

The Cornell Alpha Delt



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Help Save the Goat House!

This April, the Ithaca Building and Fire Departments closed the Goat House for use until serious safety issues with the access way are addressed. Despite a blessing of good health almost a decade ago as part of the McGraw Place project—when the driveway, parking lot, and stone wall were rebuilt, the entryway has continued to decline in its old age, with water infiltration being a major concern. Moreover, Ithaca authorities are increasingly disinclined to accept building elements which do not conform to modern codes. While it may feel as if the Phi is being slowly garroted with codes and regulations, the concerns of the local authorities are well meant and well taken.

Thankfully, we had already retained the services of Jagat Sharma, an architect in Ithaca, as our designer and consultant for the restoration of the Goat House. Mr. Sharma has worked extensively in Ithaca on commercial and residential construction, including the major overhaul of the Chi Psi Lodge and Sigma Pi House in the late 1990s and early 2000s.

One development on the positive side of the ledger is that architect Sharma has confirmed that—subject to certain limitations—there will be no need to add yet another entrance to preserve the secrecy of the

existing means of access. Mr. Sharma's commission for this phase extends to reviewing all previous studies, documenting current conditions, and developing the planning and construction documents needed to go to bid.

For the rest of this article, let me describe in detail the planned improvements. We are, almost daily, adding to the folio of studies and reports that describe everything from the finer points of recreating the tile frieze, to the installation of a somewhat oxymoronically named “dry” sprinkler system. To that end, the key tasks for the project, as currently conceived, can be detailed in

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Making the Phi a Safe Place for Living, Learning, and Leadership

We live in a world filled with both risk and opportunity. The undergraduates at 777 Stewart Avenue face risks and dangers that I could not have imagined when I graduated 20 years ago. Preserving the health and welfare of brothers living in the Phi is a top priority of the house corporation, as is being effective stewards of the physical plant and property.

Every week presents examples of issues that can expose our brothers, leaders, and members to risk and potential liability. Some of these risks include accidents, bad decisions by undergraduates, drug and alcohol abuse, safety of guests and employees, and natural disasters.

One effort the house corporation uses to get undergraduates to focus on reducing exposure to known risks is ongoing education. Each year, we engage the services of Bill Shaw '69, our attorney, to meet with the undergraduate members and pledges and share his legal liabilities presentation. His knowledgeable, blunt, and candid summary has been well-received at the Phi and throughout the other chapters that he represents. His Q&A helps our members better grasp the civil, criminal, university, and financial consequences associated with living in Greek chapters. This cost of this presentation is underwritten by the Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation. I thank the donors to the foundation for making this valuable education program possible.

The undergraduates, guided by Bill Shaw, Ellen Reuben (our property manager), and alumni leaders also met with Travis Apgar—Cornell's

Associate Dean of Students for Fraternity and Sorority Affairs—this spring to address certain complaints and concerns related to social events and pledging. The exchange was candid and productive. In particular, the undergraduate officers are charting a course that will improve our pledge education program, eliminate any traces of abusive treatment of potential new members, and ensure compliance with the alcohol and social program regulations at Cornell.

Meanwhile, the house corporation board of directors also met with Bill Shaw over the initiation weekend for an update on his legal assessment of the intra-fraternity relationship, legal structure, and proposed improvements for risk prevention and education. At the request of our board, Bill is preparing a comprehensive memorandum that will outline the wide spectrum of actions that we can take to adopt “best practices” that manage and limit risk and liability.

Many organizations, not just Greek organizations, are one tragedy or one bad decision away from extinction. It is a priority of the board to make sure that we continually focus on making the Phi safe, secure, and compliant with the wide range of requirements issued by all entities overseeing our operation. Organizationally, we are committed to focusing on education and proactive risk management as a strategy to ensure that the Phi remains a safe place for living, learning, and leadership development.

As always, your comments, suggestions, recollections, and feedback are welcomed. If you have an idea about making the Phi safer, or any other topic, please write to me at hbschaffer@aol.com. Thank you to all the alumni who give generously and annually to ensure the continuation and vibrancy of our traditions, values, and organizational assets.

Xaipe,
Howie Schaffer '90
Alumni Board President

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For What It's Wirth

The brotherhood is strong, happy and healthy, and the house that is the foundation of our bonds is in good shape. The momentum gained from such a productive fall semester under the leadership of Brendan McNamara '11 has carried over to the spring semester resulting in a number of fun events including a successful benefit concert organized by Robert Morrissey '12, during which over \$2,000 was raised to support the recovery efforts in Haiti.

Several other philanthropic events also took place over the course of the semester, including our annual Victory Club, where, as usual, we had a great time while supporting honorable causes.

In addition to our philanthropic activities, we have been having a fun series of great mixers with the best sororities on campus, thanks to our social chairs, Miles Bloom '10 and Cole

Lupoli '12. This has helped to keep the active brothers happy, as has the food we enjoy daily, which is prepared by our very well-liked chef, Scott Schmutzler, who does his best to feed us delicious and nutritious meals. All in all, we are extremely grateful for what life in the Phi provides, and as always, life is rich and mellow.

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The Role of Alumni is Critical

Under the veil of secrecy, and in the confines of hallowed halls of the Goathaus (and, we hope, not for the last time), 18 new members were admitted to the brotherhood of the Alpha Delta Phi on April 10, 2010.

As always, and as each of us remembers all too clearly, the alumni's role in this revered process is critical to its success. Classes ranging from '66 (Rev. Douglas Bond) to as recent as '09 gathered to share in both the seriousness and the festive nature of the proceedings.

The weekend serves as the foundation upon which our new brothers will contribute to the blended culture of the house for the coming three years. Initiation weekend is a metaphor for the paradigm that is necessary for a chapter to be healthy and thriving over the long term, whether that be at Cornell, or one of the other 27 chapters and affiliates of the Alpha Delta Phi.

As an undergraduate, I rarely looked to the future and my potential role as an "alumni" rather than "active" brother of the fraternity. To me, the wonderful house in which I resided was somehow just *there*. I recognized, but didn't appreciate, issues like mortgages, finances, maintenance, year-to-year degradation (whether natural or induced by bad behavior), and the importance of culture and community. We did have some wonderful "gray-

hairs" in Judge Rice '30 and Bob Engle '65 to both lead us, and occasionally lead us astray.

