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E.B. WHITE'S ENVY: OUR "TOMB" ON CAMPUS

By Louis Varela '84

There comes a time when every Alpha Delt on the Cornell campus will be asked about the Goat House, or *Gote Haus*.

The fabled building is a source of curiosity and speculation; its lore transcends generations since it was built in 1903. This affront usually occurs when someone—an acquaintance, a classmate, an instructor, the drunk eavesdropping a bar stool away, a stranger one just met at a party not ten minutes ago—learns one lives at 777 Stewart Avenue, the most enviable address in Ithaca.

"Isn't your fraternity the one with that strange building with no doors or windows?"

It's both flattering and annoying: Yes, it is, but I can't divulge anything about it.

Then the questioner mocks secrecy itself as an infantile conceit and reassures one that disclosing the building's secret to the petitioner at present is perfectly safe: "I won't speak a word of anything you tell me! It's *entre nous*!"

Of course you won't say a word to anyone because I'm not saying a word to you; the Gote Haus is *entre moi*.

"Everything that ever happened in *Animal House*, and so much more, has been rumored to take place within this conical-roofed, star-shaped

building," Ann Lui wrote in the *Cornell Daily Sun*, more than a decade ago. (National Lampoon's *Animal House*, a satire directed by John Landis, was released in 1978. The film is about rebellious and troublesome fraternity brothers at the fictional Faber College. It stars John Belushi, Tom Matheson, and Donald Sutherland. The film is both vulgar and wonderful.)

Then, as reporters are inclined to do, Liu spreads rumors: "[T]his strange building has an architectural history that may rival tales of farm animals, an S&M dungeon and a torture chamber for pledges." Her prurient speculations nevertheless underscore the enduring power of the building on the imagination of Cornellians.

I know something about this. When I was Literary Chairman, Brother Hoa Tran '82 asked me if I knew about E.B. White's interest in the Goat House.

Elwyn Brooks White, who sensibly went by "E.B.," remains a legend on campus. A writer, he authored best-selling children's books including *Stuart Little* (1945), *Charlotte's Web* (1952), and *The Trumpet of the Swan* (1970). (I confess I never read *Stuart Little* and only saw the movie when, visiting Brother Jeff Eitrem '84, his two young sons insisted we watch.)

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HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

I have been tasked with leading the House Improvements Committee. The committee is comprised of both eager alumni and actives with the sole goal of understanding the needed renovation and restoration work of our dearly treasured house. While I am pleased to report that our house has undergone consistent improvements, we are charged as alumni to ensure it stands and thrives for posterity. This committee has taken a long term view to ensure brothers and alumni alike can continue our traditions not only for the short term but for more than 100 years into the future.

In March, I attended the initiation ceremony and was highly encouraged by the current actives' thoughtful stewardship of the house and the recent alumni engagement. We are presented with a unique opportunity to act now and secure the longevity of our brotherhood we hold so dear to our hearts.

We recently engaged a local consulting company to review the physical structure, mechanical, and electrical systems of our house. The report showed deferred maintenance and aging systems that are in desperate need of upgrade. While the task is not small, the committee is encouraged by the opportunity to ensure the longevity of the house. We will be sharing with you the specifics of the scope of work in the coming months but some of the needed work includes restoring the exterior masonry of the structure, updating plumbing systems, and bringing the electrical network to current use and safety standards.

Other work includes replacing wooden floors, paneling, and finishes to bring the house to its physical illustrative potential. And yes, a central goal is restoring the Goat House to resume its ability to be an active chapter

room. As alumni, we own this treasured asset, and it is our duty to ensure its proper function and continuity.

While the relationship between fraternal organizations and the Cornell administration is troublesome, we must not wait on others to control our destiny. Put simply, we cannot wait for the external environment to improve to our advantage. Regardless of the current administrative environment, it is our duty to maintain our house and ensure our traditions and deep held beliefs of the benefit of our processes are maintained.

As owners of our own house and property, our fraternal legacy will live on irrespective of external pressures. We must forge a path forward, not fearful of uncertainty but instead with bold and decisive action. The time is now.

In short time, we are excited to share with you the extensive renovation plans that will begin in summer 2024 and continue for about five consecutive years. I encourage all of those who are interested in contributing time and support to this mission to reach out to me directly.

As our motto states, *Manus Multae Cor Unum*—Many Hands, One Heart. This is not a mission that can be accomplished by us few but requires full support from us all. As a collective, we must support this work not only to maintain the nostalgic experience we once had, but also in service to the younger generations so they can receive the personal growth benefits that we enjoyed during our time at the Phi.

Χαίρε,

Reed Newman '16

VP, Alumni House Corporation Board

PRESERVING OUR BELOVED HOUSE

By Gregory Williamson '82, CPE, LEED AP

As a follow up to a series of emergency repairs in the last few years, we've undertaken a long-term proactive view and assessment to preserve the physical plant of 777 Stewart Ave., our beloved house.

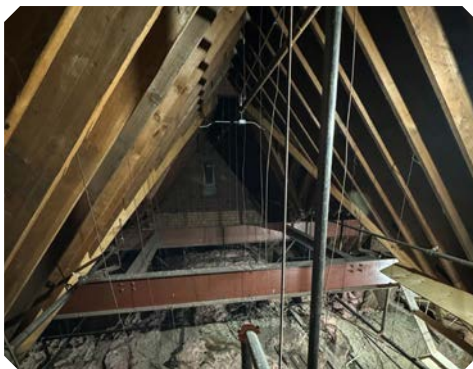
At a high level, we continue to preserve the exterior with the idea of effective investments that will last for 40 to 50 years. However, we've reached or will reach the end of useful life with some of our original infrastructure—plumbing, heating system piping—that must be smartly replaced. We need to ask ourselves what are the right solutions to address not only our programmatic needs but also our social and environmental needs (such as carbon reduction, warming trends, and energy efficiencies).

We have reached the capacity of our current electrical services in the house and need to upgrade our primary service, not only for code considerations, but also for simple capacity (the house has the same size service as many of your homes at 200A). With warming trends comes the need for air conditioning in the shoulder seasons and for any potential summer use, but we don't have the capacity in the current electrical system. Although detailed and specific, the following is a sample of the work under investigation.

Our hope is to continue to invest in essential work this summer with masonry repairs to chimneys, buttresses at the rotunda, and to begin planning and design work for other solutions noted below.

The following is a summary of observations and findings for review and further discussion for prioritization; the findings are the result of various contractors that have successfully performed work on the house and have provided some budgetary figures for exterior work; the mechanical recommendations come from an update to an original conditions and recommendations report that was prepared by Tetra Tech (with many recommendations for solving short term deficiencies and alignment with long term goals). Suggestions should be prioritized to inform a necessary investment

and phased capital program and the building committee is following up to prepare those recommendations and requests for funding along with a logical multi year plan for execution. As Reed Newman'16 has noted, a respectful approach to the long-term renewal of the physical plant should be aligned with our long-term vision. We are in the process of creating a master plan and master budget.



Top: attic dome. Bottom: gable.

Recommendations should be considered in the following categories with specific recommendations:

1. Preservation and improvements to the exterior envelope and grounds
2. Infrastructure repairs and improvements with a goal of renewal for the next 40 years (plumbing, electrical, HVAC, fire protection)
3. Program assessment and improvements—these should be understood for long-term goals prior to infrastructure improvements (kitchen, dining, rooms, public areas, bathrooms, etc.)
4. Finish improvements—recommendations for improvements should consider other investments in infrastructure that would disturb finishes before investing first dollars
5. Goat House improvements—preservation of the structure and renewal with code improvements to restore beneficial use

EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS:

1. Repointing of exterior buttresses: \$180,000 (CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)



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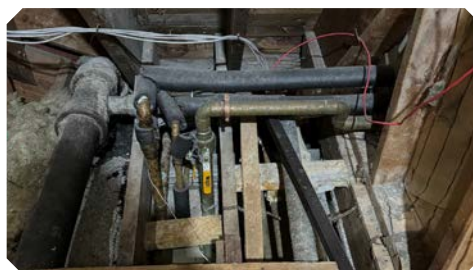
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2. Repointing and rebuilding of chimneys: \$60,000
3. Repointing of Tower parapet: TBD
4. Rebuilding/replacement of Tower decking, waterproofing, flashing: TBD
5. Review of library terrace bowed stone wall, reinforcement, and repointing: TBD (needs engineering review)
6. Repainting of window trim & fascia: TBD
7. Repaving of driveway—full depth replacement at areas of previous repair: \$30,000 (Should factor any work involved with excavation of tunnel repairs to Goat House)
8. Drainage repairs and cleaning of existing drainage: TBD
9. Additional parking repaving: TBD
10. Improvements to dumpster and grease waste areas: TBD
11. Improvements for access and grading to kitchen: TBD
12. Improvements to grease traps and sanitary waste exterior infrastructure: TBD

INFRASTRUCTURE: Review of primary systems for long-term and short-term solutions to central heating, cooling, and power; improvements need to consider overall improvements to the insulation to determine a long term solution.

1. Upgrade to electrical power service—high priority, overhead service upgrade, and upgrade to primary switchboard service (current system is grossly undersized for any further improvements or upgrades to existing interior power panel distribution; any mechanical infrastructure improvements will require a primary power upgrade): TBD
2. Evaluation of existing mechanical systems for efficiency upgrades, carbon footprint improvements, air conditioning,



Top: attic use. Bottom: ceiling.



Tower.

and replacement of aging piping from original steam system which was converted to forced hot water. TetraTech has documented a number of potential solutions to enhance central cooling capabilities with efficient upgrades to the primary heating/cooling systems for both residential and public spaces (these have different response load solutions),

3. Evaluation of kitchen plumbing systems
4. Evaluation of fire protection systems

PROGRAM: Valuation of residential programming; kitchen and dining program; public area program spaces; social spaces.

1. Upgrades to the mechanical infrastructure decisions will have implications to clean up the current kitchen space of overhead piping to inform programming.

FINISHES: renewal and upgrades to residential units, public areas; should not be executed without coordination of all disturbing installations for infrastructure to avoid wasting capital.

