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A BROTHER'S MEMORY RESOLUTE—AND RESOLVED

HONORING ROBERT BRUCE HART '84

by Louis Varela '84

"Water is a solvent, but the moment you get in the pool, it becomes a solution," R. Bruce Hart '84 said.

Hart was being funny. A solution, in chemistry, is a homogeneous mixture composed of at least two substances. One substance, a solute, is dissolved in another, usually water, which acts as a solvent. Once combined, you have a solution.

"Water becomes a solution because when you're in it the salt on your skin dissolves," he clarified. "A person in water is always in an aqueous solution. There's no need to be anxious about being in water. Your being in the water is a solution."

He was right, of course. But ask the passengers of the RMS Titanic how the other aqueous solution that is the Atlantic Ocean solved the problem of insufficient lifeboats: drowning. There's no need to be anxious about being in water, Hart said. For a long time, however, I was apprehensive.

This conversation took place in his family swimming pool in Miami. The Harts were from Jamaica. Kingston, to be specific. An Anglican family in Miami that embraced mangoes and wasn't afraid of Jamaican scotch bonnet peppers, baked jackfruit at home, served up sorrel tea to guests, and delighted in soursop sorbet on

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a hot summer day was rare. His father, Dr. Donald Robert Hart, was a physician at the Miami Heart Institute. Once, I asked Dr. Hart which Archbishop of Canterbury saint was his favorite. I expected him to say Thomas Becket, but he surprised me with Theodore of Tartus. He lived in the seventh century, a time when the Eastern Roman Empire fought fiercely with the Persian Empires. Pope Vitalian consecrated him Archbishop of Canterbury on March 26, 668, and he arrived in Canterbury on May 27, 669.

His mother, Annabel, raised three sons. The family immigrated to the United States when he was a youngster. They lived in Miami, near Pincrest, a short bike ride from the Fairchild Tropical Gardens. He had two younger brothers, Ian Andrew and Philip Anthony, known, respectively, as Andrew and Tony.

The home was in a part of Miami where enormous banyan trees shade the streets, creating a tropical canopy.

The ranch-style home had a Florida room. This is an enclosed terrace adjacent to the kitchen and dining room. It covered the terrace and the swimming pool. Sliding glass doors connected the sun-filled Florida room to the rest of the home. The popularity of the Florida room in midcentury Miami provided a sunny sanctuary, and allowed the Harts to enjoy their swimming pool without having to worry about insects, stray palm fronds, or the intense heat of the midday sun.

During my sophomore and junior years I spent considerable time at Tjaden Hall, across from the Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art. Bruce would drop by to see me working, hoping to run into Cornelia Vanderbilt Whitney, who was then pursuing an MFA. He fancied her the way proper Anglo-Saxon young men fancy smart and attractive ladies. They went out on a couple of dates, but nothing came of it. The difference in their ages—a sophomore versus a second-year graduate student—was a considerable obstacle. He knew I arranged, on occasion, private screenings of movies at Uris Hall for brothers on dates. He asked if I would do the same to impress Cornelia. I arranged for a private viewing of *Casablanca*. They would always have, if not Paris, then at least a private screening at Cornell Cinema.

In the summers, we were often in South Florida at the same time for a week or so. We'd go on bike rides along Old Cutler Road and often made our way to Anastasia Avenue where the Biltmore Hotel, with its swimming pool and bars, awaited us. Its storied history surprised him. Before Hollywood

was Hollywood, many films were shot in South Florida. In addition to Johnny Weissmuller, Gloria Swanson, Judy Garland, and Ginger Rogers lived in the hotel for a while, at separate times, for separate reasons. The Duke and Duchess of Windsor had been frequent guests, which he found endearing, being an Anglophile. (I was reluctant to tell him that the Duke and Duchess of Windsor were frequent guests everywhere since they were, in effect, homeless.) I liked that FDR installed himself in the penthouse when he vacationed in Miami.

Cornell required everyone pass a swim test. I procrastinated my entire freshman year. I remember telling myself I had that swim test pending every time I went to play a game of squash at the Grumman Squash and Racquetball Courts, or to use the weight equipment at the Helen Newman Hall Recreation Center. I told myself

to get it done, but I never got around to doing it; there was no logical reason for my aversion.

"Get the swim test out of the way when we're back," Hart said one afternoon after his mother served up us mango chutney and crackers. "Funny you're anxious about swimming. Maybe you drowned in a previous life."

When we returned to Cornell, I got that swim test out of the way as soon as I could.

Now, why am I telling you about a freshman taking his swim test 40 years ago?

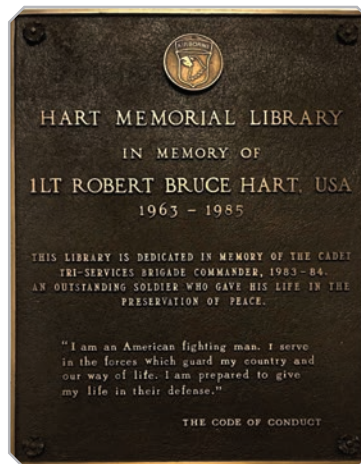
Because when we enter the ranks of the Alpha Delta Phi brotherhood, the Brothers in Arms statue, which stands in the Great Hall of our fraternity house, looms large in our imagination. A memorial to the roughly 2,300 Alpha Deltas from the U.S. and Canada who served in World War I, it honors the memory of the 93 brothers who died in that conflict.

It is a poignant reminder of the obligations to each other that we assume of our own free will. Robert Aitken, a military officer and sculptor, created the statue that depicts two wounded soldiers, one American and the other Canadian, nicknamed "Mike and Ike." The men represent brotherhood, service to country, leadership, and sacrifice of self for a greater good.

It is a somber reminder that our brotherhood is a serious matter, one that requires each of us to step up for another brother when called upon. After all, pledges rub the badge when they enter the Great Hall to this day.

In reality, of course, to promise to be there for each other is a sentiment in principle. It is seldom put in practice for one simple reason: as a brotherhood, we are fortunate that our members are self-sufficient, sensible, and successful and, therefore, seldom are in need of being saved.

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HONORING BRUCE HART

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Did I every imagine as a substandard pledge that I would ever be called upon to step up, along with other brothers, to preserve the memory of a fallen soldier? A fallen brother?

Flashback to December, 1985. I spent Christmas in Coral Gables and was preparing to celebrate New Year's in Barcelona. I was already in Miami when I learned of the crash of a military transport plane being broadcast across national media outlets.

At first, it seemed incomprehensible: Bruce could not be on that particular plane. He was scheduled to take a later flight. At the last minute, a seat became available and he was booked to take it.

When I drove to his parents' home, there were cars in the driveway and in front of the street. I knocked on the door. A neighbor visiting answered the door. When I entered the living room, I was surprised to see two Roman Catholic nuns sitting there, which surprised me as the family was not Catholic. Dr. Hart was in the kitchen; Annabel was in the study.

There was, as whenever tragedy strikes, a sweeping sense of disbelief.

Weeks later, I sat down with Dr. Hart in his living room. "He called," Dr. Hart said. "And I was so mad at him. 'Do you know what time it is?' I said. 'You woke your mother and me up, Bruce!' Then he laughed, 'I don't care, but I just wanted to tell you I love you.' I could hear the ruckus of his buddies singing in the background, but I was still annoyed. 'Call us back when you get back to the base. Your mother sends her love, but we're going back to sleep.'"

Less than an hour later, the telephone rang again. This time, it wasn't his son calling. It was a reporter asking for a comment. That is how Dr. Hart learned that Arrow Air Flight 1285, a McDonnell Douglas DC-8 plane, crashed shortly after takeoff from Gander, Newfoundland. All 248 passengers and 8 crew members on board died. Canadian aviation authorities indicated the plane had not reached an altitude of 1,000 feet when, as a result of icing conditions on the wings, and an error in weight and reference speeds, the jetliner fell from the sky.

Flash forward to this past summer, and I am returning to Cornell for my 40th Reunion. I had been in Ithaca in late spring, March 2024, and I hesitated returning so soon. That visit was quick and relegated only to the Arts Quad. Brother Timothy Brown '84, however, had reached out the previous summer asking who planned to attend. "Lindsey Liotta Forness asked if I would be willing to help recruit Alpha Deltas for attending next June's Reunion and I said I was happy to do so," he wrote in an email on July 23, 2023.

When I received Brother Brown's message, I reached out to several friends from the class of 1984. Six, in the summer of 2023, said they planned

to attend. As the months went by, alas, only two were certain to attend when I contacted them during Easter 2024. A month later, as June loomed near, these two said they would not be attending.

I hesitated, considering that the brothers attending were ones with which I was in frequent contact; Geoff Potter '84, for instance, and I saw each other frequently in New York. To justify another trip so soon, I made a few calls, made plans to meet former professors with whom I remained in touch and, in one case, to have lunch with a professor's widow. I also reached out to Cornell Cinema. Molly Ryan, the current director, confirmed they were hosting an "informal open house." ("Reconnect with fellow alums over coffee and pastries, share your favorite Cornell Cinema movie memories, and enjoy a selection of vintage movie trailers from our 35mm collection.") I had worked for Cornell Cinema and had long supported the program.

It was settled: I would travel once more to the hill far above Cayuga's waters. I was now, ironically, too busy to participate in the formal events organized for the class of 1984, which seemed filled more with regret than nostalgia. Happily, I would there for the events at Alpha Delta Phi.

Once on campus, early one morning, in the hope of avoiding regret and enjoying nostalgia, I walked the campus, intent on testing my own memory of where things were and making new discoveries of what was there now that once wasn't. In the course of this adventure, I walked to Barton Hall. I wanted to visit the R. Bruce Hart Memorial Library. My arrival at Barton Hall, was, to my disappointment, disorienting: to be in a familiar hall—staff was setting up for a dinner for the ROTC alumni—but not to find the memorial library.

Did I forget its exact location? Was it in a different part of the ROTC offices? Might it have been moved?

I went online. I was standing where the Veterans Memorial site said I should be: "Army ROTC also has the Hart Memorial Library, which was dedicated to the memory of 1st Lt. Robert Bruce Hart of the U.S. Army. 1st Lt. Hart was born May 16, 1963. He was the Cadet Tri-Services Commander in 1983–84 and gave his life in the preservation of peace. On December 12, 1985, when returning home from a peacekeeping mission in the Sinai, Egypt, the chartered DC-8 plane carrying the 248 members of the 101st Airborne Division of Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and eight crew members, crashed during takeoff in Gander, Newfoundland. The following Monday, December 16, 1985, President and Mrs. Reagan visited Fort Campbell for a memorial service honoring the fallen soldiers." (See: <https://tinyurl.com/ADPhiHart>)

Puzzled, I sent a text to Brother Brown. He told me that he and his wife, Nancy, had also tried to visit the memorial library but didn't find it. It was odd, but the weekend continued, coming to a close with a lingering doubt.