As I now return to a more active role in the Cornell Chapter, and as president of the international, I am convinced, more than ever, that the role of alumni is critical—not only for annual events like Initiation and Homecoming (the "holidays")—but, more importantly, for all the time in between.

While I believe there are tremendous leaders in the active chapter, they cannot do it alone. A regular presence, oversight, and guidance by alumni, young and old, not to mention just lending a hand to help out, goes a long way towards assuring that our hallowed halls are nurtured (rather than tortured), and that the active brotherhood is given the opportunity to be mentored towards greatness (rather than extracted from mediocrity). In the coming months, we would love to hear from you—the more the merrier (and the lighter the load)—and I look forward to reconnecting to share fond memories, especially those special ones from the board room!

John R. Tuttle '81

Alpha Delta Phi International President

How the Alumni Support the Undergraduates in Meeting Regulatory Requirements for Operation of the Chapter House

The Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell House Corporation Board spends enormous resources of time and money to make the Phi a safe place for living and learning. We remain ever-vigilant, knowing that sustained partnership and engagement with both the undergraduates and the Cornell administration is the key to the continuation of our traditions.

Here are some of the mechanisms that exist to help ensure that brothers are aware of internal and external expectations and regulations:

1) Each year, every chapter is required to attend a mandatory university training on the rules and regulations they are expected to comply with. The chapter president signs a statement saying he understands the obligations. Included in the documentation is information on the university's "Social Responsibility Guidelines," which both the chapter president and social chair are required to sign. For more information, visit <http://dos.cornell.edu/greek/policies.cfm>.

2) Each semester, the alumni board and undergraduate officers have a transition meeting (underwritten by the Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation) to have an orderly knowledge transfer from officer to officer.

3) Each semester, our house counsel, Shaw Law Firm of Ithaca, conducts a training for the brothers on managing risk and complying with both federal, state, local, and university laws and regulations (underwritten by

the Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation).

4) The chapter website has written position descriptions for every undergraduate office. At the transition meeting, each officer is given a copy and it is reviewed.

5) Each pledge, when he signs his bid, also signs a document from the university saying that he will report any incidents of hazing.

6) Each week, the property is inspected by Stewart Howe Alumni Service, and a detailed report is sent to the alumni board. This allows us to ensure that any repairs are made quickly and that any damage done by students is paid for from student funds. This inspection regimen has saved the house corporation more than \$30,000 in the last three years.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the house corporation board, or just volunteering a few hours a year to join our quarterly alumni leadership conference calls, it would make a big difference.

Please contact me at (301) 891-2999 or hbs3@cornell.edu. Thank you for your interest and support.

Howie Schaffer '90

Alumni Board President

Let's Take Charge of Our Destiny

I can't tell you how impressed and surprised I was receiving the financial statements for the Phi ahead of the board meeting with a slide presentation to boot. Please pass my congratulations and respect on to Pat Kavanagh '07 and anyone else who contributed to making it happen. I know that it takes time and hard work just to pull the numbers together, let alone develop some insight from them.

These are small things in some respect, however it says to me, and I'm sure to other alums, that you/we are getting ahead of the curve, we can anticipate issues and we can be in charge of our destiny rather than flopping from one year to the other in a student environment where there is very little institutional memory.

I'm sorry I can't make Initiation this year; last year was a blast and I hope there is a good alumni turnout.

Xaipe,
Peter Kendall '68



Which of these class of '85 brothers will we see at their 25th reunion this year?

\$9,000 in Awards to Undergraduate Alpha Deltas

ACEF Announces Winners of The Theodore H. Booth 1925 and James T. Lewis 1927 Academic Excellence Awards:

\$500 academic awards are bestowed each semester by the Adelpheic Cornell Educational Fund (ACEF) in memory of the Ted Booth '25, a founder of the ACEF and its first president, and James T. Lewis '27, a major benefactor of the ACEF. Below is a list of criteria for applying for the awards (which recognize grades for the previous semester):

- The student brother must be living in the house.
- The student brother must be taking at least 13 credit hours of classes.
- The student brother must be on his college's Dean's List.
- The student brother must be deemed a "good citizen" by the officers of the house. A good citizen is one who participates in house activities, has no outstanding financial liabilities to the house, and has not participated in any activities casting the brother or the-

house in a negative light.

Winners for the fall 2009 semester include: Gleb Drobkov '12, Ruben Garicia '10, Patrick Jennings '10, Michael Napolitano '11, Colm Kelleher '10, and David Kelly '10, Evan Lustbader '10, and Robert Morrissey '12.

Winners for spring 2010 include: Michael Chen '11, Gleb Drobkov '12, David A. Kelly '10, Patrick Jennings '10, Colm Kelleher '10, Evan Lustbader '10, Michael Napolitano '11, Walter Ralston '11, Joseph Salameh '10, David Shim '12, Andrew Tanger '12, and Roger Tufts '11.

The house corporation thanks the ACEF for their support of these academic awards which are an effective incentive to boost literary and scholarly engagement and effort.

Howie Schaffer '90
Alumni Board President

Help Save the Goat House, *continued*

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the following:

In reviewing the history of the Goat House to prepare this article, it became clear that the reason for making this appeal and requesting your support is not about "what" or "when" (which are somewhat beyond our control), but "why."

This appeal isn't just about the future of the Goat House, but also about the past. Not the past in some ephemeral flash-powder tin-plate photo sense, but in the past that we've each known in the Phi. Somewhere in the pledge manual—if I am allowed to call it such in this era—there is a section on the duty of the active brothers to the alumni. The text goes on about being welcoming and listening to stories of their time in the house, perhaps including tales of brothers since departed. Having just returned from this year's initiation, I can tell you that active brothers meet such duty—not only with the specific performance of listening or opening the door, but also just by being Cornell students.

Although the chapter house and the Goat House...or is it the "GOTE House," or "The G?" Or is it, perhaps, the Lodge, or even the "Ice House?" (See the *Cornell Alpha Delt*, October 1941, page four, for more.) Both houses have aged, and so have brothers who've lived there, and the buildings remain—at their heart—frozen in time. It's a time that is filled with the optimism of youth, of opportunity, new friendships, and new experiences. Meeting a brother who was a pledge in one's final term and hearing that he is now engaged to his college girlfriend, while visiting to see a new pledge class initiated, reminds us of the possibilities and personal history that is being made at every smoker, every Protocol, every date night, every professorial talk, every mixer, every rented crush party, and, yes, every initiation. Our Goat House is the first thing visitors see on approaching the compound at 777 Stewart. For each of us, there will be a last time leaving 777 Stewart—whether for a few years (or decades)—or for eternity, and for all of us, it's the last thing we'll see on our walk or in the rear-view mirror.

