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### January 2016 - Special Comeback Edition



### 2016 is our Comeback Year!

After almost 20 years, we're will finally returning to Syracuse University this Fall. We're recolonizing our Chapter to make a difference in the lives of all Brothers, old and new, known and The Unknown.

From the start, we understood that to be truly successful we'd need 100% Brotherhood participation. Going beyond the founding principle of the Promotion of Friendship, binding together as a single force, no one Brother more important than any other, everyone contributing in some way to do our Comeback right. The Brotherhood is still powerful, capable of anything.

### Looking Ahead . . . With Your Help

By Mike Whalen '85

2015 was a tremendous year for our return to Syracuse. Thousands of Brotherhood volunteer hours were devoted to our Comeback with great results. We created the **DUSU2016.com** (<http://www.dusu2016.com>) website, conducted successful re-colonization events in DC, New York City, and Boston, revived *The Bazoo*, and much more. Of course, 2016 is going to be even better when we are restored to our rightful place at Syracuse University. Naturally, the Brotherhood has stepped forward in a big way, but we still have a long way to go.

As of this writing, **108** have contributed or pledged **\$181,448** to our Comeback. **View the latest list of donors** (/donors-not-used.html). Thanks to these brothers, we have raised 56% of the \$325,000 we need to restart the chapter and provide permanent scholarships for the brotherhood. The most popular contribution is \$1,000 but please give what you can to the Comeback. The amount isn't as important as 100% participation. You can make a tax-deductible contribution by **visiting the DU International website.** (<http://duef.deltau.org/projects/csp/syracuse>)

What this writer remembers most from his DU days is the packed hashes on the penultimate Rush nights, the standing room only pinning ceremonies, important Chapter meetings – just when all 100 Brothers stood shoulder-to-shoulder, together – that was the best. The power of the Brotherhood is awesome.

### Mark Your Calendar

We are planning an All Brotherhood Reunion in Syracuse at the end of 2016,



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**DONATE NOW**

(<http://duef.deltau.org/projects/csp/syracuse>)

shortly after our pledge class is established. We will let you know as soon as we have a date.



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### **Raymond Ranellucci '89 Scholarship Fundraiser**

The October 2015 event in New York City honoring Ray Ranellucci '89 is a testament to our enduring strength. One hundred Brothers gathered to celebrate Ray's life and establish a scholarship in his memory. The walls of the venue shook when the Brothers chanted Ray's name upon presentation of his wife ([see video \(/ray-event-video.html\)](#)), just like the walls shook in 711's Chapter Room when the Brotherhood belted out *Two Rivers* back in the day. A plaque commemorating The Ray Event has been fabricated ([see plaque \(/ray-plaque.html\)](#)). It will be hung in our new House when we get one, the very first day we move in. The power remains.

Over fifty brothers ([see full list \(/raymond-ranellucci.html\)](#)) have donated \$43,000 to Ray's scholarship, busting up the endowment goal thermometer into pieces currently at 172% of the original goal. Donations in Ray's name count towards the \$325,000 we must raise to fund our Comeback. The \$325,000 not only covers the costs of recruiting our new brotherhood, but also funds in perpetuity 16 annual scholarships. Ray's scholarship is one of the 16. You can still give in Ray's memory toward the \$325,000. **Give now** (<http://duof.deltatau.org/projects/csp/ranelluccischolarship>).

*The commitment to each other, to the end of the Old Gold and Sapphire Blue Line and beyond, also remains.*

### **Announcing The David A. Thorpe Class of 1964 Leadership Scholarship**



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Dave, a revered Brother in the oldest non-secret fraternity in North America and a highly decorated airman, died in a top secret mission. In 2011, Dave's remains were finally identified and nearly 50 years after Dave last hung out with his Brothers on the porch at 426 Ostrom, eight of Dave's Brothers from back in the day attended his service at Arlington Cemetery. Brotherhood is forever. To honor Dave Thorpe, a Vietnam War Hero and as part of our Comeback, a new scholarship is being led by the Class of 1964.

Donations in Dave's honor are still being accepted with deep gratitude.

**Read Dave's remarkable story and give to this new scholarship now**  
(<http://duet.deltatau.org/projects/csp/davidthorpescholarship>).

