimini@yahoo.com.

"I finished my residency in ophthalmology at the University of Pennsylvania in June and started a fellowship at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia in ophthalmic plastic and reconstructive surgery in July," writes SCOTT GOLDSTEIN '92. "On the home front, my wife, Suzy, and I just had our first baby, Joshua, born September 5. Everyone is doing well." Send congratulations to the Goldsteins, who moved to their new home in November, at 8 Viburnum Court, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444 (goldsteinsc@email.chop.edu).

The director of The MTViGroup, JOHN VACCARO '92 receives e-mail at john@mtvigroup.com and "snail mail" at 220 E. 29th St., 2C, New York, NY 10016.

Stay in touch with SANKET R. AKERKAR '94 at sakerkar1998@kellogg.nwu.edu or at 1927 Bridgepointe Circle, #145, San Mateo, CA 94404. Sanket is an engagement manager with McKinsey & Company.

When we last heard from JOSHUA S. LANDAU '94, he had just finished his MBA at the University of Michigan and was looking forward to his June 2000 wedding. He and his bride, Amy, were planning to move to Austin (12349 Metric Blvd., Apt. 1021, Austin, TX 78758), where Josh had a job waiting

DECEASED

We regret to report the death of the following alumni:

JACK D. FREUND JR. '36
April 25, 2000

RICHARD S. KALTENBACHER '36
November 5, 1999

OWEN H. KLEPPER '39
February 28, 1999

ANDREW D. KOPKIND '57
October 23, 1994

FREDERICK T. MAYER '24

STANLEY J. MAYER '32
February 2000

DAVID MENDELSON JR. '42
June 3, 2000

CHARLES E. PALM '48

LAWRENCE S. POLLOCK JR. '48
February 5, 2000

NEAL RAUCH '69
January 23, 2000

EARL J. SCHERAGO '49
May 8, 2000

DAVID M. SOLINGER '26
October 26, 1996

with Dell Computer. To find out how he's doing, write to landauj@umich.edu.

JASON K. ABFIER '95 reports a new address of 1320 York Ave., #23Q, New York, NY 10021.

JOSHUA BRETSTEIN '95 is now a legal recruiter for CTI Legal Staffing. Reach him at 1572 E. 31st St., Brooklyn, NY 11234 (jbretstein@hotmail.com).

Send greetings to MARC A. STIEFEL '97 at 215 E. 95th St., Apt. 32E, New York, NY 10128.

DAVID M. FRIED '98 wrote in April that he and most of his class would be

attending MAT GROW's ('98) wedding to Michelle Nagle in Ithaca on April 29. "We may stop in the night before for Jungle Party!" David works for IBM Microelectronics in Essex Junction, Vermont, and on his off hours he skis, sails, and golfs. His address is 81 Lincoln Rd., Williston, VT 05495 (friedd_76@yahoo.com).

True Sense Of Brotherhood Comes From Living At House

In the spring semester of 2000, during my freshman year at Cornell, I was initiated into the Kappa Chapter of the Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity. While I spent as much time as possible at the house last year, I was never able to truly understand the meaning of living there until I experienced it first-hand this semester. Living in the dormitories last year was worthwhile because it was the first time that I resided in an unsupervised environment. It allowed me to become friends with many different types of people. It does not compare, however, to the experience of living at Edgecliff, which has been one of the most fun and rewarding experiences of my life.

Living at the house promotes friendship and camaraderie. In addition to planned social events, there is always someone willing to talk with you. No problem is too small or personal to discuss, whether it's about a girl, school-work, or family. This sense of brotherhood brings those living in the house closer together and has made living at ZBT one of the most rewarding aspects of my time at Cornell.

Dan Arnold '03