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When I returned to New York, on July 10, 2024, I sent Lt. Col. Derek R. Fitzpatrick an email inquiring about the missing memorial library. Six days later, he replied. The R. Bruce Hart Memorial Library was now the Trevor Jahn Library. "The Trevor Jahn library initiative was spearheaded by my predecessor, who was classmates with Trevor, prior to our transition last July. To be candid, we've experienced 100% staff turnover (military and civilian) in the Army ROTC office in the last three years and our 'institutional knowledge' isn't where it should be."

It was incredulous to me that online Hart's library existed but not Jahn's.

I then contacted several brothers: Arthur John Golder III '83, Geoff Potter, and David Crowell '83. It was agreed that brother Golder would

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THINGS ARE MOVING ALONG

by Gregory Williamson '82 | LCPE, LEED AP

Reaching out to all my creative professional brothers who are interested in serving on a master planning committee to provide stewardship in preparing our beloved 777 for the next 50 years.

In addition to ongoing planned maintenance, such as repointing, we need to analyze our infrastructure for electrical and heating (adding air conditioning), a full kitchen renovation with a vision of updated operations for dining and food preparation (once we get rid of all the legacy heat piping overhead), and a vision for a code compliant use of our sacred Goat House.

I know we have significant resources in our brotherhood of design and development professionals to ensure we pay it forward for the next few generations. Feel free to reach out to me at gwilliamson78@gmail.com or 617-212-8323 to share your time and your thoughts. These efforts will be targeted to execute on a multi-year masterplan, aligned with fundraising.

The work of the last few years has been focused on necessary repairs and targeted improvements. This past summer included plaster and painting of the rotunda and the first efforts of rebuilding of the north chimney, which will be completed this summer. It also included drainage work, window painting, and rework of additional steel sash windows as well as setting a standard for the replacement of room doors and the tribute brass plaques of each room occupant.

With the generous support of ongoing fundraising, we anticipate continuing this summer to address a significant exterior repointing effort as well as a critical upgrade to the electrical service and infrastructure,

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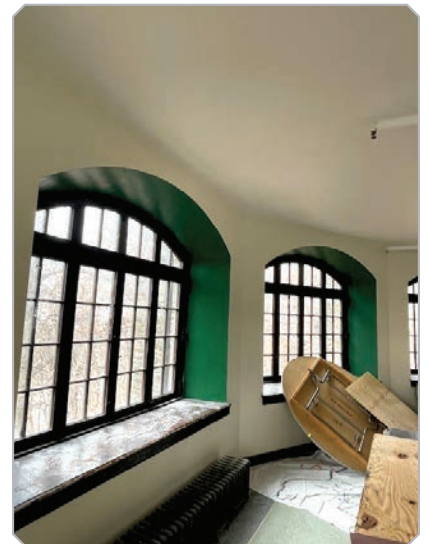
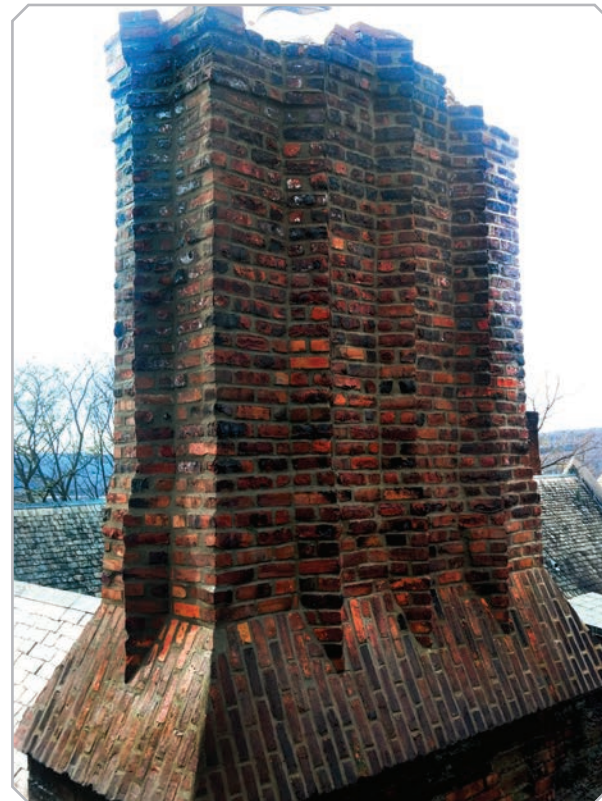
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not to mention the long term design and planning for the mechanical infrastructure replacement.

The goal is a logical sequencing of work that does not waste resources as we focus on achieving the vision of renewal and sustainability for the future, including energy conservation, reducing operational expenses, and a respectful accommodation of infrastructure upgrades in the heating and ventilation systems.

Other projects will include necessary improvements to drainage and the driveway as well as long term stabilization of grading and drainage for the patio retaining walls and sloping areas down to Stewart Ave.

Page 4, top: detail of what needed to be repaired; bottom: during and after the new doors were installed. This page, right: updates to the steps, below: the repointed chimney after the wash down; below, right: updates to the Solarium.



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FROM THE SPRING 2025 CHAPTER PRESIDENT

by *Elijah W. Hunt '25*

I hope this letter finds you well and in high spirits as we reflect on the remarkable 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 an exceptional display of unity and dedication, resulting in an extraordinary recruitment class of 24 new members, accounting for over eight percent of the entire recruitment pool. This achievement is a testament to the strength and appeal of our society, demonstrating that the values and ideals of Alpha Delta Phi continue to resonate with the best and brightest. I am confident these young men will contribute significantly to our legacy in the years to come.

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 academic 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 has not gone unnoticed, and we have emerged as a shining example of what a society at Cornell should be.

This dedication to excellence is also reflected in our academic achievements. Alpha Delta Phi now holds the fourth highest cumulative GPA across all Greek life at Cornell, fraternities and sororities included. This milestone underscores our commitment to intellectual growth and sets a new standard for our brotherhood moving forward.

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.



Jordan Wallace '00, Derek Zakov '00, and Phil Ballard '00 at initiation 2025.

RUSH 2025 UPDATE

by *Ryan Hale '27*

This year, our society proudly welcomed the largest and most accomplished new member class on campus. With backgrounds spanning entrepreneurship, medicine, politics, and engineering, this diverse group embodied the values that define our brotherhood: service, sacrifice, leadership, and lifelong bonds.

From the start, these new members demonstrated a deep commitment to leadership, whether through campus organizations, community initiatives, or personal ambitions. Many have already distinguished themselves as future business leaders, physicians, policymakers, and innovators, pushing boundaries in their respective fields.

What set this class apart was not just their ambition but their dedication to service. Whether through philanthropy, mentorship, or advocacy, they embraced the responsibility of giving back. Their sacrifice for the betterment of the society and the community showed their unwavering commitment to something greater than themselves.

Above all, this has class strengthened the foundation of our brotherhood. They have formed deep connections, supported one another through challenges, and upheld the traditions that have made our society a place of lifelong growth and success. Their impact will be felt for years to come, and we could not be prouder to call them brothers.

With this historic class, our society continues to thrive, setting the standard for leadership, unity, and excellence.

FALL 2024 CHAPTER PRESIDENT UPDATE

by *Erick Zepeda '26*

The house is currently at its largest size with 21 new members, marking the largest incoming pledge class in the IFC for the third year in a row. We hope to continue last year's trend of having a large group of alumni at events such as initiation and Homecoming, thanks to alumni outreach.

I am pleased to report that the House Improvements Committee has continued to work diligently on the long-term plan to stabilize and renew aspects of the house. Masonry,

trim, and mechanical systems work is currently underway. We still maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 and have many recipients of the Adelpic Cornell Education Fund for Exceptional Academic Achievement. We continue to participate in both schoolwide and local service opportunities in Ithaca. I have been fortunate to uphold our positive standing with the IFC and the strong standing of our house, thanks to the support of my executive board and Vice President **Santiago Gomes '26**.

PHILANTHROPY UPDATE

by *Alexander Altirs '26* | *Philanthropy Chair*

Our society has been actively involved in philanthropic efforts this semester. We're excited to host an upcoming pickleball tournament, combining friendly competition with a cause.

Additionally, we're honored to participate in Alpha Phi's fraternity pageant, where

brother **Julian Joseph '27** will represent us and raise money for their foundation, which is focused on empowering women. Together, these efforts reflect our commitment to service and positive impact within our community. We also plan to participate in IFC-supported events throughout the rest of the semester.

INTRAMURAL UPDATE

by Alex Guimarães '25

Alpha Delta Phi's men's basketball team captured the intramural championship last year, marking the house's first title in recent years. The team faced numerous challenges throughout the season, including injuries that forced key players to step up in unexpected roles. Despite these setbacks, they remained focused and resilient, grinding through a tough playoff run. In the championship game against Sigma Chi, Alpha Delta Phi found themselves trailing late, but staged an impressive comeback to secure the victory. Their success was a testament to their teamwork, determination, and ability to perform under pressure. From suffocating defense to clutch shooting, every player contributed to their title-winning effort, proving they were the top intramural squad on campus.

A defining moment of the championship run came in the first round when **Simon Wigdor '25** delivered in the clutch, sinking a game-winning three-pointer to keep the team's title hopes alive. His last-second heroics energized the squad and set the tone for their championship push. Throughout the playoffs, Alpha Delta Phi played with heart and discipline,



overcoming adversity at every turn. Reflecting on the team's accomplishment, Wigdor said, "I am really proud of this team. This is one of the greatest achievements of my life." With last

year's victory as motivation, Alpha Delta Phi enters this season with a renewed sense of confidence and a clear goal: to defend their title and cement their place as back-to-back champions.

STEWARD UPDATE—SPRING 2025

by Johnny Smith '27 | Undergraduate Steward

This year, our meal plan is providing around 50 brothers with breakfast, lunch, and dinner five days a week. It's been incredible to

see mealtimes become one of our best opportunities for everyone to catch up, unwind, and enjoy great food together. The shared time over dinner has become one of the best social

hours in the house, building connections and friendships across each pledge class.