Reading through old newsletters, one cannot help but find amusing evidence of this condition all around. Just last spring, the *Cornell Alpha Delt* featured tales of two mural projects in the room below the library, separated in time 62 years to the month, but imbued with the same *joie de vivre*. In the early 1940s the Goat House escape hatch was sealed in response to a break in by another fraternity. On the advice and counsel of the alumni, the hatch was retuned to service with new security features under the guidance of Bro. F. Weston Whittier '44. In the late 1940s, after the house returned to undergraduate hands, the Goat House was closed until failing plaster and masonry could be addressed. Ted Booth '25 provided funds for ventilation and heating equipment. At some point, the decayed wood was replaced in the late 1940s or early 1950s, and again in the early 2000s, Bro. James "JJ" McCormick would spend several days restoring the wood panels and seats for in time for initiation. More recently, thanks are due to our brothers from the Colbert family of Ithaca

Major Upgrade Needs for the Goat House

- Replace secret access way due to structural deterioration
- Provide new secret access way with dimensions and safety features to meet modern codes
- Point and waterproof foundation
- Replace roof dome and re-set roof stones
- Point interior masonry
- Restore exterior masonry
- Provide heating ventilation and air conditioning to the interior
- Provide fire sprinkler coverage to the interior of the structure
- Provide new floor
- Refinish interiors wall and ceiling
- Provide new seating
- Expand electrical service with new lighting inside and out
- Install digital video recording systems for anti-vandalism purposes

who provided the new lights for the exteriors of the building.

The Goat House is a structure that has been loved by every Alpha Delt ever to reside at 777 Stewart. We owe a great debt to those who have come before us and contributed their sweat and capital. Today we are at a great inflection point, and while we have some funds to proceed from the most generous gift of a deceased brother, we need your support! Our professional advisors are in the process of drafting budgets, so please consider any contribution. There are also opportunities to take on specific line item—could you be the Ted Booth contributing for new HVAC? Or is there a class or group of classes who would band together to fund the restoration of the tile frieze?

We invite you to make your tax-advantaged contribution safely and securely online by visiting www.adphic Cornell.org/public4.asp. Please make your donation today. You can also mail a check, payable to *Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation*, to: P.O. Box 876, Ithaca, NY 14851-0876.

Thank you for your efforts to help us save the Goat House. *Manus Multae Cor Unum!*

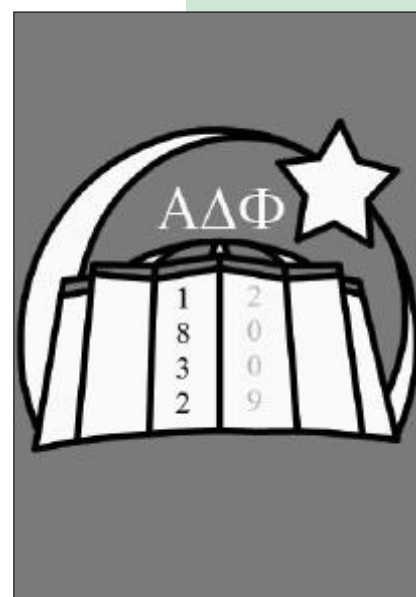
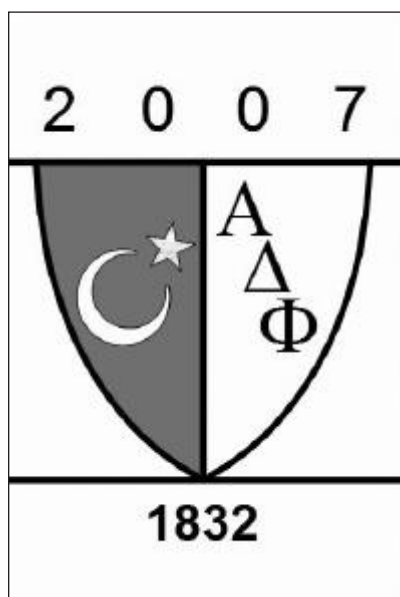
Warm Regards and Xaipe,
George Doerre '04
President, Cornell Star and Crescent Foundation

From The Pledge Master – We Welcome 18 New Men to ΑΔΦ

Once again, the Alpha Delta Phi has attracted the finest gentlemen of Cornell University to its hallowed halls. Eighteen eager young men have begun on a journey that shall shape the rest of their lives as members of our illustrious society. A notably international group, we have new members hailing from South Africa, South Korea, Brazil, and Poland, while keeping a diverse representation of the States as well. These gentlemen are not only of the intellectual and literary caliber requisite to join the ranks of the Alpha Delta Phi, they excel in athletic ability—the pledge class has six varsity athletes representing lightweight and heavyweight rowing and tennis. But while their backgrounds are impressively diverse, they share one thing in common; they have all chosen Alpha Delta Phi as their new home, a decision that will last them a lifetime.

These young men have started a pledge process that will simultaneously teach them the values we hold dear in Alpha Delt and create within them the bonds necessary for their entrance into the brotherhood. Starting with the compilation of the undergraduate brotherhood's biographical information, the pledge class shows great promise in their abilities to work together productively and cooperatively. The challenges set before them will prepare them for the sacrifice, leadership, brotherhood, and service that will be required of each pledge as an active brother, a role we all hope to see them fulfill in the coming months.

Andrew H. E. Lyon '10
Pledge Master



Designs for the Phi's new stained-glass class windows that were added to our library.

Alumni Report on Rush 2010

Dear Brother Wirth:

I've received the 2010 Alpha Delta Phi rush results from Alumni President Brother Howie Schaffer. I'm impressed! From four years of participating in rush at Alpha Delt, I know how difficult it is to secure a quality pledge class. There were 21 men in my pledge class, considered large at the time.