GOAT HOUSE: Improvements for beneficial use to be coordinated with initial preservation efforts to avoid further degradation.

1. Roof replacement—full copper replacement: \$190,000 (Needs to be coordinated with any additional structural framing supports for roof structure not included in this estimate.)
2. Masonry restoration exterior; limestone and exterior repairs: \$40,000
3. Interior repointing of brick backup (budget for two weeks of interior repointing): \$15,000
4. Exterior glazed tile replacement: TBD (So far, we have received quotes upward of \$70,000 to recreate glass tile panels.)
5. Access and tunnel code-compliant solution: TBD

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KITCHEN UPGRADES: \$15K INVESTMENT IN COMMERCIAL STOVE REPLACEMENT & FOOD-PREP STATION



6. Interior finish improvements—insulation and full seasonal use with restoration of original detailing millwork: TBD
7. Mechanical/infrastructure systems—would need to include mechanical upgrades for heating/cooling and ventilation, fire protection sprinkler protection, lighting, and support of mechanical systems: TBD

ADDITIONAL NOTES ON INVESTMENTS AND REPAIRS THAT HAVE BEEN EXECUTED SINCE OUR LAST BOARD MEETING:

- Stove, deli case, reach-in refrigerator, and dry goods shelving have been replaced: ~\$25,000
- Copper gutter repairs and replacement of downspouts
- Exterior lighting at kitchen entry:\$700
- Additional near-term needs include modifications to the grease hood over the stove and a booster heater for the dishwashing equipment (this may be problematic if we don't have sufficient electrical capacity to install; this is also a temporary upgrade to the dishwashing equipment which will also need replacement in the near future but should be reviewed in the context of a master plan for the kitchen that includes optimizing layout and replacement of drains): TBD



UPDATES FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

By Harrison Samuel Porges '25
FALL 2023 PRESIDENT

It was a privilege to lead Alpha Delt through another successful semester this fall. The experience and life lessons that I learned presiding over the Phi were truly invaluable and something I will never forget.

When I first arrived at Cornell and walked into Alpha Delt, I never imagined I'd find myself in this position, and I want to thank everyone who put their faith in me to maintain and build upon our standing on campus. I would also like to thank **Mauricio Fuhrman '25** for taking on the responsibility of Vice President, I cannot imagine serving as President without his unwavering moral compass and consistent support.

I am happy to report that despite the unscrupulous tactics displayed by other fraternities on campus, Alpha Delt is set to take yet another strong class of neophytes, who, without a doubt, will prove to be an excellent addition to Alpha Delt.

Additionally, I would like to thank **Howie Schaffer '90**, **Greg Williamson '82**, and the Alumni Corporation for their continued support



Alpha Delt's 152nd pledge class enjoying dinner in the commons.

and assistance in maintaining both the physical standing of 777 Stewart Avenue and the traditions that occur within these walls. As many of you know, a lot of work was done on the house this summer, including refinishing the entire first floor, and on behalf of the actives, we are extremely grateful for the continued involvement of Alumni.

From the onset, the goal of pledge class 153 was always to leave the place we all love better than when we arrived. I am proud to say that after recruiting a strong class last spring, I personally have never seen the house more alive and fuller, and by the time we graduate next spring, I strongly believe the house will only continue its upward trajectory. I can proudly say that every single brother of the house upholds the title of what it means to be a brother of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell. In the process of serving the Phi, the house has reciprocated tenfold, making each of us a better man today than when we arrived. To be chosen to lead the best group of men I have ever known fills me with unexplainable gratitude.

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By Ethan S. Hunt '24,
SPRING 2024 PRESIDENT

I hope this letter finds you well and in high spirits as we reflect on the successful semester we've had at our esteemed Cornell University Chapter. It is with great pride that I share with you the numerous accomplishments and triumphs we have achieved, despite the challenges faced by Greek life on our campus.

First and foremost, I want to commend our outstanding performance during the rush process. Our brotherhood came together in a remarkable display of unity and dedication, resulting in an exceptional group of 22 new members who embody the values and ideals of Alpha Delta Phi. The caliber of these young men is a testament to the strength and appeal of our society, and I am confident they will contribute significantly to our legacy in the coming years.

Furthermore, our new member education process has been executed flawlessly. We have taken great care to ensure that our newest brothers are properly guided and mentored as they navigate their way through the challenges of academic life and personal growth. The bonds forged during this time will undoubtedly last a lifetime, and I am thrilled to witness the positive impact our society has on the lives of these young men.

As you are well aware, Greek life at Cornell has faced its share of difficulties over the past semester. Several fraternities have faced suspension or eradication due to various infractions and missteps. However, I am proud to report that Alpha Delta Phi has remained unscathed throughout these trying times. This is a direct result of our unwavering commitment to upholding the highest standards of conduct, academic excellence, and one another. Our diligence and dedication to these core values have not gone unnoticed, and we have emerged as a shining example of what a society at Cornell should be.

As we look ahead to the future, I am filled with optimism and excitement. Our society is stronger than ever, and I have no doubt that we will continue to thrive and excel in all our endeavors. I encourage each and every one of you to remain dedicated to the principles that define Alpha Delta Phi, and to continue to support and uplift one another as brothers.

In conclusion, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering commitment to our society. It is an honor to serve as your president, and I am incredibly proud of all that we have accomplished together. Let us continue to strive for excellence, to lead by example, and to leave a lasting, positive impact on our campus and community.

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: ANISH BARDHAN '24

By William Cook Ritter '26

As the days get shorter, and the nights grow longer, we become increasingly aware of time's passing—the coming and going of seasons, years, and people. Perhaps now is the time to reflect on those seniors who are spending their last autumn in Ithaca, on their way to completing one last orbit before being cast out into space. Where they end up is anyone's guess.

Some have already made plans to travel far and wide, like **Anish Bardhan '23**, who plans to spend some time in London before, admittedly, returning to New York City.

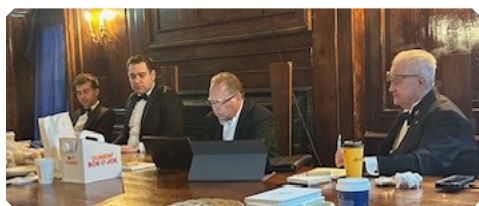


Former President Anish Bardhan '24 as a doe-eyed freshman

London's no Ithaca, but it's comforting to know he'll be within walking distance of Buckingham Palace after years of sporting his Burger King crown. His royalty might be faux, but it is true that he was once president of the Phi and is a damn good writer; his mastery of rhetoric is unmatched. Not every senior brother has scouted out a future destination, but their time at Cornell is sure to stand them in good stead wherever they might land. This is not the time to lament, after all they're not gone yet. In fact, the 152nd pledge class remains safely in the gravitational field of 777 Stewart Avenue, and with some luck, always will.

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2024 INITIATION



XATHAR UPDATE

With great power comes great responsibility, and with great responsibility comes inevitable liability. Thus, naturally, the highly respected title of Xathar, bears certain liability. This is how I, **Pepe Baselga Garriga '26**, experienced the house's underlying agency of accountability and ended up on the wrong end of what we in the house like to call "hein:".



Prank bedroom setup in the library.

As a NIB, the weekend comes with the promise of set-ups, clean-ups, and party shifts. On this weekend, we had a few ordinary events at the house, and all ran smoothly. It was brought up to me on Saturday night that a certain member of my PC had missed a clean-up and their shifts that night. I told my informant that I would deal with these transgressions appropriately. At the end of the night, I found myself in the comfort of a different bedroom and had forgotten my duty as Xathar.

The next morning, dizzy from the previous night, I opened the door in my room to see pure emptiness. Naturally the first thought in my mind was, "Where is my room?" I walked upstairs from the basement, where my room (Maids Quarters) is located, to see my room meticulously set in the library.



Will Ritter '26 at his first mixed-media gallery opening in October 2023.

CORRECTION: THOM SEAMAN '65 IS ALIVE AND WELL!!

By Thom Seaman '65, sculptor

Still kicking, old friends! How the hell are you?!? Unless I have a doppelganger out there who has kicked the bucket, the author who reported that I died is mistaken. I celebrated my 80th birthday on October 4.



Thom Seaman '65, sculptor

My lady Linda and I live in a small waterfront town by the name of Southport, North Carolina, a thriving community of 3,600 persons that is growing rapidly. Linda and I are celebrating 30 years, and our beautiful gallery "Artshak Studio and Gallery" is celebrating 18 years.

It is the best of all worlds...no boss, no commute, no snow!

As always, with great affection.

**We didn't realize
we were
making memories,
we just knew
we were having fun.**

A.A. Milne



Gideon Hyman '24, Sam Aberman '24, Matt Lewis Epstein '24 traveling abroad.

ABROAD BROTHERS' RECAP

By Alexander George Altirs '26

Recently, I had the opportunity to catch up with brothers **Samuel Cole Aberman '24**, **Gideon Paul Hyman '24**, and **Matthew Lewis Epstein '24** to hear about their spring semester abroad. They shared a blend of interesting experiences they had across the pond that were entertaining to hear.

They studied in Barcelona, which seemed absolutely beautiful. I heard all about the amazing food, fun activities, and great nightlife they found in Barcelona. Aside from Sam's dance explorations and Matt's art gallery visits, all three enjoyed taking culinary classes to learn about the international cuisine. Apparently, an attempt to recreate a traditional paella led to a slightly charred outcome, but the experience of trying to make it with each other was still worth it.

In Madrid, they decided to rent bicycles to explore the city, but navigating the busy streets appeared to be a challenge: Gideon mistakenly led them into a pedestrian-only zone, and they had a police officer running after them as they swerved through pedestrians.

I heard all about Rome's captivating history, but a highlight was their photo shoot at the Trevi Fountain. Matt was trying to take a cute and artsy picture but ended up falling into the fountain and was charged with the €500 fine, even though it wasn't on purpose. I was also impressed that Sam was able to keep in touch with Italian friends he met over four

years ago while he did a summer program at Penn. They took him to the most authentic Italian restaurant they could think of; when Sam arrived early, he couldn't even get a table because no one spoke English.