Our kitchen facilities are in top-notch condition, thanks in large part to our new chef, Deb. She not only brings her culinary talent to every meal, but is also excellent at maintaining our kitchen appliances and ensuring that everything is clean and running smoothly. Her positive attitude and commitment to quality have made her a well-loved addition to the house.

This year, we've worked with the brotherhood to bring in fresh lunch and dinner concepts, gathering ideas from everyone to keep the menu exciting and well-suited to the group's preferences. Through careful planning and budget management, we've been able to provide quality meals while staying within our financial limits, which is an impressive feat considering we have one of the largest active brotherhoods on campus. Homecoming was also a great success this year, with our chef and her team dishing up nearly 160 plated dinners!

Thanks to Chef Deb and the support of our treasurer and president, the kitchen continues to be a vibrant, well-loved part of house life. Here's to another great semester of meals, camaraderie, and community!

BROTHER SPOTLIGHT: CAMILO ORTIZ '25 & THE LAUNCH OF JOUS

Brother **Camilo Ortiz '25** is making waves in the beverage industry with JOUS, a better-for-you juice brand that's set to redefine the category. Unlike traditional juices packed with sugar and calories, JOUS delivers bold flavors from exotic fruits while keeping sugar and calorie content low—offering a refreshing, functional alternative for health-conscious consumers. Just as brands like Olipop and Poppi revolutionized soda, JOUS is bringing innovation to juice, making it a go-to for those who want great taste without compromise.

As part of Cornell's eLab Start-Up Incubator and the Babson Butler Launchpad, Camilo and his co-founder, Nicolas Jeffery (Babson '25), are gaining serious traction. JOUS has already partnered with Porsche USA to cater South Florida's largest car show, and with NYC-based SERHANT for an exclusive members-only cocktail party.

With industrial development underway, JOUS is expected to hit the market by early summer. Follow @drinkjous on Instagram for updates, and if you're interested in getting involved, reach out to brother Ortiz at Camilo@drinkjous.com



Camilo Ortiz '25



HOMECOMING





WELCOME OUR NEWEST BROTHERS

by Denton Chase '92

The 2025 Alpha Delta Phi pledge class is a diverse and distinguished cohort of young men, each bringing a unique set of experiences, interests, and ambitions that reflect the fraternity's values and the breadth of the modern collegiate landscape.

Many new brothers hail from prominent metropolitan areas—New York, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles—contributing to a cosmopolitan flair, while others bring a grounded, small-town sensibility. Academically, the group spans a wide array of disciplines, from computer science and economics to environmental science, government, and architecture. Several members are deeply embedded in the arts, athletics, or entrepreneurial ventures, often combining creative and analytical talents.

Common threads include leadership and initiative: multiple pledges founded or led clubs, launched startups, conducted independent research, or spearheaded community service projects. Athletic prowess is notable as well: lacrosse, rowing, soccer, wrestling, and cross-country recur throughout the cohort, often at the varsity level. Music also features prominently, with DJs, drummers, guitarists, and vocalists forming a sonic thread.

Some pledges are first-generation



Americans, fluent in multiple languages, or well-traveled, reflecting global sensibilities. Others bring a strong legacy tradition, with family ties to Cornell or the fraternity itself. A few are deeply engaged in political discourse or social justice, while others express themselves through poetry, fashion, or stand-up comedy.

Where differences arise in geography, academic focus, or personal style, they are balanced by shared qualities of drive,

curiosity, and a desire for camaraderie. Whether analyzing macroeconomic models, producing short films, designing urban landscapes, or pursuing medical school, this class embodies a compelling blend of intellect, creativity, and ambition, making them not only promising brothers, but future leaders in a broad array of fields.

We welcome them to a lifetime of leadership, duty, service, and sacrifice.

ALEJANDRO MANUEL ESPINOSA VAN OORDT '28, age 19, is from Lima, Peru, and attended Colegio Franklin D. Roosevelt The American School of Lima prior to Cornell, where he served as the high school president and as president of the FDR chapter of the Business Professionals of America Honor Society, among other positions.

He is currently studying hotel administration with an intended minor in real estate in the Peter and Stephanie Nolan School of Hotel Administration. Growing up, Alejandro was always passionate about the automotive industry, water sports, sailing, and traveling around different parts of Peru.

“To be honest, I came into Cornell as an international not being able to name a single fraternity on campus. However, Alpha Delta Phi has shown me countless times that despite differences, the people I have met align with my values and cherish the brotherhood and traditions that have sustained this house's legacy for over 150 years.”

EDWIN HAROLD CORBIN IV '28 is from Albany, New York, and went to Christian Brothers Academy, where he was student body vice president, captain of the wrestling team, and the lead attorney on the mock trial team.

He is currently studying industrial and labor relations at Cornell, on the pre-law track, with intended minors in law and society and history. Corbin is also a passionate musician, being both a classical pianist and a keyboardist and singer for two rock/indie bands, whose releases have garnered over 1.2 million streams across platforms. Further, he is a dedicated mixed martial artist, who trains both Brazilian jujitsu and Muay Thai, while also being an enthusiastic weightlifter.

“When I stepped foot on campus in August I was not even sure that I wanted to rush a fraternity. However, meeting the brothers and being brought around the house revealed to me that I absolutely was interested, and experiencing the culture and values of the house and its members firsthand solidified Alpha Delta Phi as the place for me.”

JAMARI PITCHFORD '28 is from Chicago, Illinois, and attended Fenwick High School, where he served in several ambassador roles and participated in track. He is currently studying economics in the college of arts and sciences, and is a Posse Scholar. Jamari has a passion for work that contributes toward a greater good, and is frequently involved in philanthropy work in numerous communities.

“Comfort and personal connection were some of the most important aspects I looked for when joining Greek life, and Alpha Delta Phi had the most welcoming and like-minded individuals that I could see myself connecting with. A fun fact about me is that I broke my arm by arm wrestling before”

ALEJANDRO LILIENTHAL '28 was born in Miami, Florida. However, he has lived his whole life in Mexico City, Mexico. He attended Colegio Hebreo Tarbut in Mexico City, and in 10th grade transferred to The Hill School Boarding School in Pottstown, Pa. There, he created the Latino Student Union and the investing club and was a member of the varsity soccer team.

He is currently enrolled in the college of engineering doing a double major in computer science and operations research and engineering. He's spent the last two summers working at two different colleges in

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the U.S., doing research in several engineering disciplines.

“After just the first meal I had at the house with the brothers, I immediately realized their values and the values of the house were very similar to the ones I’ve been raised with. This made my decision when signing bids a no-brainer.”

EZANA KABENGE KAVUMA ’28 is from London, England, and attended The King’s School in Canterbury, U.K. There, he founded the Diversity, Inclusivity, and Belonging Committee, the school’s first student-led initiative of its kind, and served as the captain of the basketball team. He was also an active member of the Economics Society and the founder of the Emerging Technologies Club.

At Cornell, he is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in computer science and economics in the college of arts and sciences. Ezana is also an aspiring entrepreneur with a deep interest in startups and venture capital. He is the co-founder of Gympoint, a platform that helps people find and access gyms while traveling. Additionally, he has conducted independent research on AI adoption in emerging markets, presenting insights at a pre-conference event hosted by Cornell’s SC Johnson College of Business and Oxford’s Saïd Business School.

“When I arrived at Cornell, I didn’t know what to expect from Greek life. However, after meeting the brothers of Alpha Delta Phi, I quickly realized that their values aligned with mine. The house fosters a sense of community, intellectual curiosity, leadership, and ambition, making it clear that this is where I belong.”

KAMSI TASLIM ANIENWELU ’28 is from Manhattan, New York, and attended The Dalton School on the Upper East Side since kindergarten. During his time at Dalton, he was a grade representative varsity soccer captain, was an active member in the school’s Learn2Learn and chess clubs, and a tour guide to prospective parents of incoming Dalton students. Outside of school extracurricular activities, he also taught less fortunate kids soccer in the Bronx and worked with a financial technology startup in Nigeria. He played soccer competitively outside of school, and walked into the Cornell Men’s Soccer Team last semester.

He is currently enrolled in the school of Industrial and Labor relations, studying Industrial and labor relations with a concentration in labor economics and a minor in business.

“When I came up for slope day after I had been accepted to Cornell, the first brotherhood I visited was Alpha Delta Phi. Immediately, I was surrounded by a vastly diverse group of upstanding gentlemen and knew this was the fraternity I wanted to join.”

SIGPÓR (THOR) BIRNIR WAGUESPACK ’28 is from College Park, Maryland, and Reykjavik, Iceland. He attended Eleanor Roosevelt High School, where he was class president, High School Democrats Association president, varsity swim captain, and varsity lacrosse captain. During his time in high school, Thor worked as a community liaison for Maryland State Senator James Rosapepe, where he wrote the Job Opportunities for High School Students Act, which was signed into Maryland law in October 2023.

Following his graduation from high school, Thor took a gap year before college, participating in a political science foreign exchange program with Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Then, he spent the rest of his year working on the Hill for his hometown congressman, Glenn Ivey, focusing on the House Judiciary and Homeland Security committees before transitioning to work in the Senate for Nevada Senator Catherine Cortez Masto, where he worked on issues of foreign affairs, defense, and veterans affairs. At Cornell, Thor is

enrolled in the Jeb E. Brooks School of Public Policy as a public policy major, and was recently elected to represent 3,500-plus freshmen on the Cornell Student Assembly. Outside of his professional and pre-professional commitments, Thor trains Muay Thai, Brazilian jujitsu, and wrestling, is an avid DJ, and enjoys reading authors Kurt Vonnegut and Stephen King.

“My father, brother, and nearly all of my best friends were or are members of Greek life at their respective universities, so coming to Cornell, I knew it was something I wanted to get involved in. However, knowing only one student at Cornell, I had no idea how to break into Greek life, and find an organization that was right for me. Thankfully, very early into the semester I met a number of brothers of Alpha Delta Phi, all of whom did their utmost to make me feel welcome. As the semester progressed, I was exposed to more of the house’s rich traditions, atmosphere of academic excellence, and strong sense of brotherhood that solidified the fraternity as the only choice for me.”

JAKE BERNARD DIETERICH ’28 was born and raised in New York City. He attended Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School from kindergarten through 12th grade. During high school, he was the co-president of both the business and economics clubs, and the Chinese Culture Club. Upon graduation, he was recognized as top of his class in computer science and Mandarin.