Congratulations to you and the brotherhood. Please share my sincere compliments with all. I hope to attend initiations again and look forward to more great memories at Alpha Delt. Best wishes.

Doug Jimerson '73

Dear Brother Wirth:

Congratulations to you, Howie and Nick, on a successful rush season.

The skills learned conducting rush yield many long-term benefits. Just this past week, I have been on the phone, calling through a list of people to invite them to participate in the great American political process. I learned, while making rush calls, how to get people on the phone to say, "Yes," and show up.

Thank you for working so hard to keep Alpha Delta Phi a leading house at Cornell.

Clinton Kennedy '76

Dear Brother Wirth:

Congratulations on a very successful recruitment program. It takes leadership and marketing to run a Rush program that has the results that the Cornell Chapter produced this year. One of Cornell's strong points has always been that the chapter really did emphasize literary aspects of the fraternity, which (unfortunately) many of our chapter honored more in the breach than in substance. Cornell has been for the past 25 years one of our flagship chapters, illustrating to the rest of the fraternity how things work spectacularly when undergrads and alumni work together. Keep up the good work and please pass my compliments on to the brotherhood.

My professional duties keep me on the road; one of my clients is in Utica, and you never know when I might show up in Ithaca to quiz the pledges, to make certain that no substandard candidates slip through the tunnel.

Xaipe,
Ed Donahue, JH '68

**Who has changed since 1950? 1960?
1975? 1985? It's been so many years...
Hope to see you all at Reunion!**

Victory Club Raises \$4,000 for the Tompkins County Red Cross



Alpha Delts and friends gather in the Great Hall at Victory Club 2010.



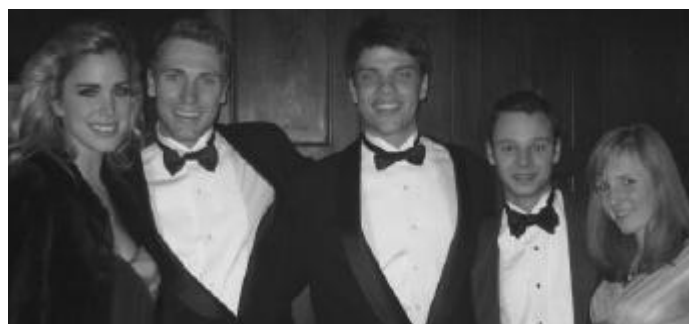
Nick Wirth '10, Brendan McNamara '11, and friends



Will Najar '13, Ruben Garcia '10, and Dave Kelly '10 enjoy a table game.



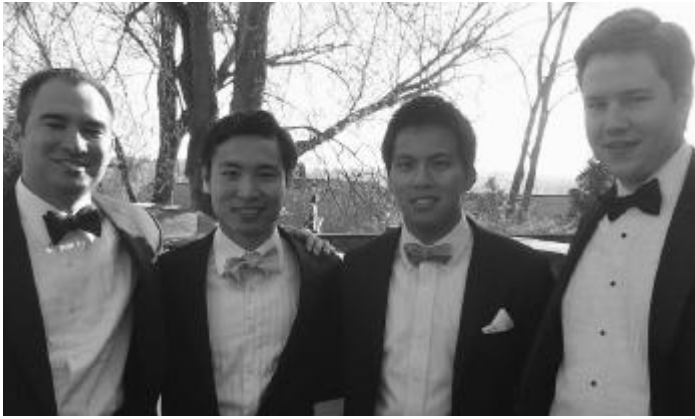
Executive Director Barry Stein and his wife with K Minnix from the Red Cross and Nick Wirth '10



Judd Berg-Gaul '13, Gabriel Rodrigues '13, and Sam Sveen '10

See these photos in color and more Victory Club 2010 pictures at www.adphicornell.org.

Images of Initiation 2010



Justin Mao Jones '08, Gerald Yeung '08, Mike Chen '11, and Sven Karlsson '07



Doug Bond '66



Thom Chirurg '64 psychoanalyzes Joe Tuccheri '00.



Brothers at the Initiation banquet



Andrew Melvin '07 gives a toast.



Shep Wilbun '12



Alumni and undergraduate brothers bond at Initiation 2010.



Pierre Estey '11



David Shim '12 and David Olusoga '13

Classes of 1990 and 2000 — See you at the Phi on June 10–13 for Reunion!

Meet the 2010 New Brothers

Judd Berg-Graul '13 was born in London and grew up in South Africa. At the age of 13, he moved to Barcelona, Spain, to pursue a career in tennis and also spent time in Italy for specific attention to his game. At the age of 16, he moved to London to train with the National Federation for Tennis of England. Throughout this time, he was enrolled in a British international school and completed his work via correspondence. After suffering a difficult injury, he decided that college tennis was the right path. He loves Cornell and looks forward to the coming years.

Joseph Salvatore Calderone '13 was born and raised in Manhasset, New York. He attended Manhasset High School, where he rowed on the varsity crew team for four years. He is now a pre-med student in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and is also a member of the Cornell lightweight rowing team.

James Lee Crowley, III '12 was born and raised in Tallahassee, Florida. He spent most of the school year with his mother, and during the summers he lived with his father in various location in the Southeast. The summer following Hurricane Katrina, James worked in New Orleans during the reconstruction effort. James is a history and government major in the College of Arts and Sciences. He hopes to complete the honors history major by writing a thesis, and to pursue a law career.

David Roger Estey '13 is a pre-med student in the College of Arts and Sciences, majoring in psychology. He was born and raised in New York City. He attended a French school for nine years prior to enrolling at Trinity School. He hopes to become a psychiatrist upon finishing medical school, or at least to pursue a career in the medical field.

Alexander Edward Fieldcamp '13 is from New York City. He attended the Loyola School, and is majoring in applied economics and management in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. He hopes to pursue a career in finance.

Mikhail Lagrimas de Jesus '13 is from New York City. He attended Loyola School and graduated in 2009. He is currently enrolled in the college of human ecology, studying human development. He hopes to attend medical school once he graduates.

Roy Rohiverth Guarecuco Jr. '13 was born and raised in Laredo, Texas. He attended J.B. Alexander High School in Texas, and is now at Cornell pursuing a mechanical engineering major. He hopes to go to medical school one day.