I also got to hear all about their rowdy trip to Dublin. It was Saint Patrick's Day weekend, which is the perfect time to visit Dublin. While they were in a different country, the bar was apparently packed full of people they all knew. Apparently, Saint Patrick's Day in Dublin is a very common idea among college students studying abroad.

While the crew was mostly traveling throughout Europe, they did make it to Marrakesh. Besides the market escapades, the group attended a traditional Moroccan tea ceremony. Gideon, eager to show his appreciation, mistakenly overfilled his cup, causing a minor, yet comical spillage, much to the amusement of their host. They were able to wrap their heads in traditional keffiyeh.

In conclusion, it seemed like Sam, Gideon, and Matt's semester abroad was filled with cultural immersion, unexpected adventures, and moments of sheer humor. Their stories completely sold me to take my own semester abroad and start thinking where I want to study. Their stories in Rome really enticed me, but Barcelona also seems to have amazing food, which may sway me in that direction.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR RECRUITMENT CHAIRS

By Jordan Ibe '26, Evan Masi '26, and Daniel Abbo '26

Following a successful Spring '23 recruitment, our actives are eager to welcome the next generation of Cornellians to our society. Spearheaded by our newest class of brothers, the Phi looks to replicate the size and quality of our previous pledge class during the Spring '24 rush cycle. Our current three rush chairs—each of them newly initiated brothers—have already begun laying out the blueprint for a bountiful rush. A combination of both sacred house traditions and new, innovative events will be critical as always; and with the guidance of previous recruitment chairs, the future of our society is undoubtedly in good hands.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR STEWARD

By Spencer Noah Rosenberg '26

We are absolutely delighted to introduce our newest chef, Deb Jacobs, into our kitchen and our Alpha Delt family. With an eclectic background, Deb brings a world of tastes to our kitchen, creating a mesmerizing fusion of flavors that will transport your palate to new horizons. Not only that, but she is an absolute sweetheart and a great addition to the Phi. Her dishes are a testament to her love for cooking, and she produces amazing food each day. From spicy, aromatic chicken dishes to rich, savory braised beef, Chef Deb's creations are a celebration of diversity and deliciousness, sure to ignite your taste buds and leave you craving for more. We are so lucky to have Chef Deb and cannot wait to see what she creates in the years to come.

A MESSAGE ON PHILANTHROPY

By Sam Aberman '24

Pickleball, considered “the fastest rising sport in the United States,” continues to be an unyielding fascination. The brothers of Alpha Delta Phi remain enthusiastic ambassadors of this trending game. Last fall, under the leadership of Philanthropy Chair **Henry Hurowitz '25**, we hosted our inaugural pickleball tournament that immediately became a hallmark event. The strong participation from fellow Greek life chapters was a testament to its success.

Beneficiaries from that event were the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV). This noteworthy organization is

dedicated to ending homelessness among veterans by offering resources and support to community-based groups aiding these veterans. NCHV diligently collaborates with various sectors to ensure that veterans have better access to housing, employment, and healthcare. They also emphasize the significance of public awareness and policy adjustments to address the underlying issues faced by homeless veterans.

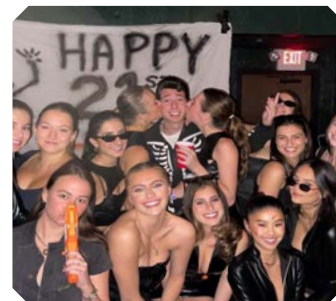
Given the overwhelming success of our fall tournament, spring witnessed another thrilling pickleball showdown. Passion and dedication echoed with each match, and the charitable funds collected were indicative

of our society's commitment. Proceeds were split, with half going to NCHV and the other half directed towards the Matthew Friedman Memorial Foundation for Brain Research, a tribute to the dearly missed Matthew Lawrence Friedman (Sigma Chi, class of 2027).

It's irrefutable that Brother Hurowitz has ushered in a lasting legacy in Alpha Delta Phi's philanthropic endeavors. The biannual pickleball tournaments now stand as eagerly awaited fixtures, not just within our society but across the broader Greek community. We look forward to continuing this tradition and making an impact for years to come.



Alpha Delt's 153rd pledge class dressed in protocol attire in the library.



Our lovely friends of the Phi wishing Brother Julian Kemper '24 a very happy birthday.



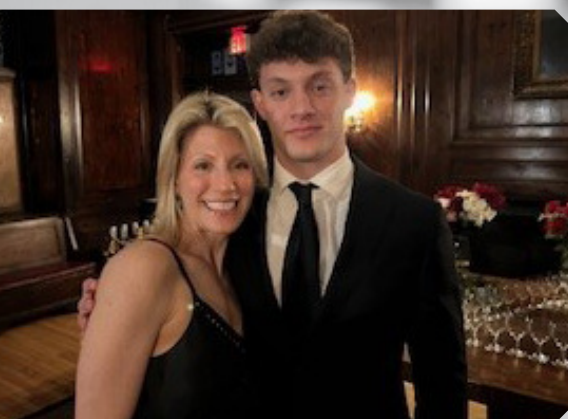
The 152nd pledge class enjoying time with friends,

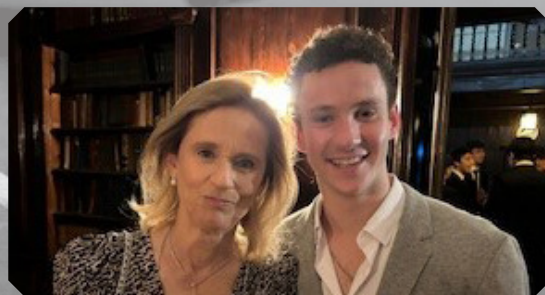


Members of the 154th pledge class competing in the annual derby race.

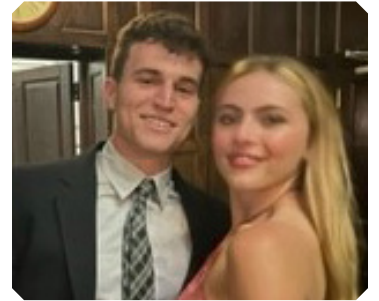


SERIOUS FUN AT VICTORY CLUB 2024





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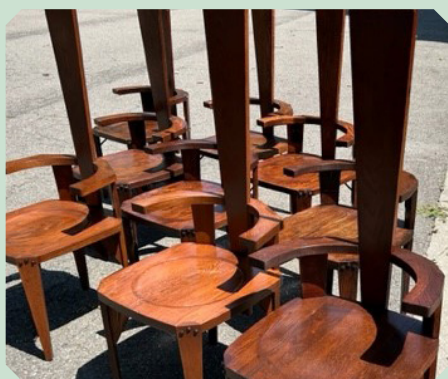
Broken from overuse.



Work in progress.



Beautiful reconstructed chairs.



Beautiful reconstructed chairs (angle view).

LOOKING BACK ON A WEALTH OF EXPERIENCES AND FRIENDS

By Samuel Cole Aberman '24, Literary Chair

It has been a true pleasure helping to put together this semester's edition of The Cornell Alpha Delt. As a senior, my time at the Phi is waning quickly, and as I reflect on these years, I'm overwhelmed with a mix of nostalgia and gratitude for the journey we've shared.

I'll remember the parties we threw, packing the great hall to the brim and sweating as we danced in the solarium. Each party buzzed with a special type of energy only the brotherhood could create. Those nights, filled with music and camaraderie, will stick with me forever. Yet, it wasn't all parties and revelry. Many of my fondest memories are the quieter ones—studying late into the night with a group of brothers, each of us pushing the other to excel.

Our protocol dinners, always an elegant affair, stand out as times when we got the opportunity to not only share meals but also tell the latest stories of our lives. Dressed in our best, we'd exchange jokes, stories, and occasionally, heated debates over various topics. These

dinners weren't just a tradition; they were a testament to our brotherhood's strength, respect, and diversity of thought. But what I'll cherish and miss most are the everyday moments spent at the lunch table, joking around, planning our next big adventure, or simply unwinding after a long day. It was in these daily interactions that lifelong friendships were forged. It's these unrepeatable moments that define my time at the Phi.

As I prepare to step into the next chapter of my life, I carry with me not just a degree but a wealth of experiences, lessons, and friendships that will last a lifetime. Thank you for being an integral part of this incredible journey.

INCOMING PLEDGE CLASS: ONE OF MOST DYNAMIC IN RECENT HISTORY

By Graham Hall '27

In the spring of 2024, our society welcomed an exceptional fall rush, introducing a class of 21 diverse and talented individuals. This group stands out as one of our most dynamic cohorts in recent memory, with each member bringing unique skills and interests to our brotherhood. Among this impressive class, each has demonstrated its upstanding citizenship representing the four pillars of the society.

Our society is also enhanced by individuals dedicated to shaping the future of work, business and architecture, demonstrating ambition and a forward-thinking approach. Moreover, we are proud to include members passionate about hospitality, who contribute their knowledge in customer service and management, adding significant value to our brotherhood.

The pledge class is strengthened by computer science majors and engineering talents, whose expertise in coding, problem-solving, and technology significantly advances our society's digital and technical initiatives. Additionally, we have economically minded members, whose insights into financial systems and global markets contribute to our community's intellectual diversity.

This remarkable group of young men has quickly shown themselves to be an unparalleled addition to our society. With their extraordinary ability to collaborate and lead initiatives, they have redefined engagement and camaraderie within our brotherhood. As a diverse and multifaceted group, each member adds significant value, enhancing the vibrant community we cherish at our society.



Halloween in the Great Hall.

MEET THE NEWEST ALPHA DELTS

MARCO SANTONI '28 is from La Romana, Dominican Republic, and attended Abraham Lincoln School. He is a first-year undergraduate student in the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning, and is on track to receive a bachelor's in architecture and minor in real estate in 2028. During his middle school and high school years, he spent all of his evenings, until sunset, out in the golf range practicing to reach and maintain his national golf titles. By the age of sixteen, he achieved a national junior champion title and was invited to several international tournaments in five different countries. Marco owes all his success to his youngest brother: the urge of guiding and creating a path for his younger brother provided him with utmost motivation. Similarly, what stood out to him in Alpha Delta Phi was this equal sense of care, loyalty and unity among the brothers—an atmosphere very similar to the one back home with his younger brother. The large variety of backgrounds, cultures and fields of academic interests within the house also stood out to him as he comes from a diverse background himself.