At the age of 14, Jake was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. Since then he has participated in countless events devoted to the study and prevention of type 1 diabetes and has personally raised over \$165,000 for diabetes research. He is currently studying computer science in the College of Arts and Sciences and the Ann S. Bowers College of Computing and Information Sciences with an intended business minor. He is also an active member of Cornell Hyperloop, an engineering project team where he is learning the principles of both magnetism and composite materials.

“When coming to Cornell, I originally viewed fraternities as a social outlet. However, when I met the brothers of Alpha Delta Phi and learned that the true meaning behind a fraternity was brotherhood, I knew it meant more than simple social plans and would build upon the things that were already most important to me: my family and, especially, my three younger brothers.”

BENOIT HABIB KAIROUZ ’28 was born in New York City and attended Saint David’s School from kindergarten through eighth grade. He later went to Riverdale Country School for high school. During his time at Riverdale, he was co-founder and co-president of the Middle Eastern Culture and Appreciation Club, captain of the Varsity Soccer Team his junior and senior year, and a member of the Finance and Investment Club. Ben also wrote articles for All Teen Politics, a non-partisan newsletter dedicated to promoting youth civic engagement.

During his junior and senior summers, he worked for an NGO called Jobs for Lebanon helping unemployed Lebanese secure work all over the globe. At Cornell, Ben studies economics in the College of Art Sciences and is passionate about finance and current affairs.

“When arriving at Cornell, I quickly saw how Greek life is the epicenter of social life. Growing up in a household with two older sisters, I never formed any type of brotherhood bond, but after being introduced to Alpha Delt, I immediately saw how brotherhood outside of family can be formed in a truly special way.”

EDUARDO FELDMAN ’28 grew up in Caracas, Venezuela, before moving to Miami, Florida, at the age of 12. He attended Dr. Michael

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M. Krop Senior High School before coming to Cornell, where he is studying global development in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Throughout high school, Eduardo demonstrated a strong commitment to leadership and community engagement. As head of youth programs at Maccabi Tzair, he spearheaded educational and recreational activities that connected teens to their Jewish heritage. Eduardo also worked as a property safety inspector intern at Grupo ECO Developers, where he conducted safety audits, enhanced client databases, and spearheaded market research. Beyond academics, he is an avid poker player and soccer enthusiast. He is also certified in wilderness first aid, first aid, and CPR.

“When I first arrived at Cornell, I wasn’t entirely sure what to expect from Greek life. However, after meeting the brothers of Alpha Delta Phi, I immediately recognized values that echoed those instilled in me by my family: brotherhood, leadership, sacrifice, and service. I was raised in a household that emphasized respect, discipline, resilience, and integrity: principles I will uphold for the rest of my life, and ones I see embodied in Alpha Delta Phi’s traditions and brotherhood. This strong alignment of values, combined with the genuine sense of belonging I felt among the brothers, made me certain that Alpha Delta Phi was the right fraternity for me.”

GEORGE HITCHINGS BALBACH RYCK-MAN ’28 was born in Manhattan, New York, and attended the Buckley School from kindergarten through eighth grade before enrolling at Phillips Academy Andover for high school. At Andover, he served as captain of the varsity wrestling team, lead peer tutor, and co-founder of Samaritan@Andover, a student-run organization dedicated to developing and fundraising for a nonprofit organization aimed at addressing the homelessness crisis in major East Coast cities. In his free time, he enjoyed rock climbing and singing as a tenor in one of the all-boys a cappella groups on campus.

He spent his summers on Mount Desert Island in Maine, where he worked as a carpenter for a local construction company and apprenticed under a skilled lobster boat builder. During his sophomore year of high school, he co-founded a digital marketing company, sparking his deep interest in the intersection of competitive market landscapes, technology, and valuation research. At Cornell, George studies history and economics, intent on pursuing a finance-related career aligned with his passion. Upon arriving on campus, he joined Cornell Financial Analysts and Cornell Alternative Investments, seeking to further his expertise in the field.

“I was initially drawn to the intellectually prideful and value-centered nature of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell. Over time, I have come to deeply appreciate the values of brotherhood, leadership, sacrifice, and service, as they are embodied and asserted within this vast community. These ideals form the foundation upon which I strive to build my ever-growing character. Finally, I resonate deeply with the literary roots of this society, as storytelling is an integral part of my family and the father I hope to become.”

JACOB LEVI MOGELOF ’28 grew up in New York City, with a three-year expat experience in Hong Kong. He attended Horace Mann School from ninth to 12th grade, serving as varsity football captain, competing in track and basketball, and rowing on the crew team. He is currently studying economics in the College of Arts and Sciences with

an intended minor in business.

Throughout his life, Jacob has been dedicated to community service, particularly through his work with the New York City nonprofit IMPACT100 NextGen. There, he managed the organization’s social media and coordinated volunteer events that substantially benefited local nonprofits. Outside the classroom, Jacob enjoys traveling, playing chess, and running. Jacob was drawn to Alpha Delta Phi by the immediate, genuine connections he forged with its members during his first semester. He was also particularly attracted to the fraternity’s strong emphasis on brotherhood and its cherished tradition of secrecy.

ALI AWADA ’28 is an ambitious and driven student from São Paulo, Brazil, who attended St. Francis College before continuing his academic journey at Cornell. Throughout high school, he was highly involved in his school’s politics, serving as president, vice president, and treasurer of the student body. In addition, he founded a nonprofit organization in Brazil dedicated to building homes and providing education to underprivileged youth in the Favela through his nonprofit, Mentos Financeiras. Ali was also a committed student athlete, playing on his school’s varsity soccer, basketball, and volleyball teams.

Deeply rooted in service, Ali is now pursuing a degree at the PS Nolan School of Hotel Administration, with aspirations to concentrate in finance and minor in real estate. From a young age, Ali has been driven by a profound desire to make a lasting impact on the world around him, whether through implementing positive changes at school or by improving the living conditions and education of disadvantaged communities. His goal is to continue to create meaningful change that transforms lives and builds a better future.

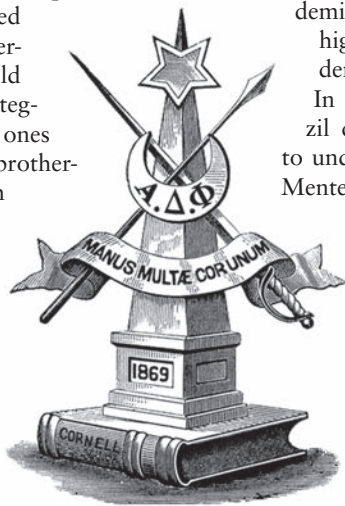
“When I first arrived at Cornell, I had no idea what a fraternity was. But one thing I immediately recognized from a distance was the strength, unity, and deep-rooted history within the brotherhood of Alpha Delta Phi, a brotherhood whose values I not only relate to but aspire to embody, so I can strive as a son, brother, father, and leader.”

ALEXANDER SCHNEIDER ’28 was born and raised in New York City. He attended the Lycee Francais de New York from pre-K through 12th grade. During high school, he co-founded the Privacy Presentation initiative, developing and delivering presentations on online privacy for middle and high school students. Upon graduation, he was recognized for achieving a perfect GPA of 4.0. At the age of 13, Alexander discovered his passion for technology. Since then, he has participated in various volunteer and internship experiences devoted to cybersecurity, software development, and philanthropic education.

He is currently studying computer science in the College of Arts and Sciences. He is also currently working on a web application that provides real-time statistics and historical data on gym occupancy at Cornell. The application consists of a backend that scrapes data from the gym’s website and a frontend that displays the data in a user-friendly format.

“When coming to Cornell, coming from an international background, I had no idea what joining a fraternity might entail. However, after learning about the sense of community and shared ambition that a fraternity could provide, I realized that the true meaning behind a fraternity was brotherhood. I knew it meant more than simple social plans and would build upon the things that were already most important to me: my commitment

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to service, personal growth, and the community around me.”

JAXON ZHENG JACOBS '28 is from San Francisco, California, and is a pre-medical student studying biological sciences with a concentration in Neurobiology and behavior at the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

“For as long as I can remember, as the eldest of four siblings, family, loyalty, and brotherhood have been core values that have shaped my decisions and beliefs. When I met the Alpha Delta Phi brotherhood, I realized they would naturally extend my need for a foundation in familial and communal love and support. Growing up, I harbored a complete misconception of what a college fraternity was—it seemed like a rowdy, chaotic environment—but Alpha Delta Phi transformed my perspective. With its commitment to academic excellence, a holistic lifestyle, and the nurturing of faithful and conscientious men, the Alpha Delt house aligns perfectly with my values and aspirations for the future. I spent my formative childhood years outdoors, on my family’s ranch, mountaineering through the wilderness of Northern California, Alaska, and beyond, and later, as a competitive freeride skier. I’ve had a lifelong obsession with playing and composing music on the piano and guitar. I still enjoy listening to everything from Alice in Chains to Claude Debussy.”

JOSH GREENE '28 is a freshman studying industrial and labor relations. He is from New York City and attended Dwight-Englewood School for high school, where he was the captain of the varsity tennis team, president of the politics club, and a four-year member of student government. In the summer preceding his senior year, Josh worked as a legal intern at the Innocence Project, a nonprofit organization aimed at freeing wrongfully convicted prisoners.

This experience motivated Josh to commit himself to serving others, so he started a Big Brother program with underprivileged children in Englewood, New Jersey, where he taught them fundamental academic skills, such as reading and writing, provided mentorship, and helped foster both intellectual and personal growth. In his free time, he enjoys playing tennis and golf and spending time with friends and family. After college, Josh hopes to attend law school and ultimately practice corporate law.

“Within my first few weeks at Cornell, I quickly realized that Alpha Delt’s strong emphasis on brotherhood and service made it stand out. I wanted more than just a place for weekend social events—I was looking for a community that fosters lasting memories and meaningful relationships, and Alpha Delt embodied that commitment.”

PAUL PHILLIP TRAJANOVICH '28 is currently studying economics and psychology in the College of Arts & Sciences. He was born in Walnut Creek, California, and moved to Santa Monica, California, in 2010. From there, he attended the Mirman School for grades K-8, and matriculated to Harvard-Westlake School for grades 9-12. In high school, he was a member of the varsity lacrosse team, and has continued on to play for the Cornell Club Lacrosse team. He led the Harvard-Westlake Investment Club in his junior and senior years as treasurer and vice president, respectively, and helped form a clubwide investment fund for future member use. Additionally, he was an active leader of Soles4Good, a registered 501(c)(3) that empowers women to launch their own micro-businesses selling shoes; he served as drive coordinator and head of growth in the two years he was a part of the organization. During this time, he coordinated drives in and around the greater Los Angeles area, recruited members to supersede the current member class, and helped oversee a 21,000-plus shoe shipment to El Salvador.