Chang Ha Kim '13 was born in Seoul, South Korea. However, at a young age, he moved to Cebu, Philippines. He later moved to Manila, Philippines, enrolling in the International School of Manila. At the end of his freshman year, he moved to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where he graduated from the International School of Kuala Lumpur. He is currently a student in the College of Arts and Sciences, majoring in economics and history, and plans to attend law school.

Nicholas VanRensselaer Nardelli '13 was born in Morgantown, West Virginia, but moved to Hamilton, New York. He spent his senior year in France and then graduated from Hamilton High School. He is currently pursuing a degree in engineering at Cornell.

Peter Jordan Nawara, Jr. '13 was born in Toronto, Canada, but lived in Krakow, Poland, until the age of 12 when he returned to Toronto to attend Bishop Allen Academy. He currently resides in Krakow and is a member of Cornell's men's varsity tennis team. He is currently majoring in AEM with



Pledges at their initiation: top row, l.-r., Nick Nardelli, Ben Olson, Mikhail De Jesus, Joe Calderone, Chang Ha Kim, Bailey Rogg, James Crowley, Will Najar. Bottom Row: Charles Quay, Shep Wilbun, Roy Guarecuco, Gabe Rodriguez, David Estey, Gavin Royster, David Olusoga, and Pledge Master Drew Lyon [Not Pictured: Peter Nawara, Judd Berg, and Alex Fieldcamp]

minor in real estate in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. After graduation, he wishes to become an international financier.

William Manning Najar '13 is a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy. He is currently a biology major in the school of arts and sciences but is also considering majoring in history and government and concentrating in French or Arabic. He is from Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and has plans to either practice medicine or law.

Benjamin Joel Olson '13 is from Seattle, Washington, and attended Mount Si High School. He is a freshman in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations, and hopes to double minor in economics and law and society. In addition to being a new member of the Alpha Delta Phi, he is a member of the Cornell lightweight crew team. In the future he hopes to stay on the east coast and is considering careers in business and law.

David Omatayo Olusoga '13 was born in Lagos, Nigeria, where he still owns houses. He moved to California at age four before moving to Queens, where he attended Archbishop Malloy High School. He is an AEM finance major in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. He is working on a children's book, and is an avid Giants and Yankees fan. A lifelong supporter of Liverpool Football Club, David also plays the saxophone and the piano, and his favorite hobbies are scheming and playing soccer.

Charles Spencer Koppensteiner Quay '13 is from Seattle, Washington, where he attended Seattle Preparatory. His passions in life are tennis, business, and his close friends. He believes in hard work, dedication, and absolute loyalty.

Gabriel Teixeira Rodrigues '12 was born in Salvador, Brazil, and raised by his loving parents, who worked hard to raise his sister and himself. He was educated at an American school (Pan American School of Bahia). School was the place where he met his best friends. He loves big family lunches on Sundays, pulling all-nighters, either partying or hanging out with his buds, and women in general. He appreciates humility and hard work, for he believes that you need to combine both to be truly successful.

Robert Bailey Rogg '13 is from Atlanta, Georgia, and attended North Springs Charter High School. He is a government major in the College of Arts and Sciences. He hopes to pursue a career in the legal and political fields.

Gavin James Royster '13 is from North Potomac, Maryland, and attended Georgetown Prep. He is currently a freshman in the School of Hotel Administration and, after graduation, hopes to pursue a career in finance.

Shepperson A. Wilbun III '12 was born in Memphis, Tennessee, where he lived until high school, when he went away to Phillip Exeter Academy as a ninth-grader. After graduating, he took a year off to mature, during which time he was accepted to Cornell. He is pursuing a degree in urban studies.

Spring 2010 Philanthropy – Alpha Deltis React Quickly to Tragedy

The recent earthquake in Port-au-Prince has shaped the brotherhood's 2010 philanthropic endeavors. Following the tragedy, it quickly became clear that the success of the resource-intensive relief effort would depend on financial donations. The best way for ordinary university students like ourselves to support this effort would be to lead and coordinate the energy, humanitarian goodwill, and generosity of our classmates.

"Hands for Haiti," a benefit concert, was held at the Phi less than three weeks after the earthquake shook Haiti's capital. Over 300 students attended the concert, sending \$3,076 to the Weill Cornell Global Health Initiative "GHESKIO" health clinics, founded by Cornell alumnus Dr. Jean Pape. Most meaningful to the brotherhood was the enthusiasm and support we witnessed from our peers. Twelve independent student organizations, including six musical groups, volunteered their time and resources to the event. Cornell Alpha Deltis everywhere should be proud of the central role our house has played in the Cornell community's effort to rebuild Port-au-Prince.

Kindly visit <http://weill.cornell.edu/globalhealth> if you would like to learn more about GHESKIO, or contact me at rhm57@cornell.edu if you would like to lend your support.

Xaipe,

Robert Harley Morrissey '12, Philanthropy Chair

For more information about the "Hands for Haiti" philanthropy and the Cornell event, see:

- www.cornell.edu/haiti
- www.news.cornell.edu/stories/March10/HaitiStudents.htm

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Hands for Haiti

Fundraiser concert in support of victims of the Haiti earthquake.
All proceeds go to Weill Cornell Medical College's Global Health Initiative.

8:00pm
Saturday, January 30
Alpha Delta Phi
Suggested donation: \$7



To find out more about Weill Cornell's GHESKIO clinics and relief efforts in Haiti, visit www.wcmchelpshaiti.org

The Way We Were in 1960 — Attend 50th Reunion!



Brothers of Alpha Delta Phi as seen in the 1960 Cornelian.

What's in a License Plate?

What's in a license plate? Nothing, 99 percent of the time. It's just a series of numbers and letters meant to identify your vehicle to those parties who may be interested in identifying you. Even with personalized plates, if one is not on the side of the know in terms of a plate's meaning, then one need not be concerned and should move on with one's life. It is here within the one-percent exception that this story lies.

A few months ago, I pulled into the parking garage of a library in a neighboring town. Having two children under the age of seven does not allow for a whole lot of quiet time in our small house, hence the visits to this library where I can focus on work for a couple of hours. No phones, no screaming, no questions...just solace. Back to the story, as I was pulling into the parking space, I noticed a gentleman looking (no, staring) at my car. Now I, as the consummate *friendly* New Yorker, run several scenarios in my head on how to best deal with the situation at hand, none of which end nicely for this gentleman. Once in the parking space, I stare hard at him, and he returns the favor with a non-committal glaze.