STAV AGAJAN '27 is from Long Island, New York, and attended The Wheatley School. He is a first-year undergraduate student in the College of Human Ecology, with plans to internally transfer to the Charles H. Dyson School of Business after the completion of his second semester. In high school, he devoted copious amounts of hours to extracurricular activities, especially sports. By his senior year, he was the captain of both the football and basketball team, and also a student representative on the student council. He says that the unique sense of brotherhood drew him to Alpha Delta Phi, as well as the secrecy that exists within the house, and its “work hard, play hard” mentality, which he believes is an “accurate reflection of himself.”

CEERUS LESAGE '27 is from Los Angeles, California, and attended Harvard Westlake School. He is a first-year undergraduate student who is currently studying economics in the College of Arts and Sciences and intends to pursue a career in finance following graduation. What has drawn him to Alpha Delta Phi? Ambitious brothers who possess many characteristics and attributes that he hopes to develop. Having been brought up in a multicultural household, he also appreciates the diversity of backgrounds, beliefs, and studies that exist within the house and hopes to benefit from being immersed in such a unique environment. Ceerous is a classically trained

pianist who is fulfilled by teaching others a passion of his he enjoys so dearly, and is an avid thrill seeker who hopes to one day wingsuit in the Swiss Alps and participate in a Nürburgring track day.

NICOLAS CORONA '26 is from New York, New York, and attended the United Nations International School. He is a sophomore transfer student from McGill University, now in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations, and is expected to graduate in 2026 with a bachelor's degree in industrial and labor relations. He has always had a strong passion for soccer and playing sports in general, and enjoys exploring different genres of music in his spare time. Nicolas is also a very family-oriented man who loves traveling and exploring the world with his loved ones whenever he is lucky enough to do so. “The Alpha Delta Phi chapter at Cornell University left a meaningful impression on me as I first started visiting the house and meeting the active members. The brothers’ bond with each other was stronger than any other I had seen and I have since wanted to be a part of this unique, driven, intelligent group of men,” Nicolas said.

ANDRES RUAH '27 is from Miami, Florida, and attended Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High. He is a first-year undergraduate studying computer science. He loves watching sports, playing water polo, and solving brain teasers. “The main reasons I’d love to join the house are the tight knit brotherhood, connections, and legacy. The brothers have an amazing relationship with each other and always support each other in their professional and recreational workspaces,” he said. “Also, being a part of something like this house that will hopefully persist for many years and impact future generations excites me.”

SALOMON BENDRAO '27 is from Miami, Florida, and attended Pine Crest School. He is a first-year undergraduate student in the College of Engineering currently studying operations research and information engineering. He says that the brothers of Alpha Delta Phi all embody the characteristics of loyalty, respect and brotherhood, and he has always wanted to be part of this group of intelligent, hard-working men—part of something bigger than himself. In his off time, Salomon is most likely training at the gym, playing soccer, or mixing music.

NATHANIEL WHITTINGTON '27 is from Honolulu, Hawaii, and attended Punahou School. He is a first-year undergraduate student studying hotel administration in the Peter and Stephanie Nolan School of Hotel Administration. His favorite genre of music is rock, though through which he enjoys a large variety of subgenres. He is fascinated by the house’s culture, community, and current pledge class of 155, which consists of his closest friends at Cornell. Additionally, the secret and confidential nature of the house appeals to his interest of the overall demeanor of the current house. He is passionate, spontaneous, and genuine in all of his many hobbies and talents such as playing electric and acoustic guitars, surfing, and golfing.

ADIN RUSH '27 is from Santa Monica, California and attended the Windward School. He is a first year undergraduate studying public policy in the Jeb E. Brooks School of Public Policy. Adin is the older brother of two younger siblings and credits his family and their legacy as being a large part of his identity today. Having already found a strong group of men in his year and those above in the house, he was drawn to the founding of the Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell and where it stands today through a built-in legacy of 155 pledge classes. He is grateful to have the opportunity to get closer with his pledge class and other brothers through learning more about the intimate history of the house. Adin also enjoys golfing, surfing, and thrifting in his free time and hopes to engage in these passions with his future brothers.

PAUL KURGAN '27 is from Santa Monica, California, and attended the Harvard-Westlake School. He is studying government at the Arts and Science College. He loves playing tennis, has a Cavalier King Charles spaniel, and his favorite show is “Curb your Enthusiasm,” which he watches with his father. He is the older brother to one and comes from a diverse family background. His mom is from Russia and his dad’s family fled the Holocaust from Poland and Lithuania to South Africa. He is drawn to the house mainly because of friendship. “Sharing life with others makes life more enjoyable. When you share life with the right people, it can truly be a blessing. The men of Alpha Delta Phi are some of the best men I have met,” he said.

DANIEL BERGMAN '27 is from New York, New York, and attended the Packer Collegiate Institute. He is an undergraduate in his first year at the College of Arts and Sciences, and

as of now, he plans to major in government, hoping to one day attend law school. Daniel, known by most as Danny, is the older sibling of one brother. Both of them have been fortunate enough to grow up within an incredible family that has supported them their entire lives. What drew him to Alpha Delta Phi was originally the connection he was able to build with the brothers since the beginning of the year, but throughout that time, he has begun to understand the significance of being a part of something much larger than himself and is drawn to the traditions and history of the house.

JOHN SMITH '27 is from Los Angeles, California, and received his high school diploma from the Sierra Canyon School. He is an undergraduate hotel administration major in the Peter and Stephanie Nolan School of Hotel Administration. He hopes to pursue a career in real estate after college, and presently devotes himself to professional development and the study of business. He is a fluent French speaker, attending multiple bilingual schools from the ages of six to twelve. His fraternal twin brother, Storm Smith, is also a freshman at the Hotel School this year. John, a history enthusiast, was drawn to the sense of tradition and legacy that infuses life at Alpha Delta Phi.

ZAC KIMMELMAN '27 is from New York, New York, and attended Poly Prep Country Day School. He is a first-year undergraduate student enrolled in the SC. Johnson College of Business, Peter and Stephenie Nolan School of Hotel Administration, and is on track to receiving a bachelor's in hotel administration in 2027. He intends to concentrate in finance and minor in real estate. "Alpha Delta Phi immediately stood out to me because of the close-knit brotherhood among the active members and its rich history." Zac said, "When I was in high school, I was the captain of the tennis team and student leader of peer tutoring." He also said he is a "wide receiver for the Cornell Sprint Football team, donor relations manager for HEC 99, and a member of the Cornell Real Estate and Investment Trust Club (CREDIT)."

EVAN DRAGA '27 is from Amherst, Ohio, and attended Marion L. Steele High School. He is a first-year undergraduate in the College Arts and Sciences studying government, and is on track to receive a bachelor's degree in government in 2027. He enjoys hiking, cooking, and music. Evan values the rich history and traditions of Alpha Delta Phi. "When I first entered the house and met many of its

members, I could tell that the society is much deeper than a social experience." Evan is grateful to have this opportunity with the young men in the house and his pledge class.

TYLER GRAY '27 is from Long Island, New York, and attended Cold Spring Harbor High School. He is a first-year undergraduate student in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations, majoring in industrial and labor relations. Tyler was immediately drawn to Alpha Delta Phi because he values the opportunity to build lifelong bonds and connections, and the strong sense of brotherhood was palpable to him ever since setting foot inside the house. As the youngest of three, Tyler attributes most of his personal character and growth to his siblings, and he hopes to find similar tight-knit relationships as a brother of the house. In high school, Tyler was deeply involved in a variety of disciplines as president of student government, president of model United Nations, and a member of the varsity tennis team.

JACOB LIBERMAN '27 is from Miami, Florida, and attended Pine Crest School prior to Cornell University. He is a first-year undergraduate in the Peter and Stephanie Nolan School of Hotel Administration, with intended minors in real estate and operations research and engineering. Jacob was a strong leader in his community during high school, being the head of the Maccabi Tzair Movement in his hometown. Having experience as a leader and raised in an emphasized atmosphere of tight-knit family culture, he sought the same sense of community at Cornell. Ever since he met the current brothers of Alpha Delta Phi, he "discovered a group of individuals with high aspirations and of even higher quality, stressing the importance of brotherhood and family." He believes that the strong bonds made through Alpha Delta Phi will fulfill his search for a community, creating life-long friends and memories. He hopes to share his love of travel, eating, weightlifting, and athletics with the alumni, active brothers, and his pledge class of Alpha Delta Phi.

ZACHARY CORNELL '26 is from Armonk, New York. He attended Rye Country Day School and is a sophomore transfer student from the University of Miami. He is currently a communications major in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; however, he is in the process of changing his major to interdisciplinary studies with a focus in real estate, business, and entrepreneurship. Zac strongly believes in supporting and looking

out for his community and recognizes that Alpha Delta Phi is a society that genuinely shares these same values of brotherhood and sacrifice. In addition, he believes the academic and business-driven mindset of the chapter's current members will push him to become a better version of himself and reach his fullest potential. Zac has strong passions for sports, traveling, and raising awareness around mental health. He welcomes exposure to a culturally diverse environment to learn a variety of backgrounds and traditions. The heartfelt connections he made with the active members during the first semester drew him to Alpha Delta Phi.

NATHANIEL ABRAMS '27 is from New York, New York, and attended the Ethical Culture Fieldston School. He is a first-year undergraduate in the College of Arts and Sciences majoring in economics and intends to have minors in business, real estate, and history of art. After college, he intends to pursue a career in finance or real estate. "Alpha Delta Phi stood out to me because the members have deep connections with one another, creating a brotherhood that will last a lifetime." Nathaniel said, "Back in high school, I was the captain of my school's varsity soccer team, and outside of school I spent most of my time practicing and playing for my nationally ranked club soccer team. When I am not playing soccer, I love to hang out with friends, visit art museums, and listen to music."