Beyond academics, his breadth and depth of interests lay far and wide, being a passionate musician playing both classical guitar and the upright bass, serving as the bassist of Harvard-Westlake’s middle school jazz band, jazz ensemble, studio jazz band, and jazz band. During these four years, he had the privilege of touring Venice, Florence, Perugia, and Rome in spring 2023, and New York City in spring 2024. Additionally, Paul holds a deep passion for music production; he has been actively producing, mixing, and mastering tracks for various friends and artists throughout high school, and he even attended GRAMMY Camp '23 at the University of Southern California, where he was instructed by Greg “Stryke” Chin on the electronic music production track.

“Upon arriving at the Cornell campus and catching up with an old friend, with whom I attended elementary school and who was an active brother of Alpha Delta Phi. He showed me, firsthand, the values of the fraternity. Priding each other in their intimate brotherhood while retaining an academic and inquisitive zeal of their literary society, it stood out as a fraternity like none other. From the first moment I met the brothers, I felt a deep longing for a familial and brotherly connection I’ve always desired, and knew that Alpha Delta Phi held the brotherhood that I needed.”

NOAH CHARLES YAFFE '28, a freshman from Manhattan, New York, attended Polytechnic Preparatory Country Day School and is now studying economics in the College of Arts and Sciences. In high school, he played both club and varsity ice hockey, developing essential qualities of leadership and camaraderie, and is now a member of Cornell’s club hockey team. In addition, he played varsity tennis, was the head business columnist of his school newspaper, and the head peer academic coach.

Committed to the Jewish values imparted to him by his family and his education at a Jewish day school until eighth grade, Noah volunteered throughout high school at Friendship Circle NYC, engaging in recreational activities with special needs kids to foster a space of inclusivity and form lasting bonds. Noah has experience working in the retail industry and aspires to work in the financial services industry upon graduation, having joined several student organizations on campus in pursuit of that goal.

“My interest in joining Alpha Delta Phi stems from the well-rounded nature of the fraternity’s brothers: men who pride themselves on academic excellence, personal growth, and service to each other and their community. From my earliest days on campus, the brothers have welcomed and guided me, and it is their commitment to adhering to the pillars of the house in all aspects of their lives that I hope to emulate and ingrain in my fundamental character.”

MATHEO ELIE MUECKE '28 lives in London, England, and is studying economics and mathematics in the College of Arts and Sciences. He is the son of French-American parents, born in New York City, raised in San Jose and Costa Rica, and graduated from the American School in London. In high school, he was a varsity soccer player, lead the student government, and was co-president of the investment club. Motivated by the values his family imparted to him, he spent five years working as a tutor for the Rugby Portobello Trust, a registered charity tutoring the underprivileged children of Ladbroke Grove, London.

Professionally, Matheo has pursued four different internships in the financial industry, developing his skills in communication and leadership, and expanding his understanding of the systems that run the world around us. On campus, he is a member of the Cornell Undergraduate

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Research Board and a passionate intramural soccer player. After college, he hopes to pursue a career in finance.

“Growing up all over the world, I have always found it difficult to define what home means to me. However, getting to know the undergraduate chapter, I have come to realize that home is defined by the people around you. The brotherhood and friendships that Alpha Delta Phi fosters have created a sense of belonging and community that I hope to call home.”

ADITYA SHOKEEN '28 is from Pacific Palisades, California, and attended Harvard-Westlake School, where he served as president of the economics club and contributed as a member of Venture Club. At Harvard-Westlake, he demonstrated his commitment to community and leadership as a student ambassador for CHAI and spearheaded a fundraiser that provided essential school supplies to The Village School in his grandparent's home village, all while competing on the varsity tennis team. Now at Cornell's Nolan School of Hotel Administration, Aditya is pursuing a degree in hotel administration with an intended minor in real estate. His involvement in CREDIT, the on-campus real estate club, reflects his longstanding passion for the field: a passion that was truly ignited through his work experiences.

The summer preceding college, he interned in the House of Representatives with Congressman Krishnamoorthi and followed that with an internship in the sales and HR departments at a Hilton hotel in Santa Monica. These complementary experiences not only broadened his perspective, but also deepened his commitment to pursuing a career at the intersection of hospitality and real estate. In his free time, Aditya enjoys a wide variety of sports, especially golf and basketball, and cherishes opportunities to travel and spend time with friends and family.

“I wanted to join a fraternity like Alpha Delta Phi that transcended mere social events: a brotherhood built on the pillars of service and mutual support, perfectly aligning with my goal of creating a family away from home. In Alpha Delta Phi, I found that home, where our shared values and commitment to service continuously inspire me to grow and make a meaningful impact.”

HENRY RICHARD AINSCOUGH '28 grew up in Mawdesley, England. Attending Bolton School from year 1 until year 8 (kindergarten to 7th grade) he was an adamant beekeeper and played both rugby and water polo to a national standard. Henry then moved to Radley College for the remaining years of his schooling. At Radley, he served as college prefect, cadet warrant officer, head of the combined cadet forces, chairman of Crowson's society (educational lecture series), head of the robotics team, founder of both the baseball and water polo teams, and he played in multiple varsity sports teams, including rugby and rowing.

Now in Ithaca, he studies in the College of Engineering hoping to major in mechanical engineering. At Cornell, Henry is currently the treasurer of Mews Hall, serving on its Hall Council. Henry also serves as the social media chair of the Cornell University Rugby Club and sits on its executive board.

“The best five years of my life so far were spent at Radley, an all-boys boarding school, where the concepts of camaraderie and loyalty were ingrained. When applying to Cornell—my only application to American universities—I always knew I wanted to join a fraternity in an effort to replicate the brotherhood I experienced in high school. After spending time with the current undergraduate brothers, I am confident that Alpha Delta Phi is the place where I can forge these unbreakable friendships.”

BLAKE ALEXANDER STEEL '28 was born in his father's native country of Brazil, where he lived in São Paulo until early middle school.

In São Paulo, he attended St. Paul's, a British international school: the same school his father and grandfather attended and where his great-grandfather was among its first students. He was also born to a Mexican-American mother who had spent most of her life in Brazil. He then moved to the suburbs of Philadelphia, where some of his mother's family resided, and remained in the Radnor School District until graduation. There, he lived with his mother and sister, and devoted a majority of his time to his relationships, schoolwork, and the three soccer teams he played on.

By the time of his graduation, he had served as the president of the Future Business Leaders of America club and as a regional officer, where he also competed and was an international finalist in the banking and financial systems competition. He was also president of his school's investment group, a three-time best/outstanding delegate in international Model United Nations conferences, and a proud Eagle Scout. He is currently enrolled in the School of Human Ecology, initially with an interest in medicine, but intends to switch to the College of Arts and Sciences, where he will double major in biology and economics. Upon arriving at campus, he did not originally intend to join a fraternity, but exposure to the brotherhood, house culture, and its commitment to service quickly changed his mind.

“I believe that the house will continue to shape my character and will provide a platform where I can uphold our shared values.”

ALEJANDRO ULVERT '28 is from Miami, Florida, and attended Belen Jesuit Preparatory School, where he served as captain of the men's varsity soccer team and treasurer of the National English Honor Society. Outside of school, he represented Nicaragua as a part of the U20 Nicaraguan National Soccer Team and organized a soccer summer camp for the children of Latin immigrant workers at La Salle Education Center, mentoring children and teaching them the fundamental lessons learned through team sports, such as brotherhood and camaraderie.

He is currently studying economics and international relations in the College of Arts and Sciences. His vision has always been to one day be able to utilize his knowledge to provide more opportunity in Latin America, specifically for the younger generations, who may have brilliant ideas but lack the resources they need to succeed.

“Initially, I wasn't very keen on joining a fraternity, as I was unfamiliar with the concept as a whole. However, having been taken under the wing by a few older brothers, who introduced to the fundamental values of the house that have molded 155 generations of Alpha Delta Phi men, I knew this was a brotherhood I wanted to join.”

GABRIEL MARTIN HELLER '28 was born and raised in the heart of New York City, where he attended the Rudolf Steiner School from kindergarten to eighth grade, and later attended The Masters School in Dobbs Ferry, New York. At Masters, he was heavily involved in the student body, where he served as a writing center tutor, started for the school's New York State Soccer Championship team, and was the president of Generation SOS, an organization dedicated to preventing drug and alcohol abuse in teens.

At Cornell, Gabe is currently studying global development at the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences with an intended minor in business. Some of Gabe's favorite pastimes are running, producing music, reading, and playing cards.

“From the day that I stepped inside the walls of Alpha Delta Phi for the first time and met the brothers, I knew where I wanted to be. I was instantly drawn by the warm welcome, sincerity, and genuine passion for tradition.”



CORNELL ALPHA DELT ALUMNUS WINS INTERNATIONAL FICTION PRIZE

The undergraduate brothers of the Cornell Chapter are proud to announce that **Miles Ryan Fisher '04** placed first in the fiction category for the Alpha Delta Phi Foundation Alumni Literary Competition with his submission, "The Gaunt of Goodbye." He also tied for second place in the nonfiction category with "A Terminal Professor's Last Lecture Turned My Story into an Eerie Tale," a tale inspired by events that took place during his time as a Cornell undergrad.

Fisher, who graduated from the School of Industrial and Labor Relations, earned a Master of Arts degree in writing from Johns Hopkins University in 2016. The Alpha Delta Phi Foundation will be making a \$350 charitable donation in his name to Montgomery County (MD) Public Libraries for the purpose of starting a German language book section. You can read both of his entries at <https://adphifoundation.org/literary-competition/winners/year2024/>.



FROM VLADIMIR NABOKOV'S 1964 INTERVIEW IN PLAYBOY

Nabokov: I gave up teaching—that's about all in the way of change. Mind you, I loved teaching, I loved Cornell, I loved composing and delivering my lectures on Russian writers and European great books. But around 60, and especially in winter, one begins to find hard the physical process of teaching, the getting up at a fixed hour every other morning, the struggle with the snow in the driveway, the march through long corridors to the classroom, the effort of drawing on the blackboard a map of James Joyce's Dublin or the arrangement of the semi-sleeping car of the St. Petersburg–Moscow express in the early 1870s—without an understanding of which neither *Ulysses* nor *Anna Karenina*, respectively, makes sense.