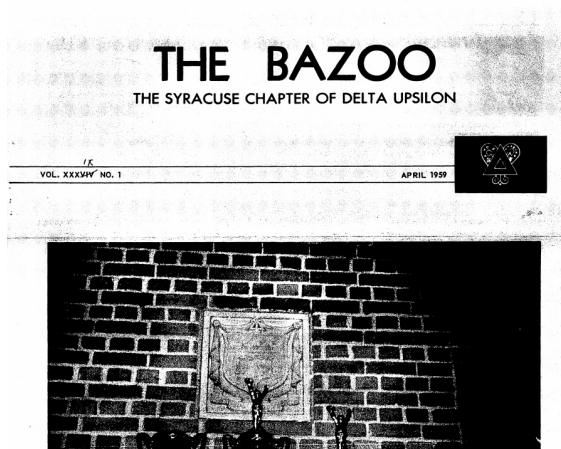


Top left: Dave Thorpe in Uniform circa 1963  
Top right: 426 Ostrom front porch, Dave seated middle in front row

*Today it's Ray and Dave, tomorrow it could be any one of us. We've undertaken our Comeback to reconnect the Brothers, to be a source of strength for the whole Brotherhood in our lifetime and the new Brothers in our legacy. We have to first be back, though, to be really there for each other.*

### The Bazoo Vault | April 1959

A BIG YEAR FOR the success story of the Delta Us during the late 1950's is actually the building of an entirely new fraternity house [426 Ostrom] and the new spirit it installed. The backbone of any fraternity is its men. The determined efforts of a chapter without a house during the 1955-56 year built for the future by hearty rushing and a united pledge class. The next fall, living in a house still being built, the brotherhood again entered rushing just straining at the bit and the result was a class of 30 pledges, the best on campus. With a strong nucleus and a physical plant that was the first new fraternity structure in 25 years, the Syracuse Chapter aimed for out standing campus recognition. After being disqualified on an application technicality from competition in the Colgate Poster Contest, the chapter won the Lambda Chi Alpha Christmas Decorations Award. In what was to be a near sweep of all campus trophy awards, the DUs next won the Snow Sculpture Award. This was the second time in a row for the Winter Weekend Cup. Chancellor William Pearson Tolley's Achievement Cup to the outstanding fraternity on campus was presented at the IFC Ball to...Delta Upsilon, For the first time in the twelve year history of the award, the trophy came to \*426." Next was the Spring Float Contest but rain destroyed much of the beauty of the parade and the campus queens on the DU



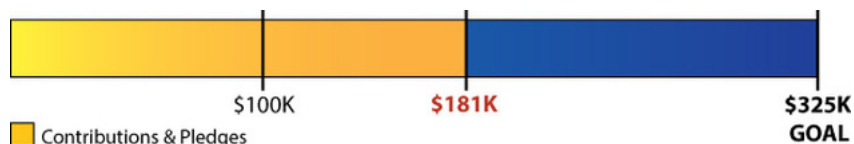
**The Bazoo | April 1959**  
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entry wore raincoats instead of gowns. The true effects seemed lost and the chapter finished second in the all-round class. A new fall semester meant another try at the Colgate Weekend Cup and this time there was no doubts as to the trophy going to our big white house atop Marshall Street. The circle had been completed and every major campus event had registered a Delta U victory. With a new housemother, a pledge class of 36 freshman and improved scholarship, the Syracuse Chapter of Delta Upsilon lays firmly atop the 30 member fraternity heap...But only hard work and a united and inspired brotherhood will keep us there.

## Update on the "Return DU to SU" Fundraising Campaign

Learn how the funds raised will create and sustain our new DU chapter at Syracuse  
([uploads/4/2/7/7/42777943/fund\\_raising\\_bazoo\\_2016.pdf](#))

As of January 15, 2015, 104 brothers have contributed or pledged \$181,448 to the Return DU to SU Fund Raising Campaign.  
See [Current List of Donors](#) (/donors-not-used.html)



### "Return DU SU Campaign" by the numbers:

**104** | Number of brothers have made gifts or pledges to the campaign

**\$1,745** | Average contribution per alumnus to date

**82** | The number of additional brothers needed to make average gift of \$1,745 to reach the Campaign goal of \$325,000

**\$145.42** | The monthly amount an alumnus needs to contribute between now and December 31, 2016 to fulfill average campaign pledge of \$1,745

**350** | Days until the Campaign ends (as of January 15, 2016)

### Tax Deductible Donations can be made on the DU International Website

(<http://duef.deltatau.org/projects/csp/syracuse>)

### How You Can Help

There are many ways to get involved! Help find missing brothers, be an advisor to our new undergraduate brotherhood, make calls to raise funds, etc. It's all up to you! This website has an extensive FAQ ([/faq.html](#)), a list of missing brothers ([/finding-brothers.html](#)), dozens of Bazooos ([/newsletter.html](#)), DU's history at Syracuse University ([/du-history.html](#)) and more!

To get involved, contact any of the task force members directly or email us at [dusyracuse@gmail.com](mailto:dusyracuse@gmail.com) (<mailto:dusyracuse@gmail.com>).

**Have a DU memory or story to share? Please share it. ([/du-memories.html](#))**  
**Do we have your latest contact information? Please update it. ([/contact-update.html](#))**

Still have questions? Contact the DU Task Force (<mailto:dusyracuse@gmail.com>)

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