RYAN HALE is from New York City, New York, where he attended the Dalton School. He is on the premed track studying Biological Sciences with a concentration in General Biology in the College of Agriculture of Life Sciences. He most dearly values his family and friends, and he hails from a family of five with an older brother and younger sister. He also loves producing and listening to music of various genres. Another key interest of his is sports, and he was captain and all league for his high school's football, basketball, and lacrosse teams. All his life, he has been a large proponent of the phrase "work hard, play hard." In Alpha Delta Phi, he sees a diverse group of people with diverse interests and life plans, but who also love to have serious fun with each other. He considers learning from, receiving support from, and giving to a brotherhood like Alpha Delta Phi, which perpetuates morals he holds dearly to himself, to be a blessed opportunity.



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ACEF ACADEMIC PRIZES, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FINANCIAL AID FOR UNDERGRADUATES

THEODORE H. BOOTH '25 AND JAMES T. LEWIS '27 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS.

These awards are worth up to \$500 each and are available on a semesterly basis to Alpha Delt undergrads meeting the following qualifications (per semester):

- Residence at the Alpha Delt Chapter House
- Enrollment in at least 13 credit hours of classes
- Dean's List placement (official transcript required)
- Good standing and citizenship in both the Alpha Delt and Cornell communities (attested to in writing by an Alpha Delt officer)
- Accounts currency on all housing, chapter fees, and assessments

MARTIN MCVOY JR. SCHOLARSHIPS— AWARDED ANNUALLY

- Up to \$75,000 in financial aid grants through Cornell
- \$7,000–\$15,000 in loan reduction and work-study aid
- Awarded to qualifying Alpha Delts demonstrating financial need

STUDENT LOAN REDUCTIONS

- \$1,000–\$5,000 in student loan forgiveness
- Awarded to qualifying Alpha Delt seniors during their final undergraduate semester
- Application and release of financial aid information required

INTERNSHIP SUPPORT

- \$1,000–\$2,500 matching stipend
- Awarded to undergraduates interning in public service positions or conducting qualified, non-credit research projects with faculty oversight
- Application and presentation of proposed internship required

CORNELL TRADITION FELLOWSHIP (MATCHING FUNDS)

- The ACEF provides matching funds-based or financial need to the Alpha Delt undergrads who win Cornell Tradition Fellowship

LT. R. BRUCE HART '84 ACADEMIC AWARD

- Up to \$500 prize
- Awarded to the newly-initiated Alpha Delt with the highest grade point average during the second semester of his freshman year

ALPHA DELTA PHI INTERNATIONAL LITERARY COMPETITION (MATCHING GRANTS AND AWARDS)

- \$50–\$1,000 prizes
- Awarded to Alpha Delts winning awards in the Alpha Delta Phi International Literary Competition

RHODES SCHOLAR GRANTS

- \$10,000 matching grant to any Alpha Delt winning a Rhodes Scholarship

CORNELL WRITING PROGRAM PRIZES

- Awarded by Cornell, sponsored by the ACEF

Application information can be found
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ACEF RESURRECTS ΑΔΦ TEAMBUILDING AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

In coordination with Cornell Outdoor Education (COE), we are reviving the Teambuilding and Leadership Program for Alpha Delt actives. The Program uses teambuilding activities and outdoor challenges (including, inter alia, ropes courses and backpacking excursions) to help actives discover their strengths and weaknesses in a context of self- and group-reliance. It encourages them to become better people and better brothers with a better sense of what it means to be an Alpha Delt.

ACEF is engaging the COE's Leadership and Teambuilding team for a 3-year commitment to restart and rebuild the program. The annual cost is expected to be \$9,000-\$16,000. It will involve three tiers (sophomore, junior, and senior years) of increasing complexity allowing brothers who have completed earlier portions to mentor those who haven't. Our hope is that a multi-year structure will strengthen the program itself while providing brothers from multiple pledge classes the benefits and institutionalize the program (allowing them to discover and define what it means to be an Alpha Delt). More information about this program is forthcoming.

ACEF FUNDS CHAPTER HOUSE'S WIRELESS INTERNET SERVICES

In April, ACEF funded wireless internet access services and hardware costs for the Alpha Delt Chapter House. Nearly \$10,000 has been disbursed for expenses from March 2023 (when the actives first requested ACEF funding) through March 2024. We are committed to funding wireless internet access as part of our educational mission, which includes helping finance expenses related to actives' literary and academic projects.

ALPHA DELTS WIN \$24,000 IN ACEF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Since Fall 2022, the ACEF has given Alpha Delt undergrads \$24,000 in Academic Achievement Awards (covering Fall 2021 to Fall 2023). Academic Achievement Awards (worth up to \$500 per semester) go to Alpha Delt undergrads who make Dean's List, live in the Chapter House during the relevant period, and remain in good standing with the House. (Please see page 16 for a listing of all requirements.) We are delighted so many undergrads have won them!

WHO WE ARE

The ACEF is a non-profit organization offering academic awards and scholarships to Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell actives and other Cornell University students. We exist to encourage and reward academic excellence and good citizenship in the House and on the Hill.

Over the last 25 years, the ACEF has provided over \$250,000 in awards, support, and financial aid to Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell and Alpha Delt undergrads. This includes over \$122,000 awarded to Alpha Delt undergrads for academic excellence.

Besides the projects and awards mentioned above, ACEF has provided Alpha Delt undergrads \$162,995 for various scholarships and other projects over the last 25 years, including:

- \$41,667 for a Leadership/Teambuilding Program
- \$25,050 in scholarship and financial aid (through Cornell University)
- \$17,967 for wireless internet nodes and wiring
- \$17,483 for the Alpha Delta Phi archive
- \$14,402 for Alpha Delta Phi newsletters and communications
- \$3,319 for House-Hill functions (speakers and receptions)

McVOY TRUST FINANCIAL AID

The ACEF also advises Cornell regarding McVoy Trust investments and financial aid distributions. Since its inception, the McVoy Trust has provided over \$200,000 to Alpha Delt undergraduate and graduate/professional school students to directly reduce tuition, loan, and/or work-study obligations not covered by Cornell's financial aid program.



Alpha Delt newly initiated brothers and several officers joined the ACEF Trustee's to discuss and commit to the Teambuilding and Leadership Program.

RENEWING BROTHERLY BONDS AROUND THE GLOBE



Dan McFadden '90, Howie Schaffer '90, Denton Chase '92 in Mystic, CT.



Brothers gather in San Francisco at Levi's Stadium for a football game: (L-R) Ravi Mohan '89, John Mao '91, and Marc Axelbaum '93.



Fall 2023 San Francisco Alumni Reception: (L-R) Marc Axelbaum '93, Chris Hartung '90, Damian Manolis '93, Greg Wong '92.



AΔΦ Boston: (L-R) Marc Zawel '04, Tom Reilly '07, Tobin Sullivan '07, Sebastian Collela '05, Sven Karlsson '07.

E.B. WHITE'S ENVY

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White, famously, also co-authored *The Elements of Style* with William Strunk, Jr., a guide to writing the English language with elegance and clarity; although still in print, it is bought but its lessons are not put to practice. White, finally, was a contributing editor of *The New Yorker* magazine, a storied publication that is now unrecognizable.

Forget the children's books and ignore his writing advice, let's move on to *The New Yorker* magazine, a reminder of the world that once was, but no longer is.

Brother Tran handed me a photocopy of an article E.B. White wrote for *The New Yorker*.

In it White describes going for walks throughout the campus to clear his mind, reflect, get fresh air, and enjoy watching the sun set over the horizon beyond Cayuga Lake. He confesses his bewilderment at the sight of "The Tomb," his name for the Gote Haus, which he often encountered on his walks throughout the West Campus and around which he walked in circles.

This was the first time I had heard anyone refer to the Goat House as "The Tomb." I subsequently learned that it was, in fact, known as "The Tomb" throughout the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s. Brother Tran and I were taken by the realization that our Goat House captivated one of the most celebrated literary minds of his generation.

"Ask him to visit and speak to us," Brother Tran suggested. "We might make him an honorary Brother and let him inside."

It was an idea for the brotherhood to consider and deliberate. Brother **James Keane '81**, president at the time, was noncommittal.

Now, recall that this was a time when we wanted to have Alison Lurie come and talk about her tawdry novel, *The War Between the Tates*. Everyone knew she based her tale of marital woe on her friends' failed marriage, the lack of decorum and her lapse in judgment being the only interest we had in her. Who could resist someone on the verge of impropriety? We sought out Alfred Kahn to discuss his feelings about how his great idea of deregulating the airline industry led to chaos in the trucking, telecommunications, and electric power industries as well. (Kahn had served as chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board under Jimmy Carter.) How did a liberal Democrat feel about having set the stage for Reagan in the US and Thatcher in the UK? (Kahn told me he didn't want to talk about any of it and he regretted that, "when I die, my obituary will call me the Deregulation Czar — and say nothing about my love of trains." This was reference to his groundbreaking argument in his essay, *The Tyranny of Small Decisions*. In it, he explained how small, rational decisions individuals make lead to the unintended consequence of inferior societal outcomes.)

We lost a visit from Gloria Steinem to Chi Psi—"a family of gentlemen" with

ungentlemanly behavior—not that I'm not holding a grudge or nursing disgruntlement decades later. And, of course, the most elusive catch of all remained elusive: Carl Sagan. Between *Cosmos*, the book, published in 1980; the PBS television mini-series, *Cosmos: A Personal Voyage*; and his annoying bromance with Johnny Carson, host of *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson*, it was impossible to get a hold of Sagan unless one walked over to his house down the road along Stewart Avenue and rang the doorbell.