For some reason my most vivid memories concern examinations. Big amphitheater in Goldwin Smith. Exam from 8 a.m. to 10:30. About 150 students—unwashed, unshaven young males and reasonably well-groomed young females. A general sense of tedium

and disaster. Half-past eight. Little coughs, the clearing of nervous throats, coming in clusters of sound, rustling of pages. Some of the martyrs plunged in meditation, their arms locked behind their heads. I meet a dull gaze directed at me, seeing in me with hope and hate the source of forbidden knowledge. Girl in glasses comes up to my desk to ask: "Professor Kafka, do you want us to say that...? Or do you want us to answer only the first part of the question?" The great fraternity of C-minus, backbone of the nation, steadily scribbling on. A rustic arising simultaneously, the majority turning a page in their bluebooks, good teamwork. The shaking of a cramped wrist, the failing ink, the deodorant that breaks down. When I catch eyes directed at me, they are forthwith raised to the ceiling in pious meditation. Windowpanes getting misty. Boys peeling off sweaters. Girls chewing gum in rapid cadence. Ten minutes, five, three, time's up.

HONORING BRUCE HART

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represent Alpha Delta Phi in demanding the restoration of Bruce's Library. Brother Crowell and I would reach out to the Hart family. Brothers Potter and Brown would remain apprised of the matter.

Brother Crowell took the initiative to track down Bruce's brothers: Andrew and Anthony. Brother Golder arranged a conference call that included Bruce's mother, Annabel. It was agreed that Mrs. Hart would forward documentation detailing the trust established for the memorial library; brother Golder would also represent the Hart family in the matter. Several brothers suggested that the current brotherhood learn about Bruce and the library; having current students on campus that can advocate would be advantageous.

Bruce and I were from Miami-Dade County, Florida; we had a connection that went beyond Cornell. Brother Crowell and he, on the other, had developed a bond during our collegiate years. "[Bruce] was probably my best friend in all my years," Brother Crowell wrote me. "Did you know he was supposed to be my best man?" Brother Crowell's eldest son carries Bruce as a middle name in honor of brother Hart.

For several years, the Adelphic Cornell

Educational Fund gave a \$500 award to the NIB with the highest spring GPA.

At the time of his death, Bruce, like all the other enlisted men in his unit, had a Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI). Unmarried, his parents were the beneficiaries. The policy was for \$50,000 in 1986, adjusted for inflation is \$143,000 in 2024.

His father, Dr. Hart, proposed using this as a fund for Cornell to establish a memorial library in Bruce's memory at Army ROTC. This was immediately accepted. The funds were paid in 1986, and the library opened in May 1987. In subsequent years, additional money was given, and in 1987, an annual award in memory of Bruce, a ceremonial sword, was given to the cadet of the year. In a marvelous twist of fate, a decade later, Sarah Bradbury '95, the wife-to-be of **Keith Robbins '86**, who was Bruce's little brother in Alpha Delt, was awarded a ceremonial sword. They used it to cut their wedding cake.

We wondered: How many semesters had gone by without any Alpha Delt taking a walk to Barton Hall to make sure nothing was amiss at Bruce's memorial library?

Bruce was much loved and remains much missed. It's understandable: to die young is to leave us before the challenges, disappointments, and regrets of life arrive.

Indeed, while Bruce remains a young man

in all his photographs, the same cannot be said of the brothers of his generation, men with receding hairlines and expanding waistlines.

Nevertheless, he is our Brother in Arms. And we are working to right this wrong.

As this story goes to press, the matter, it seems, has been resolved. On September 20, Brother Golder reported that the Harts and he had "drafted an initial 'demand' letter to the Cornell counsel who handles issues re: funds. Golder reported, "Counsel emailed me back, and we are trying to connect on the phone. I have kept the Harts informed re: the status."

In the weeks that followed, the Memorial Library's existence was confirmed with Cornell claiming that its operation had been "continuous." Cornell claims that there was confusion in Lt. Col. Fitzgerald's emails.

Brother **Steven Ritchey '81** traveled to verify that the library was where it should be, almost as if the plaques had been put back in place. We are still looking for the clock that was donated by his brothers in his honor. As Brother Golder confirmed, "This episode demonstrates to me the important of [the brotherhood] maintaining continuity, and makes me interested in recruiting undergraduates to be advocates for our fallen brethren within the university."

Water is a solvent, dissolving things like memories and the past, but it is also a solution that can restore, provided there is vigilance.



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Brothers and their families gathered for Reunion in June.





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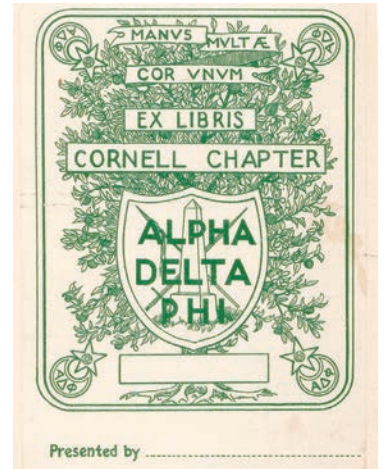
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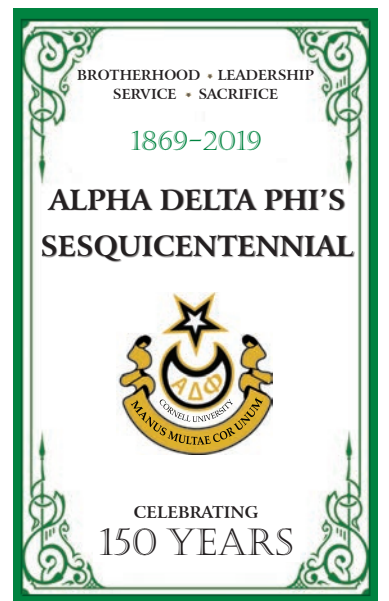
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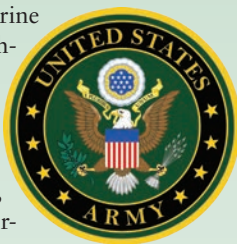
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Frederick Bugbee Wardwell '48 January 11, 2024

Frederick Bugbee Wardwell '48, born on November 28, 1922, died at home on January 11, 2024.

Enlisting in the Marine Air Corps after freshman year, he became a B-25 bomber pilot and served in the Pacific. Released from duty in 1946, Fred attended first Cornell, then the Syracuse Pulp and Paper School, instead of returning to Williams. In 1951, he was called up for active duty in the Korean conflict, and was stationed for the duration of the conflict at Cherry Point, North Carolina, most often flying the F4U Corsair.



Professionally, Fred started in the technical department at the Brown Company in New Hampshire, moved to be the general manager of the Georgia-Pacific pulp and tissue mill in Plattsburgh, New York, and then to Watertown, New York, as president of the ailing Brownville Paper Company. After successfully navigating Chapter 11 bankruptcy for Brownville, Fred left the paper business to become co-owner of the Slack Chemical Company in Carthage, New York.

Released from the time constraints of work in 1988, Fred retired to Maine and devoted himself full-time to the many enjoyable pursuits hampered by work: sailing, tennis, rockscaping, skiing, snowshoeing, iceboating, beekeeping, cabinetry, land management, travel, community volunteering, and extensive non-fiction reading.

William (Bill) Hugh Ferguson '52 September 13, 2024

William Hugh Ferguson '52, known as Bill, of La Crosse, WI, passed away on September 13, 2024, at the age of 95.

Bill's educational journey took him through Culver Military Academy and Cornell, where he earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering. His professional career began at General Motors, but he is perhaps best remembered for his long tenure at the Trane Company, where he worked for 39 years.

Bill served as a 1st Lt. in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. In 1953, he married

DorothyAnn Marshall of Huntington, WV, his beloved partner for over 70 years. The couple settled in La Crosse, where Bill became deeply involved in his community.

Bill was a passionate lover of life and adventure. He cherished family trips, including canoeing and skiing expeditions across northern Wisconsin, Michigan, and western states. He encouraged his sons to embrace physical activities and enjoyed a wide range of sports and hobbies, including tennis, golf, skiing (downhill, cross-country, and waterskiing), rollerblading, swimming, sailing, biking, canoeing, hiking, and playing bridge. Bill and DorothyAnn spent decades enjoying tennis and golf with friends at the La Crosse Country Club.

George Maxwell Kennedy '52 December 4, 2024



George Kennedy, a brother since 1949, died December 2024 at the age of 94. When he arrived at Cornell in the fall of 1948, things that would shape the rest of his life were already in motion, not the least of which was that his older brother, Jim, was a member of Alpha Delta Phi. When you look at the group portrait photos of house party attendees, it is easy to see both the fun and splendor that would attract a young man to join. Tuxedos and suits on men. Fancy gowns on women. All smiling radiantly, with bemused or almost glowering chaperone parents in the middle of it all.

An old American LaFrance fire engine seemed permanently parked at the top of the driveway. But it can't always have been there because George used to start his car by rolling down the slope.

World War II was over. On campus were both young men growing up and veterans back from fighting. One veteran brother was a sniper from the Finnish Army ski service who fought off the Russian invasion. Some students and some classes were housed in Quonset huts. Nearly all of the younger brothers were in one of the ROTC programs. George was in the Army.

George had a complex relationship with Alpha Delta Phi's initiation process. Perhaps knowing what was coming initiation weekend and not liking the prospect because he

had been tipped off by his older brother Jim, Or perhaps because the older pledges weren't interested in putting up with unnecessary stress, the whole pledge class hightailed it to a hotel in another town that weekend and were not to be found. Initiation of some sort was held on a later weekend. George continued to be involved in Alpha Delta Phi after graduation, as a board member and participated in the serious portion of the process for a number of years.

George and his brother Jim first played tennis for the Grosse Pointe High School and continued their sporting competitiveness at Cornell. Because the engineering undergraduate program lasted five years at the time, George played collegiate tennis for five years. In retrospect, George thought that he might have used his time better studying more that fifth year. Tennis remained George's favorite sport for the rest of his life.

George enjoyed music and became one of the Willard Straight music room board members. The music room board was chaired by Gayle Raymond (class of '52). George became head usher for Bailey Hall concerts. Gayle was an usher. After his graduation, the two married. His Alpha Delt groomsmen added to the ceremony at Anabel Taylor Hall by painting HE on the sole of his left shoe and LP on the sole of his right shoe, for all to see when they knelt.