"Can I help you?" I asked as I leave my car. The thought running through my head is that of course something is wrong with my car; and as some old-timers reading this can attest to, I am very particular about my possessions. The gentleman responds with an innocent question, responding to which I was not prepared: "Your license plate, is this yours?" "Yes," I throw back with a *hint* of sarcasm. Ah yes, I've been



Scott Steele's New York State license plate

down this road before. I *know* what's going to follow: "what does it mean?" or, another personal favorite, "how do you say/pronounce that?" (This goes back to my original premise, if you have to ask, then you are not in the know and therefore need not know...Let me on my way!) But this gentleman hit me with the correct pronunciation of "XA IPE." Again, not in my playbook, not ready for this.

The gentleman not only knew the word and its meaning in our context, he informed me that he was in fact a brother! To further deepen this coincidence, he was not only an Alpha Delta Phi brother but also one from the Hill—a fellow Cornellian! It was my pleasure to meet and share memories with Brother Robert G. McClellan '59 (civil engineering.)

This chance meeting occurred in the library parking lot of the Greenwich Library, Greenwich, Connecticut. The odds of such a chance meeting between two people from the same chapter and university are pretty great, no? But we—the brethren of Alpha Delta Phi—are all

over, and one can never take for granted who just might be in front, behind, or to the side of you.

Now that Brother McClellan and I had this fateful meeting, we see each other at the library, on the street, and even the local Whole Foods Market. A wonderful experience that reminds me of why I joined the AD Phi.

To The Ties That Bind. My best to all.

Xaipe,
Scott Steele '89

From the House Manager – Looking Good and Eating Well

The Alpha Delta Phi lodge has had quite a semester, but house cleanups by current and new members alike, as well as generous contributions from the alumni, have allowed the house to maintain its venerable mystique. The brotherhood has continued to see renovations that were begun last semester, adding lexan window guards to many windows in order to prevent damage to original house property and to reduce repair costs. New internet service and technology, such as new routers and modems, have allowed the Phi to leap further into the 21st century. New smoke and carbon monoxide detectors have also kept the brothers and the house safe from any fires. Brothers cleaning and repairing house property is a common sight, our cleaning technician Jim Roberts having provided a helpful seminar on the ins and outs of house maintenance. The house was also evaluated under the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, and was presented a list of possible solutions to make the house more energy efficient. With actions like replacing outdated light bulbs with more efficient CFL bulbs, the house hopes to save money on energy bills and do our part to help the environment. During the heavy snowfall that occurred throughout the semester, the brotherhood also added a substantial—albeit temporary—addition of a snow igloo. The brotherhood and new members came together for many hours to construct what became a great place to hang out—for a few days, at least. With help from current members and alumni alike, the Phi can remain both the most comfortable and beautiful place to live on campus.

Dinners continue to be both nutritious and delicious. Chef Scott "Scooter" Schmutzler has developed a new breakfast and lunch menu for brothers to choose from, adding more healthy options. The drink room remains stocked with food for brothers to peruse at all hours of the day. In addition, Protocol dinners continue to be successful, our talented waitstaff serving dishes like South African lobster tail and filet mignon to the whole brotherhood twice a week.

Noah Chhibber '11

Literary Update

Staying true to our strong traditions as a literary society, Brother Brendan McNamara '11 worked to restart the faculty speaker series, hosting our first speaker on February 24 during Protocol Dinner. It seemed only appropriate that the first speaker should be none other than esteemed brother and alumnus, Cornell University Dean of Students **Kent L. Hubbell '67**. Speaking on the topic of his career, Brother Hubbell started his literary presentation with how he came to be enrolled at Cornell and proceeded to discuss the turbulent atmosphere of undergraduate life during the late '60s and early '70s, touching upon the effects of local events such as the 'Straight Takeover' of 1969, and national events such as those that took place at Kent State in 1970. Reflecting upon his experiences at the Phi, Brother Hubbell was quick to point out the profound and positive impact of the Alpha Delta Phi on the future careers of undergraduate brothers, noting that many brothers applied their experiences as undergraduate officers to become very successful after leaving the Hill.

Brother Hubbell received his Bachelor of Architecture degree from Cornell in 1967, and after serving in the Peace Corps, went on to earn his MFA in sculpture from Yale in 1973. A variety of academic roles finally led him to be appointed dean of students in 2001, a position he continues to hold to this day.

The undergraduate brotherhood thanks Dean Hubbell for his time and company and looks forward to more faculty speakers in the future. In the meantime, I have been working with Pledge Master Andrew H. L. Lyon '10 to schedule our newest group of pledges for their own literary presentations. Following in the footsteps of Dean Hubbell, the pledges that have presented thus far have already proven themselves to be a worldly and cultured group of young men.



Kent Hubbell '67

Michael X. Chen '11, Literary Chair

Honoring the 200th Birthday of Samuel Eells, Founder of Alpha Delta Phi

In celebration of the 200th birthday of Samuel Eells on May 18, 2010, we remind all brothers—and persons of literary interest and refinement—of the life of our founder and the historical context in which the creation of our society and the furtherance of its aims had such an enduring impact.

Xaipe,
Howie Schaffer '90
Alumni Board President

Samuel Eells (1810–'42) was a 19th-Century American philosopher, essayist and orator who founded the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity in 1832 at Hamilton College in Clinton, New York. He was born in Westmoreland, New York (five miles from Clinton) in 1810. He could trace his family back to early settlers of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, and to his father, a Congregationalist missionary who worked among the Native Americans in Western New York. Samuel Eells was educated at home—probably primarily by his mother—before attending the nearby Clinton Academy and, finally, Hamilton College.

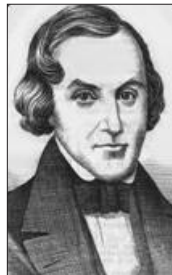
Eells' constitution was feeble, and through all of his short life, he struggled with tuberculosis and possibly other illnesses. Nevertheless, he was known among his friends and colleagues for his intense intellectual curiosity, drive, and "personal magnetism." Besides his praiseworthy writing and oration, he often undertook seemingly impossible projects; for example, before going to Hamilton, in order to improve his health, he traveled on foot from Maryland to Massachusetts, then sailed to Newfoundland and back, paying for his passage by fishing.