At that time, there were two brothers of Vietnamese descent at the house, **Hoa Tran '82** and **Khoi Nguyen '84**. Each man's family blamed the other for the fall of Saigon. Brother Tran had been raised in Greenwich, Connecticut and adopted the preppy style extraordinaire. It was hard to find anyone else that embraced the clothing, mannerisms, etiquette, and speech of the "preparatory" subculture better than he did. "Paul Stuart is the most risqué I will allow," he once told me after I showed up for dinner one day in a cable knit sweater from that outfitter. Brother Nguyen, on the other hand, had spent years in Paris before his family relocated to Virginia. (Details were murky, but it was clear France no longer wanted to host his family.) He rolled his eyes when he saw me in a Charvet blazer I had owned for years. "That's how many U.N. resolutions ago?" he asked, referring to some ceasefire resolution or other from two years back. I hadn't realized brass buttons came and went out of style.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Phi Delta Theta Fraternity House, Cornell University, Ithaca NY, William McLeish Dunbar, Architect

(EXCERPTED FROM *THE ARCHITECTURAL RECORD*, SEPTEMBER 1922, PAGE 183)

At Cornell University, with its eighty-two fraternities and associations, the building of fraternity and club-houses has long been a question to occupy the attention of University authorities as well as of students and alumni. A recent bequest by a distinguished alumnus to provide "such thing or things as may conduce to make Cornell a more human place," which is about to take the form of a university union, has been thought by certain individuals to reflect upon the social system as affected by fraternity domination. This, however, has been most vehemently denied, and it has been pointed out that the donor was a devoted member of a well-established fraternity whose loyalty and constant helpfulness to the university are beyond question. Whatever may be the individual opinion as to the desirability of the degree of fraternity strength attained at Cornell, the practical problem of adequately housing the student body has been largely assumed and if not solved in its entirety by the fraternities, at least so minimized as to make the tardy development of university dormitories possible.

The beautiful surroundings and the availability of sites of considerable area, as well as other considerations, have encouraged the erection of fraternity houses of dignity and permanence and at times of real architectural merit. While the Cornell chapters of the various fraternities perhaps may be justly accused of competitive building, this has not led to extravagance; the houses as a rule represent a mode of living most rational, and in detail particularly they are quite simple as compared with student quarters at English universities and with many dormitories in this country.

The tendency in recent years has been to transfer the fraternity center to the north of the campus rather than to build on the campus or in the region south and west, between the campus and the town, as in previous cases.

Albert C. Phelps

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Diversity, it must be celebrated as a consolation for having to endure it. Now, back to E.B. White...

This was also a time when, to contact an author, one had to write a letter and send it to his or her publisher. A staff member would forward it. If the recipient cared to reply, he or she would do so. Otherwise, one might wait forever for a letter that would never come.

E.B. White answered.

The written correspondence with him, however, proved frustrating. There was a letter about this, then a postcard about that. I noticed there was something off in some of his statements, but I dismissed it as a personality quirk; he had more than justification in cultivating eccentricity if he so wished. It was a peculiar epistolary exchange. (It surprised me he ignored his own advice in *The Elements of Style*, but perhaps literary license was his prerogative.)

When I expressed my misgivings, Brother Tran reminded me: Who are we kidding? We are college kids. Our professors see us and conclude that some of us have promise, others not so much. Regardless, our promise will be fulfilled years into the future; at present we are interruptions in their trains of thought. "Talk to your fraternity and their dates on Wednesday evening?" a professor might ask. Things left unsaid: "As an act of kindness, I will attend your Date Night."

In the wake of the delays in letters going

back and forth, Brother Tran suggested I get a speaker on Central America. (Not a surprise: Vietnam, having fallen to communists, there was the concern that a wave of revolutions would bring down Central America, dominoes collapsing one after the other.) And, fortuitously, Cornell had two renowned voices to speak on the matter, one a government professor and, another, a historian.

Eldon Kenworthy, the government professor, had made a name for himself writing opinion pieces for the New York Times. From "Troubled Nicaragua," February 18, 1982, to "Seeing Central America Without Blinders," January 17, 1985, and others in between, he spoke with authority. Tall, lanky, and bearded, he was an amenable fellow. (Had he and Mick Fleetwood been separated at birth?) He always reminded me to "eat lower on the food chain" whenever he saw me, making the ridiculous statement that "tofu is better than turkey" on Thanksgiving. (I never had the heart to tell him I knew how to butterfly lamb shoulder, but I did send him my recipe for roast Long Island duck with Cabernet-cherry sauce one Christmas.)

The other, Walter LaFeber, had an aura of gravitas that was palpable. He looked like he had been sent over from Central Casting: Sean Connery as an Ivy League history professor. A proponent of the Wisconsin School that maintains that the principal factors in the drive to establish an American empire in the 19th

century were economic in nature, specifically the desire to expand export markets abroad, he was a historian of acclaim. In fact, he and his colleagues had upended the argument that national security, democratic idealism, and morality defined American foreign policy a century and a half ago. American success, these revisionist historians argued, was predicated on mercantilist Machiavellian acumen. Then, in 1984, there was much buzz—however much there can be for the publication of an academic book—about his forthcoming analysis and insights: *Inevitable Revolutions: The United States in Central America*.

In the end, LaFeber agreed to speak to us; Kenworthy was occupied saving something. Was it the whales or was it the snails?

Yet, suffering like a suffragette where E.B. White was concerned, I persisted ... And then, a final letter arrived.

He expressed gratitude for the invitation, yes. He explained that under different circumstances, it would have been a delight, of course. He had relocated to Brooklin, Maine, indeed. Circumstances, however, made it impossible for him to accept, alas.

No one knew it at the time, but E.B. White was suffering from Alzheimer's. No one knew he would die within a year.

Yet, he was prescient about mortality. The denouement in his letter was succinct: "The only tomb I plan to enter is my own."

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ADVENTURES WITH THE CLASS OF '59



Left to right: (top row) Charles Stanley Lomax, Rickard Hemenway Dyer, Jr., Calvin D. Carr, William Bruce Dring, Robert Irving Dodge III, and Robert Groot McClellan Jr.; (bottom row) David Henry Vrooman Jr., Robert Edward Nelson, Thomas George Erickson, Thomas Sherwood Martin, Daniel Waldron Hall, and Hans “Chico” Lawaetz.

By Hans Lawaetz '59

After graduation, some of the society brothers in the class of '59 returned to Cornell for the quinquennial reunions. But in 1994, our 35th anniversary, Penny and Bob Nelson invited us to spend the reunion at their well-known bed and breakfast, the Bee and Thistle Inn, in Old Lyme, Connecticut, attended by nine society brothers and seven spouses.

Penny told me the following information about the Bee and Thistle Inn: It “was voted by the readers of Connecticut Magazine as the number one restaurant in the state for food, ambiance, and service the last forty years we owned it. The London Financial Times called it ‘The quintessential American Country Inn.’ We benefited from a lot of free publicity.”

Bob worked in the kitchen at the house for his meals, as I did at ΣAE, and Penny remembers “doing dishes with Bob downstairs in the house on big weekends with Chef Green. A bunch of you brothers would yell in the window to see if we were done yet (time to party). I had a pretty dress on and horrible green water up to my elbows with the dirty dishes from all the couples having dinner in the large dining room, with a beautiful view down the valley.”

“I knew all the words to the Alpha Delt songs and loved hearing the brothers sing together. This singing continued on all our trips. The ‘Evening Song’ is what brought Bob back from his stroke. I climbed up on his bed

that was surrounded by doctors on their morning rounds who were trying to get him to make a sound—any sound. I asked if they minded if I tried. I said, ‘Bob, we are going to sing Cornell’s Evening Song and you have to help me.’ His face lit up and we serenaded the doctors, Bob humming and me knowing the words. I will never forget that connection. It meant that I would have him for a while longer.”

We had a great time at the Bee and Thistle, visiting the bay and traveling with Penny to visit a therapeutic riding center, where she volunteered to work with horses and individuals with special needs. Bob and Penny were also very involved in raising over \$1.5 million each year for the center.

Penny had the large Alpha Delts '59 banner made and carried it to each of our reunions. “And it is alive and well,” she wrote. “And I have it.” We love you, Penny.

While there, I suggested we have the next reunion at my home on St. Croix.

1995, St. Croix: The group stayed at the St. Croix by the Sea Hotel, which got damaged later that year by Hurricane Luis and has not reopened since. We had a great sailing trip to Buck Island, a small island off the coast, three miles from the town of Christiansted, where we started. We had a very nice dinner at Judy’s and my home, after which we sat around our seating area and sang many Alpha Delt and Cornell songs, led by Tom Martin, Stan Lomax, and Dan Hall.

In 1997, we were hosted by Jan and Bill Dring in Chicago, where we went biking along the shore of Lake Michigan and visited them in their Frank Lloyd Wright home. We enjoyed some fine dining in the big and charming city of Chicago. I found a picture of twelve of us while in Chicago standing next to a headless mannequin with a jacket on, taking the place of our only missing brother, Whitey Zamelis.

Now only six of us. “Whitey” Zamelis passed away in 1972, Bob Dodge in 2008, Dave Vrooman in 2013, Tom Erickson in 2017, Bob McClellan in 2019, Bob Nelson in 2019, and Cal Carr in 2022.

After graduation, Bob Dodge served two years in the navy as an ROTC officer. He was hired by HUD and rose to a senior position. Later he joined a program charged by Vice President Al Gore to “reinvent government.” Eventually he served as a consultant to the governments of China, Indonesia, and Suriname. He also wrote a book, *Rewire America*. As Bill recalls after reading it, “The book proposed some major changes to some of our government institutions and was based loosely on his naval experience.” The book is available on Amazon.

In May of 2000, we went on a boat trip down the France’s Yonne River on the Nivernais Canal. It was arranged by Jan, who was a travel agent, with help from Bill and Tom. We

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started in Heppenheim, Germany, where we were hosted by Tom and Margret.