The Korean War started in 1950. Being in the ROTC program sheltered brothers from being drafted. Several of George's classmates who graduated in 1952 served in active duty posts overseas. One hotel student got his start managing hospitals and made a career of it. George, being in the five year program, didn't graduate until the war was winding down and the need for soldiers diminished. He served in the Army long enough to have his first son born at Aberdeen Proving Ground, a base in Maryland. After early discharge, George and family returned to Cornell for him to finish his MBA. Their second son arrived after George had started his career in mechanical engineering.

Looking through the collected ephemera George kept, one finds evidence of how different, serious, and permanent, in ways, being an Alpha Delt was in the early 1950s. For one thing, most of the women attending house parties were from out of town, attending one of the Seven Sisters colleges, and not attached to any fellow. George kept many copies of dance booklets—which one can see in movies of the period—used to schedule dance

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partners for each party, sort of like speed dating. A second feature of these weekends was that the visiting women stayed in the brothers' rooms. Men were not allowed upstairs when the women were there, officially, at least. A different time. A different mindset about how men and women interacted remained integral to George through life.

George's two sons came often to Cornell with their parents, ringing the dinner chimes, admiring the inlaid card table, marveling at the Brothers in Arms statue and moose, being told of roommates, Solarium dances, and carnival wagon rides, singing along with a piano or banjo, and carousing all around campus and Ithaca, too.

Clint became a Cornell Alpha Delt brother, class of '76. Beau, whose given name is George, lived in New York City and then New Jersey, and visited more often and helped George clean up the house and grounds during summers. Beau now has George's badge.

George kept in touch with, visited, and hosted his Alpha Delt brothers. When George and Gayle retired to a lakeshore home on Cayuga, it became one of the Reunion sites. George also spent years helping to look after the house and cajoling active members to appreciate and respect the building so many of us revere.

Donald Fred Johansen '53

May 22, 2024

Donald Fred Johansen '53 passed away on May 22, 2024. He was 93 years old.

After college at Cornell, Don worked at Illinois Bell. He met the love of his life, Janet Eckert, in 1955. They were married for 68 years. Don would sing Janet's praises to anyone who would listen. "She's too good for me," he'd say. "I married the best."

Don volunteered with Junior Achievement mentoring young businesspeople. After retiring, he served with the Executive Service Corps as a volunteer. He loved sports and fishing, often taking his kids and grandkids to Cubs games or remote lakes for fishing trips. He waterskied into his 70s, sang "The Alpha Delta Girls" to his kids and grandkids, and coached Little League.

Thomas C. Reed '55

February 11, 2024

Thomas Reed '55, who worked with physicist Edward Teller on the hydrogen bomb and

designed two thermonuclear devices fired over the Pacific in 1962, died February 11 after a short illness. In 2009, to record the work, he wrote *The Nuclear Express: A Political History of the Bomb and Its Proliferation* with Danny Stillman, former chief of technical intelligence at Los Alamos. *Nuclear Express* garnered a favorable review by New York Times Science Editor William J. Broad.

Reed, 89, died at his home in Santa Rosa, California, surrounded by family. Born in New York City on March 1, 1934, Reed was an engineer, businessman, developer, historian, author, and philanthropist. His Cornell University degree in engineering and an ROTC Air Force commission took him to the Ballistic Missile Division in Los Angeles during the years of Sputnik and the Missile Gap. With a University of Southern California master's degree, Reed moved to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where he worked with Teller.

In 1966, he became the Northern California chair of Ronald Reagan's gubernatorial race and served as chief of personnel in the governor's first administration. He became Reagan's statewide co-chair and re-election campaign director in 1970, and remained committed to seeing Reagan become president. Reed developed the Breckenridge Ski Resort in Colorado and founded River Oaks Vineyards and Clos du Bois Wines in the Alexander Valley in Sonoma County, California. In 1973, the Pentagon recruited Reed to manage certain intelligence projects related to the Yom Kippur War then raging in the Middle East. In 1976, Reed became director of the National Reconnaissance Office, responsible for all U.S. photographic and electronic satellite intelligence systems operating during the Cold War. Reed later worked within the NSC staff as special assistant to President Reagan for national security policy, where he charted Reagan's roadmap for ending the Cold War.

Throughout the years of Soviet collapse, Reed continued to advise the joint strategic planning staff on policy and intelligence matters. In the '90s, Reed traveled to Ukraine to assist with the return of over 1,000 abandoned nuclear weapons to Russian control. Reed began documenting the history of the Cold War and the possibility of nuclear threat, resulting in his 2004 book, *At the Abyss: An Insider's History of the Cold War* with an introduction by former President George H.W. Bush. In 2012, Reed turned to history-based fiction with *The Tehran Triangle*. James Schlesinger, former director of central intelligence, secretary of

defense and then secretary of energy, wrote, "The Tehran Triangle is a harrowing tale about Iran's quest for the bomb. The story feels real; it could have been written by an intelligence insider and a nuclear weapons expert. And it was."

Reed's 2014 work, *The Reagan Enigma*, provides first-hand insight into the mind of the 40th president as he sought to end the Cold War. Reagan Press Secretary Lyn Nofziger declared that Reed would be "the most accurate" about Reagan and those years.

Mitchell J. "Buzz" Lavine '67

June 15, 2024

After a long and fantastically successful decade defying the condition of his 2011 heart attack, Buzz Lavine, aged 78, died on Father's Day eve, June 15, 2024, just half an hour after eating his last popsicle (it was tangerine, for the record). He spent less than 10 days in bed, at home, and could open his eyes and see the world—and his loving family—around him to the end. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Linda, his brother, Ken, his children, Jennie and Ari (Lindsay), and his grandchildren, Adrien and Simone.

Buzz studied architecture and planning at Cornell. He designed and helped build the "hypar" sculpture that still stands at the entrance to the Cornell arboretum, now accompanied on the same site by a memorial bench in his honor. In 1963, the AP carried a photo of Buzz and three others, dressed in suits and posed with umbrellas for visual effect, standing high on the hypar in a strange but wonderful show of 1960s aesthetic.

Early in his career, Buzz devoted his intellect and passion to environmental planning and energy research. He led an NSF grant on energy analysis of environmental value while working with H.T. Odum and others, pioneers in the field of ecological economics. When looking back on his career, Buzz highlighted his time in systems research as the most rewarding.

Buzz also brought his architectural and planning toolkit to the service of his community, both as a county planner, and as a member of the Dryden Planning Board. Decades later, he found purpose, community, and a great use for his skills in working on the anti-fracking movement in Dryden that ultimately played a leading role in the governor's decision to ban fracking statewide.

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NECROLOGY

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Gordon “Gordy” Evans ’68 September 2023

With great sadness, we remember Gordy Evans, a Coast Guard Auxiliarist who served with unwavering dedication and professionalism for over 30 years. Gordy joined the Auxiliary in October 1991; in 2005, he joined the Coyote Point Flotilla (113-01-09) and then transferred to McClellan Park (113-01-09) in 2018. He remained a part of the Flotilla until his passing in September 2023. His exemplary performance and contributions to the Coast Guard, earning him numerous awards and commendations, are a testament to his unwavering commitment to service.

Here are a few highlights of his achievements:

- Gordy’s achievements are awe-inspiring, including the DHS Outstanding Unit Award once; the Presidential Unit Citation once; the DOT Secretary’s Outstanding Unit Award once; the Transportation 9-11 Ribbon once; the Coast Guard Unit Commendation seven times; and the Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation Ribbon twice.
- Sustained Service Award seven times (5,250 hours); Auxiliary Membership Service Award six times (30 years); Auxiliary

Operations Service Award 14 times; and the Auxiliary Public Education Service Award once.

A deeply dedicated Auxiliarist, Gordy profoundly impacted the safety and security of the maritime environment and the public. His leadership and commitment were a beacon of inspiration to all who knew him. Gordy will be deeply missed, but his legacy, which we deeply respect and appreciate, will endure through the many lives he touched and his significant contributions to the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Before joining the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Gordy served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He joined the Marines after college, attending Basic School in 1968 and flight training between 1970 and 1972. While in the Marine Corps, he earned the Pistol Expert Badge, Rifle Sharpshooter Badge, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with one star, the Vietnam Campaign Medal with a device, the Air Medal twice, a Bronze Star with the V clasp, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Navy Unit Commendation, and the Meritorious Unit Commendation. He was honorably discharged from the USMC as a Captain (O-3) in 1974.

DECEASED

Frederick B. Wardwell ’48
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George M. Kennedy ’52
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FROM THE ARCHIVES:

ALPHA DELTA PHI COLLECTION AT KROCH LIBRARY

Around 2002, Knight Kiplinger ’69 gave the House Corporation a generous contribution to digitize important archival materials in the Historians Closet off the Great Hall balcony. To this day, our best stuff is now stored in acid-free archival boxes in the Alpha Delta Phi Collection at Kroch Library. It is a private collection. Researchers can access it, but only with permission from us.

The House Corporation board insisted that Cornell sign a contract that they preserve the materials for free to provide access to scholars and researchers, but cannot charge us storage fees. As you can imagine, it took a while to get that signed...

When the university archivist came to the house to help identify what we had, she divided materials into three piles:

1. Unvaluable, but old stuff (which we put on shelves in the house library to make us look bookish)
2. Valuable, but many duplicates exist (which we put in Kroch Library)
3. Rare and unique (which is also stored in Kroch Library)

When the archivist opened the door to the closet, her first comment was the location of a sprinkler head over the top of all the bookshelves. She and I agreed that she could come back to the chapter house to formally inventory the materials. But she was so scared of the sprinkler head going off that I agreed to let her take with her a box with the most valuable materials, which included handwritten minutes from the 19th Century and inscribed books from Colonel Edward Mandell House 1881 and other prominent alumni.

We then scanned the yearbooks and photos and the result is here, if you have never explored our online photo galleries:

<https://adphicornell.org/120-galleries.asp>

If you have photos or documents from your era to add to the digital archives to preserve for future generations, please contact me at hbschaffer@aol.com.

Χαίρε,
Howie Schaffer ’90

RAYMOND E. TUTTLE '48 TURNS 102 YEARS OLD!