Samuel Eells studied at Hamilton College from 1828 to 1832, a time when both the college and American society were in turmoil. The college was nearly bankrupt due to mismanagement, and the student body was torn apart by rivalries between underground debating and literary societies, primarily the Phoenix and the Philopethian. College life at the time was intensely supervised, and instruction was rigidly traditionalist. Eells saw the virtue of the debating societies as a haven for free thought, association and intellectual cultivation, yet he deplored their vicious competition for members and social dominance.

In 1832, Eells gathered five students to form a new society, Alpha Delta Phi, which would cultivate intellectual debate and development in the manner of the existing literary societies, but put aside their social competitiveness. It would seek to develop the "entire man"—"moral, social, and intellectual"—and create a community of caring and brotherhood. In writing the constitution and "ideals" for Alpha Delta Phi, Eells and his cohorts drew on the previously existing debate and literary societies, the few previously existing Greek-letter fraternities such as Sigma Phi and Kappa Alpha, liberal Protestant philosophy, the Enlightenment philosophy and traditions of the Freemasons, and the very early stirrings of Transcendentalist philosophy, which would become very influential later in the 1830s.

Alpha Delta Phi was the second Greek-letter fraternity at Hamilton College, behind Sigma Phi, and as it founded more chapters, it also became the first fraternity at Harvard, Brown, and several other institutions. When it founded a chapter at Miami University in Ohio, it became the first Greek-letter fraternity west of the Alleghenies, and the first anywhere outside of New York and New England.

After graduating from Hamilton, Eells moved to Ohio, where his father had already gone in the intervening years. On the way, he had a nearly fatal bout with cholera, but surprised nearly everyone by surviving and recovering. Once in Ohio, he supported himself by teaching at a small school that he founded himself. He studied law on his own, passed the Ohio bar exam, and began practicing on his own in Cincinnati. He prided himself on taking *pro bono* cases for poor or unpopular clients, and built enough of a reputation for himself that he was taken on



Samuel Eells

as a partner by Salmon P. Chase. Chase was a famous lawyer and jurist who would go on to become a leading abolitionist, U.S. Senator from Ohio; the 23rd Governor of Ohio; U.S. Treasury Secretary under President Abraham Lincoln; and Chief Justice of the United States. Meanwhile, Eells was delivering noteworthy speeches and orations, especially to meetings of religious and philanthropic organizations, many of which were subsequently reprinted and preserved. His speeches and essays were fervently religious and showed a progressive, optimistic philosophy. He spoke on the value of liberal education, including the study of art and the Classics, on history, and occasionally on controversial social topics. Several of these writings and speeches can be found in the "Memorial of Samuel Eells," collected by his nephew James Eells in 1873 (Cleveland, Ohio, Cobb, Andrews & Co., 1873). See image below.

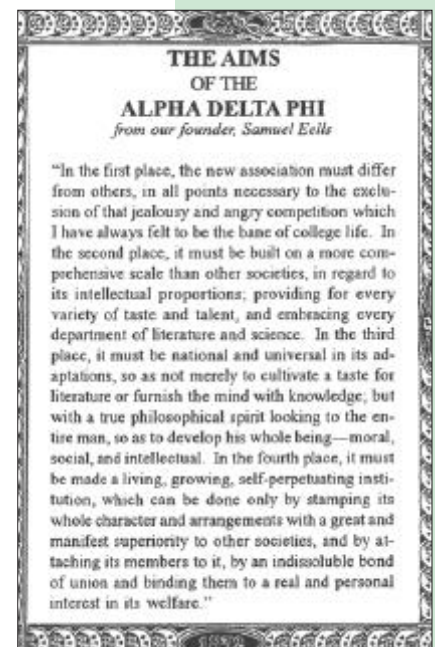
Probably his most noteworthy work is the "Address to the Biennial Convention of Alpha Delta Phi: On the Law and Means of Social Advancement," delivered and published in 1839. Here, he argues that the general law of human history is progress. Each successive phase of human history brings greater fellowship amongst all humanity and freedom for the individual soul. Although tyranny and suffering may prevail in certain places and times, truth and freedom will always overcome them in the long run. Absolute perfection may never be achieved, but human society will always be pushed forward towards true freedom. He asserts that only spiritual and philosophical change—not material advancement or political reform—can lead to real progress; he cites the mistreatment of the Native Americans as proof that democratic government and law are not enough in themselves to preclude tyranny. Rather, Eells believes that the spread of Christianity around the world will help begin a new era of equality, justice and peace.

While the trust that Eells places in Christian missionaryism may seem naive at best, one must remember that he was raised on a very humanistic, liberal strain of early-nineteenth-century Protestantism. His philosophy is clearly influenced by his family's Congregationalism, by Enlightenment humanism, by Hegel's dialectical philosophy of history, and by the philosophers of Transcendentalism and the Second Great Awakening, such as Ralph Waldo Emerson, Margaret Fuller and Bronson Alcott. Although his idea of unstoppable progress may seem very familiar or cliché today, at that time it was connected to a radical counterculture that was overthrowing conservative beliefs in the continuous decline of humanity.

After his partnership with Salmon P. Chase, Eells endeavored to practice law on his own again. This couldn't last very long, because, as had long been expected, his health began to fall apart. Eells tried several tactics to try to recover his health, such as spending the winter of 1840 in Cuba, but nevertheless, he died in 1842 in Cincinnati at the home of his friend S. W. Pomeroy.

Though noteworthy in their time, Eells' works are not widely read today and are treated mostly as historical artifacts. The Alpha Delta Phi, however, is a thriving organization.

(Adapted from the Alpha Delta Phi Collection at Kroch Library, Cornell University, and Wikipedia)



News From Our Alumni

George M. Kennedy '52 writes, "Gayle and I moved from our Cayuga Lake home to Arizona in 2004. We find a way to return to Ithaca most summers and will be there in 2010, from mid-June to mid-September." Get in touch with George by e-mail at gmk31@cox.net. Write to: 1145 W. Camino de la Oca, Green Valley, AZ 85622.

Robert C. Hazlett Jr. '61 is a retired stockbroker. Reach him at 4608 Chapel Hill Rd., Triadelphia, WV 26059; rchazlett@hughes.net.