Tom was a ROTC Army man, with many experiences while in the Army. As he recalls, "When the Berlin Wall was being built in August 1961, the Pentagon needed more military personnel in Europe. They asked me to extend my obligation to more than my required two years and said I could go to an assignment of choice. I asked to be assigned to Germany! That was certainly a winning situation At Tom & Margret's home in Heppenheim. for the Pentagon and, as it turned out, for me as well. My first assignment was to Wuerzburg. There in a bar/restaurant named Martinsklause, frequented by Germans and Americans, a young student insulted me. He said, I believe in English, 'This would be a nice place if there were no Americans.' I thought a bit and replied, 'If you Germans would do your part with NATO, all my American fellow soldiers and I would gladly leave in 36 hours.' One thing led to another, and eventually we became friends and drank lots of beer together, starting that evening. A few months later I met his younger sister named Margret, and you know how that ended up. We have now been married for 56 years. Her brother, Detlef, attended the wedding in Tranquility, New Jersey, in 1966, as well as Bob and Penny."

"Immediately after our marriage, I deployed to Vietnam for my first tour 1966-1967. After an ROTC assignment to Rensselaer Polytech University in Troy, New York, I again was deployed to Vietnam in 1970-1971. I was scheduled to become the operations officer for the Signal Battalion in Nha Trang but discovered when I arrived that the unit had been disbanded because of rampant drug problems. Such was the Army in those days. At the end of a three-and-a-half-year assignment in Hollywood with the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service, I made one of my best decisions. I turned down an assignment as the chief signal advisor to the Iranian Army. The chap that took my assignment left all his worldly belongings in the commissary parking lot when



the Shaw of Iran was kicked out. Instead, I arranged an assignment to Germany."

"When I was getting ready to relocate from Germany in 1981, I discovered that both Margret and our daughter, Anna, were not impressed with Fort Gordon, Georgia, Fort Huachuca, Arizona, or Washington, DC, the three most likely assignment locations. I decided to take an early retirement from the army and worked another 28 years as an independent contractor in various locations in Europe," Tom wrote.

While I was officiating at the '78 West Berlin World Swimming Championships, Mr. Gerhard Hoecke, a member of our World Swimming Technical Committee from East Germany, took us on a tour through the Berlin Wall to the east side, to where the Potsdam Agreement, concerning the military occupation and reconstruction of Germany, was signed in August, 1945, by President Truman, Stalin of the USSR, and Prime Minister Attlee of England. The wall did not come down until November of 1989.

On the first day of our reunion visit in Heppenheim, we had dinner at a local restaurant, with an extemporaneous talk by Dr. Karl-Otto Lens, who was a Cornell Law School grad, and, at the time, a member of the European Supreme Court. The next day we took a tour of the Jugendstil Artists' colony in Darmstadt. We then traveled to the French town of Auxerre to start our four-day, 128-mile boat trip south, heading for Switzerland.

Eighteen of us (10 society brothers and eight spouses) rented four motorboats with sleeping quarters, traveling during the day through locks in the canal. We would then tie up in a small town to spend the night after visiting the town and finding a typical restaurant for dinner.

Jan had us all divided by boat with different color T-shirts. Judy and I were with Bob and Penny on the purple team. Since our trip, conflicting stories have been told about who fell overboard and who was stealing ice for their gin and tonics, but now after reviewing who was on the blue team, we know the stories started with Dan and Ann and their boat partners, Tom and Margret, with their beautiful, all-white dog Lumi.

The red team of six was Sally and Dave Vrooman, Stan Lomax, Bob Dodge, and Marriane and Hank Hubbard, both class of '58.

The lead team in brown with a large flag flying on the flag pole on the boat, stating this was "Admiral Dring's Alpha Delta Phi team from Cornell," consisted of Bill, Jan, Cal, and Ginger.

After the Nivernais Canal trip, our last dinner was at the Chateau de Messey Winery near Ozenay, France. From there, Judy and I traveled to Geneva, Switzerland, where we stayed with Renee and Nicolas Wildhaber, my friends from 1976. We served together with ten other international members on the FINA Technical Swimming Committee for eight years.

Although Judy had been ill for the past few months and had lost weight, she was determined to travel with me on this trip. From Geneva, I traveled to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to attend, as president of the Virgin Islands

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Olympic Committee (VIOC), the Joint General Assembly of the IOC and National Olympic Committees Association (ANOC) during May 27 to 30. Judy went on to Richmond, Virginia, to stay with our daughter Amy until I returned to St. Croix. Judy passed away at home, in my arms, on January 30, 2001, after our 39 years of loving marriage raising our two beautiful daughters.

Judy and I met and got married while I was in the Air Force stationed at the Ramey Air Force Base in Puerto Rico, where she was a teacher at the base, and a graduate of Principia College. I had been a member of the Air Force ROTC program for four years and served as the Wing Commander in my final semester. After my five-year commitment, and our first child Amy was born, we decided to leave the Air Force in 1964 and live on St. Croix.

In 2002, we were hosted by Dan and Ann at their home in the town of Andover, Massachusetts. They had moved there from Connecticut, where they met as reporters. Dan had served in the navy for two years after NROTC at Cornell. He was assigned to a radar picket ship and was gunnery and communications officer during the Cuban Missile Crisis. While patrolling the Florida Straits, the crew took aboard several Cuban refugees but didn't sight any Russian planes—or missiles. Dan and Ann married in 1970 and have two sons. Chris, the older, is in a modern country band that's popular in eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Jonathan, now divorced, has joint custody of his young daughter, Abby, and is a proposals writer.

Most of us stayed at the Parker House Hotel in Boston. One evening we had dinner at the Union Oyster House restaurant and were joined by some of the '58 Alpha Deltas, for a total of seventeen brothers and thirteen spouses. After dinner some of the group went to a Boston Pops performance and some to

a Boston Red Sox game. Bob McClellan, my roommate at the house our sophomore year, led the group on foot to the Pops event. While at Cornell, Bob received a varsity C in sailing, was the vice president of the Chi Epsilon Honorary Society in civil engineering, and was on the Cornell Student Engineering Council.

While in Boston I had a chance to visit the beautiful Christian Science Plaza, where the Mother Church is located in the heart of the city.

In 2006, the year before Barbara and I got married, we met in Charleston, South Carolina, and were hosted by Stan. Stan's father, Henry Stanley "Stan" Lomax, was a sports broadcaster for almost fifty years in New York City covering the New York Yankees baseball games. Dan tells me he recalls "being serenaded by Stan in an atmospheric bar, and I think we visited a retired aircraft carrier nearby."

Ann has found a photo that shows seven brothers who attended but does not include wives. Stan, Cal, Bob Dodge, Dan, and I were there, with two '58 brothers, **Hank Hubbard**, and **John Brooke**.

In early August 2011, Stan, Dan, Ann, Barbara, and I visited Steamboat Springs, Colorado, and were hosted and housed by Bill and Jan in their condominium as well as a neighbor's. I remember taking a ski lift in the mountains hiking with a professional showing us how to find edible mushrooms. We cooked and ate some of the mushrooms while in the mountains after the hike.

Bill and Jan had been "dating and planning" since they were in the same nursery together for about a week after they were born in the same Oak Park Hospital. They then lost touch with each other until the summer of 1957, when they met again and, by graduation of '59, were married. They lived at Cornell for the next two years, until Bill received his architectural degree.

After receiving his degree, they returned to Chicago, their home town, and Bill

worked for eleven years for one of the leading architectural firms, until going into partnership and forming a firm with a friend, Bill Bauhs. In 1994, Bill Bauhs passed away. A few years later, Bill and Jan decided to sell the firm and move to Steamboat Springs to enjoy skiing and the peaceful surroundings.

In 1966 Bill won the Robert James Eidlitz Travel Fellowship from Cornell and was able to travel to Greece with Jan and their two kids to study ancient Greek theater. From there, they traveled through Europe, living in a Volkswagen camper for two years.

For our 55th Cornell Reunion (actually, it was our 54th), we gathered from September 6–10, 2013, in Boothbay, Maine, hosted by Cal and Ginger. Some stayed at their beautiful home in the country and the others at a hotel by the bay. We went sailing in their boat and visited the Bigelow Labs on a small island, where we saw videos of experiments underwater and listened as they explained that "understanding how the ocean works is essential to caring for it and understanding its potential." We also visited the beautiful Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, named one of Maine's top attractions, where Ginger was involved as a volunteer. One day we took a ferry to Monhegan Island, where we toured on foot, climbing over large boulders along the coast line—great for taking pictures.

Cal and Ginger met in Worcester, Massachusetts, in September of 1965 and Ginger was impressed with Cal's enthusiastic energy and eagerness to help. They talked during the evening, and Cal offered to drive her back to Boston, where he also lived. They were soon dating exclusively and married the following July. They honeymooned in Europe, where Ginger's passport was stolen in Venice. They have two daughters and seven grandchildren. In 1973 they bought a vacation cottage in Boothbay Harbor. In their boat, Ginger said, "We did lots of cruising on the Maine coast. Cal's dream from that point was to eventually move to Maine. We

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N E C R O L O G Y

Thomas Sherwood Martin '61 March 31, 2024

Thomas Sherwood Martin, whose productive and charitable life carried him to many parts of the world, passed away on Easter, March 31, 2024, in Heppenheim, Germany. He was 87.

A New Jersey native, Tom graduated from Cornell with an engineering degree in 1961 and began a career as an Army officer with an assignment in Germany. There he met and, in 1966, married Margret Franzen. Soon afterward, he began the first of two 12-month tours

in the Vietnam War. After 20 years, he retired to Heppenheim as a lieutenant colonel in 1982.

Tom's following three decades in Germany involved work for a series of contractors that carried him, often with Margret, to work in China, Croatia, Bosnia and Belgium. In 2000, the Martins also hosted a number of '59 Alpha Deltas and spouses.

"Tom and Margret were delightful hosts to us and many others over the years," said '59 brother Dan Hall.

In his later years, Tom was active with the local Lions Club. His service to others included language support to German kindergarteners

and transferring English-language books to Rwanda when the African country officially adopted the language. And in 2015, he and fellow members of a choir flew to New York City to perform at Carnegie Hall.

Bill Dring, another brother, wrote, "Tom had a wonderful sense of humor, and I liked that he followed American news and was a patriot even though he lived in Germany. He also had a wonderful sense of family."

Tom is survived by Margret, their daughter and son-in-law Anna and Benno Löning, and grandsons Henrik and Oskar.



built our house in Boothbay in 1987 and retired and moved there in 1996. I quickly became involved with Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens and Cal with the Boothbay Region Land Trust.” The Trust is a land conservation nonprofit that seeks to conserve for the public benefit the natural habitat, scenic beauty of the Boothbay region.

“I first met the Alpha Delt in 1997 at the Chicago reunion, and from there it is history,” Ginger added. “We loved those reunions.”

From Boothbay, Barbara and I drove back to Boston, stopping for lunch at a café by the water. We had delicious Maine lobster, one with claws as opposed to our Caribbean rock lobster with no claws.

For our sixtieth in 2019, we were hosted by Rick Dyer at his farm in Watertown, Connecticut. Rick was a member of the varsity eight-man crew team during his senior year at Cornell and continued training and competing in masters competitions into his 70s. We

toured his farm and enjoyed drinks on the patio of his small cabin down by the river. Seven brothers and five spouses attended, including Penny, for the first time without Bob, who passed away in 2019.

Bob and Penny were high-school sweethearts. While at Cornell, Bob drove to the College of William & Mary to visit Penny on many weekends. Soon after graduation they got married and spent their honeymoon on St. Croix, where Dan was working with me on the ranch for the summer.

Barbara and I drove to the reunion from the Hartford-area airport and, after our three-night reunion visit, headed for Bryant University on Rhode Island to visit grandson Matthew and attend the Swimming Awards Banquet where he was recognized for his swim records and elected captain of the team for the second year.

I have heard from Sally that she and Dave Vrooman met on the first day at the Cornell University’s Freshman Camp Arrowhead in September 1955. She remembers swing dancing and early morning swims in the lake with Dave. I was also there playing softball barefoot.

They continued to date the four years at Cornell and married after graduation in 1959. His favorite professor was Emmett J. Rice. He taught macroeconomics at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York, until 2000. They are proud and loved parents of three sons, Peter, Eric, and Bruce.

Sally expressed her feelings in an email: “Alpha Delt was a huge positive for my time at Cornell.”

Ansis “Whitey” Zamelis, the thirteenth member of our ’59 Alpha Delt class, died at a young age and missed all our reunions. Whitey was slim and about six foot four, born

in Latvia and probably a genius, so I am not sure how he got pledged with our class.

Quoted from Bill’s recollections: “The story was that he worked on the docks in NYC. A supervisor saw how brilliant he was and somehow got him into Cornell. He wanted to be a doctor all along but chose the only route he could. He went to the ag school because it was low or no tuition. After about three years he was able to switch to the graduate vet medicine school, because of his excellent grades. He used the ag school to get all the tech classes needed for medical school that were available in the ag school.

“Next, he was able to switch to Cornell Medical School in NYC, where he wanted to be in the first place. I heard once that he did not have a high school diploma, an undergrad degree or a grad degree from Cornell, yet he got into medical school.”

At the end of our sophomore year, a wedding was held at the Alpha Delt house, sponsored by some of the brothers, for Whitey and Maria, a petite Greek girl studying at Elmira College.

After medical school they remained and worked in NYC at the Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, where Penny saw him in 1966. He helped her locate the doctor she was scheduled to see but left without giving her an address. She says, “He was very nice, but evasive.” Bill recalls being in the city with Jan and they called Whitey. He says, “I suggested that we get together. He said, ‘Why would I do that?’ I do not think he was being rude, just in another world.” Whitey died in 1972.

Since our sixtieth reunion, and the coronavirus outbreak, we have chosen to meet via Zoom, organized by Bill and Dan. It’s not the same, but a lot less traveling is required.

DECEASED

Paul Chiu ’68
March 9, 2023

Gordon E. Evans ’68

Robert H. Rice ’51
November 11, 2022

Thomas S. Martin ’60

NEWS FROM OUR ALUMNI

Raymond Tuttle Jr. '48: The fall 2023 issue of *The Cornell Alpha Delt* was very motivating to me! I turned 100 this past April, graduated from Cornell in 1948 after three years in Army for WWII. (I was flattered to be featured in *A Brother's Story*, published in 2018).

James Thatcher '56: Glad to see my old roomie, **Larry Brown '56**, is still enjoying life. Sad news about **John Post '57**.

Benjamin Bole III '57: Sandy and I have been married for 66 years. Still growing chestnuts in the beautiful Willamette Valley of Oregon. Four children, eight grands, and soon to be three great grands. Life is good.

John Fisher '57: Our grandson, Gavin, began his senior year at Franklin and Marshall after a spring term abroad in France and an archeological dig in Germany over the summer. Other grandson, Justin, is goalie on his freshman (high school) soccer team, continuing as a third-generation soccer enthusiast. Granddaughter Jordan is at basketball try-outs for her middle-school basketball team. That's the family news. I'm just getting older and less mobile. We spent a week in the Belgrade Lakes in Maine: all nine of us. Perfect weather! And Marianne and I spent 10 days at our house in East Hampton in September. Being 87 is tiring. The alternative is worse.

Robert Price '58: I am actually a member of the Kenyon Chapter, class of 1958. However, when I became president of Alpha Delta Phi International in 1975, my first order of business was to get Ithaca's tax collector off the Cornell Chapter's back. The collector was

about to foreclose on the house for unpaid fees. I retained a lawyer and staved off the foreclosure. Although we had to sell the tennis courts, we were able to get the house in livable shape and solvent. The alumni were convinced that they were welcome back. When **Lauri Walsh '61** found out what I had done, he had me initiated into the Cornell Chapter in gratitude for my efforts. Indeed, the latest catalog shows me as a member of the class of 1958 at Cornell, not Kenyon. I am honored. But, that is why the members of the class of 1958 at Cornell remember me.

Otto Doering III '62: A grandson graduated from Cornell last spring. He also was able to be in the glee club, as I was. We both got so much out of the experience. Post-pandemic life is much better for a retiree! I am involved with the American Farmland Trust as my professional activity. We are staying in Indiana, where we have been for my 47 years at Purdue and Barbara's decades as an arbitrator. Our friends and family are scattered across the globe. We still have our summer place in the Adirondacks, which has allowed us to see East Coast friends. At this moment, we are wondering whether to embark on the adventure of a new dog, having lost our old one last year. Stay tuned.

Gerry Gragg '65: Xaue! **Jim Hughes '65** and I took on the project this year of connecting all living members (11) of our 1965 graduating class for the purpose of celebrating our 80th birthdays! Jim created an Excel spreadsheet that provided updates, addresses, e-mails, cell phones, spouses' names, and employment status and distributed it to everyone. In June, I had the pleasure of staying overnight

with **Roy Sinclair '65** and his wife Esta in White Plains, New York, and **Jim Hughes '65** in Freeport, Maine. A scheduling conflict postponed a brunch with **Steve Hurwitz '65** in Wayland, Massachusetts, and I have enjoyed telephone conversations with **Robb Bell '65**, **Fred Glasser '65**, **Bob Aubrecht '65**, and **Eliot Wigginton '65**. We also reached out to **Thom Chirurg '64** and **Bartz Schneider '65** with both phone and e-mail exchanges because of their close interaction with several brothers in our class. I encourage other classes to reconnect with each other in your later years to enjoy the brotherhood that has stood the test of time in the case of our class!

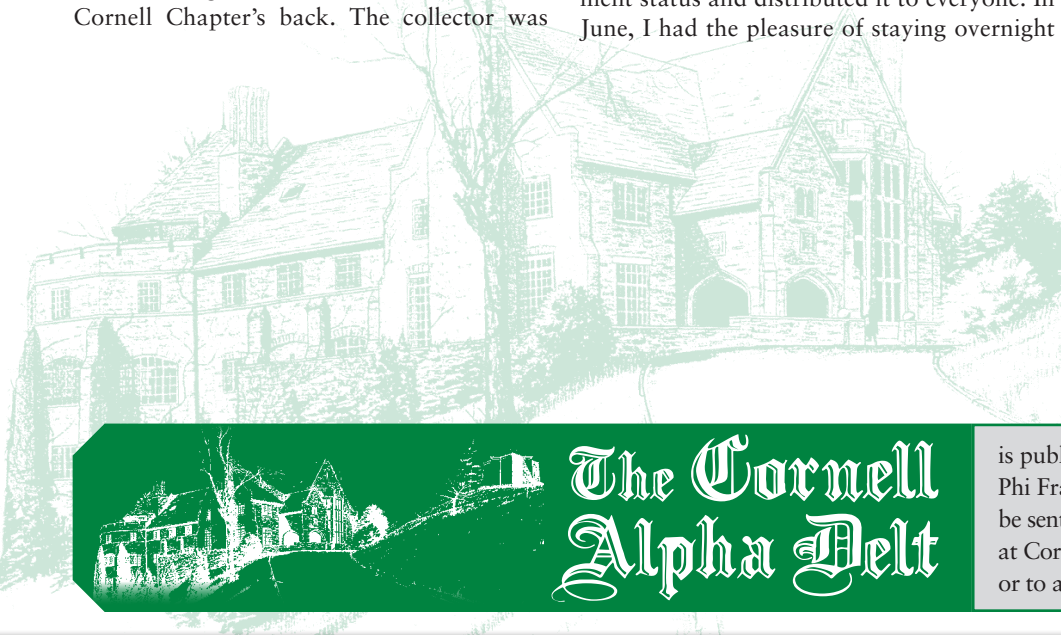
Knight Kiplinger '69: Enjoying my retirement from journalism and publishing, but still serving as editor emeritus of Kiplinger publication and chairman and CEO of Outlook Inc., our family's real estate investment company.

Philip Reilly '69: Still working, trying to start companies to develop new treatments for rare genetic disorders.

James Vaughn III '72: I still keep in touch with **Ed Thompson '71**, who, with his wife Ann, has retired to Port Townsend, Washington. I also recently spoke with brother, **Bill Kies '71**, who still lives in a family house in Greenwich, Connecticut, with his children and grandchildren all close. Julie and I are still in Hilton Head and are enjoying retirement. Our long-term pet, Truffle, recently passed, and as a result, we are able to travel more and for more time, we recently took a 2,200-mile road trip and are planning one to Australia and New Zealand.

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