Sheldon R. Severinghaus '62 reports, "December 10, 2009, marked the 20th anniversary of Mongolia's democracy movement as it transitioned from communism to democracy. For my work as representative of the SG-based Asia Foundation in Mongolia from 1990-98, President of Mongolia Elbegdorj Tsakhia awarded me the Order of the Polar Star last December. This is the highest award that the government can give to a foreigner. I continue to visit Mongolia at least once a year, and am now writing memoirs of my years in that fascinating and beautiful country. If any brother wished to visit Mongolia, they are welcome to contact me." Shel is also the co-author of *A Guide to the Birds of Taiwan*, 1970. Write to him at 66 Cleary St., #609, San Francisco, CA 94109. Send e-mail to sheldorj@sbcglobal.net.

Frederick R. Lurting '69 writes, "I've been working to consolidate my testimonials, which are also in several subsidiaries of a large stockbrokerage house (now a holding company). Such that the accounting is becoming is becoming more 'transparent' in a new merger proposed subsidiary of the parent holding company. In so doing, the financial status (an endowment) to Covenant House, in New York City, sheltered over 77,000 children following the bombing of the world trade Center. At the U.S. Supreme Court, following the restitution of *habeas corpus* in 2002, '03, and '04, the grievances of the petitioners of the detainees of Guantanamo Bay were upheld and work has been under way on writs of mandamus." Stay in touch with Fred at 1350 Beverly Rd., #324, McLean, VA 22101. Send e-mail to frederickr.lurting@hotmail.com.

Clark Kimball '70 writes, "I graduated from Cornell in 1970 and was an Alpha Delt. I agree that there was a sensitivity among the brothers, a literary history, and that we were all given the opportunity to develop ourselves and talents for the purpose of making this a better world." Send e-mail to clark@clarkkimball.com.

George Sigfried Gorski '87 reports, "I moved back to New York State spending many years working on various projects for PriceWaterHouseCoopers and Bausch & Lomb in Asia, Africa, and Europe. I currently manage the tax department for Harris RF Communications in Rochester, New York. My free time is spent remodeling an old house on Lake Ontario, built around 1881." Reach George at georgegorski1@hotmail.com.

Thomas Prutzman '95 is now an investment advisor and president of Prutzman Wealth Management. Stay in touch with him at 1680 Gulch Way, Reno, NV 89521; send e-mail to tom@prutzmanwm.com.

George Hiroshi Matsuzaka '98 writes, "I have been happily married and living in New York City with my wife, Ju Nie Thong, and little boy, Max (1). I'm currently working at Greenhill & Co. an investment banker. More importantly, I am delighted to report that I am in regular contact with several

New York-based Alpha Deltas, including Mike Doniger '98, Ben Ufer '00, Trey Conkling '98 and, when truly fortunate, the honorable Sam Goichman '98." Stay in touch with George at 121 W 19th St., #5B, New York, NY 10011; send e-mail to gmatsuzaka@greenhill.com.

BH Bronson Johnson '96, a geotechnical engineer, writes, "I recently traveled to Panama with Gary De Matteis and Keith Romero. Keith had been working on an AIDS project for the Clinton Foundation. Both gentlemen are doing well. We partied like fraternity guys all over Panama and left an indelible impression in our wake. Also, a correction to the fall 2009 issue: in the photo from Reunion 2009, I was erroneously listed as Patrick Johnson." 804 Fell St., San Francisco, CA 94117; send e-mail to bhbronson@gmail.com.

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NECROLOGY

William R. Bromstedt '45, BS ORIE '48 of Vernon Hills, Illinois, died April 24, 2009. William was born August 22, 1922 in Chicago. He graduated from The Tome School. He began his college education at Cornell, majoring in mechanical engineering and business administration. His education was interrupted by World War II, where he served with the Army in the European Theater as a lieutenant. He married Ruth Henderson in 1944. After the War ended they moved back to Ithaca and he completed his education at Cornell. Throughout his life he was a strong supporter of Cornell's Athletic Department. The October 1941 issue of the *Cornell Alpha Delt* records the following, "He stands 6'1", is out for football and goes in track. His father is with Pioneer Paper Stock Co. Moving to Chicago in 1949, he went to work for Household Finance, where he served in a number of capacities. Leaving Household after 17 years, he moved his family to Paris, France, where he was a partner in a travel agency and import-export company. For many years, he was the owner of Dans Un Jardin, a popular accessories shop in Lake Forest. William leaves behind five children: Anne Atkinson, Barbara Kraus, Virginia Homer, Mary Itule, William Bromstedt; 14 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Peter V.B. Cornell '58, '59 BME of Los Altos, California, died on February 10, 2009. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, Peter graduated from Choate Rosemary Hall, where he was in the radio club and the auto club, and played trombone in the band, the orchestra, and the "Golden Blues." After earning an engineering degree from Cornell University, he worked briefly with the Ampex Corp. and then developed a small computer software company, which was later bought by PeopleSoft and is now part of Oracle. He was also an inventor with a U.S. Patent for a "Sliding Motor Base." He leaves a brother and five nephews.

Roger Evans '74 BA of Dallas, Texas, died August 14, 2009. He was born in Syracuse, New York, April 18, 1951. He was president of the Cornell Class of 1974, editor-in-chief of the Harvard Law Record, and graduated from Harvard Law School in 1977. He has been a partner at major law firms including Vinson & Elkins, as well as having his own practice. He joined Mathis & Donheiser in 2001. Mathis & Donheiser litigates on behalf of plaintiffs and defendants on the broad range of civil matters. Mr. Evans' principal concentration is on employment law cases, including covenants not to compete, trade secrets, and sexual harassment investigations and litigation. He also negotiated severance agreements and employment contracts for executives. He was also an instructor in trial advocacy at Southern Methodist University Law School and a member of the faculty at the National Institute of Trial Advocacy. He spoke fluent German. He and wife Lisa met as students in Germany in 1969-'70, and were not in touch for 30 years. They were reconnected in later years, and after 27 trips between Dallas and Lancaster, Pennsylvania, they were married on September 2002. Lisa is a singer and volunteer against domestic abuse. Brother Evans, who died after an extended illness, was the author of *Old Buck: Sexuality, Secrets and the Civil War*, a novel about the life of President James Buchanan.

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