The brothers of Alpha Delta Phi send hearty birthday wishes to Ray Tuttle '48, one of our most dedicated contributors, correspondents, and encouragers. You can read Ray's recollections of his time at Alpha Delt during the turbulent era of 1941–1948 at:

<https://adphicornell.org/120-adphicor/files/ABrothersStory2018-Tuttle-enlarged.pdf>

Ray is an inspiration and continues to be active and engaged at Cornell, serving as his class correspondent, still regularly playing golf, and rejoicing in his opportunities to connect across generations by being an amazing great grandfather.

Thank you, Ray, for all your brotherhood, leadership, service, and sacrifice.

MEMORIES FROM RAY TUTTLE '48

Returning to Cornell in the fall of 1946, after a summer working for Standard Oil of Ohio, I occupied the former alumni suite at Alpha Delt with two others. My roommates were Jim Sliger '49 and Bob Engelbert '49. Don Knowlton '49 occupied the single room on the hall across from the bathroom. Don was studying electrical engineering, Bob was in civil engineering, and I was in chemical engineering. I was still on a tight budget, even with the scholarships and the GI Bill, so the chapter very generously gave me the job of house manager and my room rent free. My main duties were to collect the monthly checks from the members living in the house, all under the guidance of Jim Rice '30, BS '33, the alumnus mainstay in the stability of the Cornell Chapter for many years. I was also the “official” contact with our houseman, Reggie, and our cook, Rose Reber. Reggie seemed to have been there forever, and I think Rose was somewhat new.

By the fall of 1946, most servicemen were back on campus. We had quite a group of Alpha Delt married vets, a few even with children. Cornell had built “Vetsburg” on the Ag campus, which was a group of apartments for returning married vets to live in. On each Wednesday evening, we had an expanded dinner, where the married families could join us downstairs in the dining room. Dinner was preceded with a cocktail hour in the library. It was very well attended by all, and my memory is of everyone standing around with their beers or martinis (or what have you), toddlers wandering around among us, and the occasional squeal when a too-full drink got spilled on one of the toddlers.

I think that fuel supplies must have been still tight then, because we set the main hall thermostat to take the temperature of the whole house down every night to maybe 55 degrees. That worked for a while, but there were complaints. Then the complaints stopped, and it took me a little while to figure out that someone was coming down later in the evening and cracking open the window closest to the thermostat so it got below 55 there quickly while the whole upstairs got warm and comfortable! Very creative, but we had to stop it!

As to social life with the opposite sex ... pre-war, Alpha Delt's were not allowed to date coeds. That must have meant you either abstained until house-party time, went up to Wells College for your dates, or

dated a “townie” or Ithaca College girl. After the war, that custom also faded away, probably because the veterans had had enough abstinence overseas in the service. Post-war, everyone I had known had graduated, so I dated around and eventually went rather steadily with a girl from Alpha Omicron Pi. We had a few who still went up to Wells College, but there was only one (!) automobile in our large parking lot, and I remember it as being something like a cross between a Jeep and a truck. I think it was called the “green machine” and belonged to Thomas Wells '43.

The women's dorms and sorority houses all required the coeds to be back in their rooms every weekday night by 8 p.m. or 9 p.m., and I believe on Saturday it was 11:30 p.m. The university was still in loco parentis in those days (which I guess means Cornell was your parent). Coeds could “sign out” when their parents were visiting or for an approved house party on campus.

A date frequently meant going downtown to Zinck's, to the Dutch Kitchen in the basement of the Hotel Ithaca, to a bar on Stewart Ave., or to one of several other bars in Collegetown. The back end of Zinck's had the shields of the “big six” fraternities around the top of the walls above the molding, and Alpha Delta Phi's was one of them. The Dutch Kitchen was famous for its wooden tables, completely covered with carved signatures of students and (mostly) former students. On trips down there, I marveled at how people in these two crowded bars would get the urge to go to the other bar at the same time, and the crowds would pass each other on the main street between them!

At a later date, I was shocked to go back to Ithaca and find that Zinck's had moved to a new location a block away. I was more shocked to go inside and see a television over the bar! It had totally lost the atmosphere I remembered. This was not the bar of “Give My Regards to Davy.”

At Alpha Delt, the arrangement for a house party was to completely block the second-floor hall about halfway down and to give the back half of the house to the visiting dates. Two adult couples were required to be present as chaperones (a happy task that Peg Wilharm Tuttle and I performed several times after we were married).

“On each Wednesday evening, [Alpha Delta Phi] had an expanded dinner, where the married families could join us downstairs in the dining room.”

Ray Tuttle '48

NEWS FROM OUR ALUMNI

JAMES MCCORMICK '69 EARNS ENGINEERING'S HIGHEST ALUMNI HONOR

James McCormick '69, M.Eng. '70, an influential business leader, philanthropist, and longtime supporter of education initiatives at Cornell and nationally, received the Cornell Engineering Distinguished Alumni Award during a celebration event on March 7 in Duffield Hall.

Much of the event focused on the impact of McCormick's endowment of Cornell Engineering's James McCormick Family Teaching Excellence Institute (MTEI), which has advanced the culture in the college around undergraduate teaching. For 15 years, the institute, led by Kathryn Dimiduk, who McCormick refers to as a source of "uncommon common sense," has developed a wide array of supports

and tools for engineering faculty. The assistance it provides includes personalized teaching tips based on student feedback, workshops for new professors, course and curriculum redesigns, and classroom reconfigurations to accommodate active learning.

Cornell President Martha E. Pollack thanked McCormick during her remarks for bringing the institute "from concept to reality, and supporting it with passion and dedication," adding that "Jim's decades of involvement as an alumni leader and his focus on the core priority of excellence in teaching have helped to ensure that Cornell Engineering prepares our students for lives and careers of innovation and impact."

Read the full story at news.cornell.edu/stories/2024/03/mccormick-69-meng-70-earns-engineerings-highest-alumni-honor

John M. Beeman '63: All is well. Living in Naples, FL, married to Sandra Luburs (still) and believe the house deserves this gift.

Frederick H. Parkin Jr. '63: I see my kids' godfather, **Thom Chirurg '64**, all the time. I have two granddaughters, ages 5 and 3 years old, in New York City, and two grandsons in San Francisco, ages 3 years old and 1 year old. We got a late start but are celebrating 50 years of marriage on April Fools' Day. It was a Tuesday in Santa Barbara 1975, chosen so I wouldn't forget!!

James H. Hunt IV '64: I am into my 55th year of living and working in Singapore. The transformation of Singapore over those years has been amazing! I am quite active in my investment banking business in Vietnam, Thailand, Laos, and, most recently, in Japan. Married, in good health, looking for the next challenge. I invite any brothers visiting Singapore to contact me. Best wishes to all brothers for 2025.

Gerry Gragg '65: On September 21, 2024, **Thom Chirurg '64**, his wife, Lynn, and **Gerry Gragg '65** joined Jeanne Evans, widow of **Gordy Evans '68**, at a U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary memorial service honoring Gordy's 30 years of aviation service. The service was held on Coast Guard Island in Alameda, CA, at the site of the granite wall memorial, where honorees' names are engraved. Among Gordy's many awards received in his service in the USCG Auxiliary aviation unit are Sustained Service Award seven times (5,250 hours), Auxiliary Membership Service Award six times (30 years), and Auxiliary Operations Service 14 times.

Robert M. Brandon '68: Enjoying active retirement via travel, tennis, piano, and volunteer work. Cheers! Married over 50 years to Carol (Maclean) Brandon, who I met at a party!

Jim Vaughn '72: It was a blessed year for the Vaughn family. No new health issues, and both Julie and I are now fully retired. Since our much loved, but needy dog, Truffle, passed, we have been able to travel. Since late 2023 we have logged nearly 10,000 road miles to places like the Smokey Mountains, the Natchez Trace and Natchez, Myrtle Beach, the Florida Panhandle, Galveston, Isle of Palms, St. Simons, and two trips to north Georgia. We also flew out to Portland, Oregon, where the boys met us for Mother's Day and we explored Walla Walla, Washington, the Columbia River Valley, and the Oregon coast. That was a great trip! Along the way we saw family, met up with old friends, went to a wedding, tried pickleball (not a success), played disc golf (also poorly), shot sporting clays, hiked in many locations, and tasted lots (and lots) of wine and craft beer from many great small vineyards and local breweries. James is still a cyber geek with Bank of America in Delaware. Neal is still in Seattle, but has left Ferguson and is now working as a manufacturer rep for Pfister Faucets. Note that our card this year was an original Julie watercolor inspired by the family of deer we see out our back windows most evenings as they return to their home off our marsh. Our thoughts and best wishes are with all our friends and family. Jim and Julie. jim@vaughnsystems.com.

Mike Zak '75: Gentlemen (and I use that term loosely): I congratulate you all on the current

issue of *The Cornell Alpha Delt*. It is a tour de force. I suspect that there are varying degrees of credit (or blame) to be assigned for the achievement so if the shoe fits, wear it. The 2024 issue of *The Cornell Alpha Delt* is, without question, the most enjoyable read to come out of 777 in a very long time. This especially relates to the issue for which I was responsible (I think it was the summer 1975 issue). The current issue was so chock full of stuff worth reading that I found myself carrying it around with me for the past few weeks, reading and savoring as I was able to do so. It was not an orchestrated piece, and therein lies its appeal. There was a little in there on everything, for everyone, and enough of it hung together to make the whole thing well worth reading, and reading again. I was especially moved by references to brothers whom I knew, or whose names I knew. Sprinkled through the issue were names like **Ray Tuttle** and **Ted Booth** and **John Brooke**. Just seeing those names brought back echoes of others: **Jim Rice**, **Hunt Bradley**. Even a mention of **Lauri Walsh** by **Bob Price** (and I had not been aware that the International had played a role in the tennis court drama). But even seeing the names of brothers whom I had not known or met was hard-hitting. So, many thanks, and whatever needs to be done to repeat this I urge you to encourage it. Starting off an issue of *The Cornell Alpha Delt* with a piece about *The New Yorker*, written well enough that it could have been in *The New Yorker*, is as good as it gets.

Dean M. Dilley '77: Thank you to **Mike Zak '75** and **John Dyson '65**!

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NEWS FROM OUR ALUMNI

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William D. Given '79: Greetings brothers, I am mostly retired but do work as a F+B consultant for the USGA. In my career, I catered over 680 professional golf tournaments across the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. Now I just help all aspects of food and beverage service for the U.S. Open, this year at Oakmont C.C. in Pittsburgh. If any of you plan to be there, look me up, would love to catch up.

Philip Edward McCarthy II '86: I attended **Hugo Hamilton's** ('24) graduation last spring. There was a lovely dinner sponsored by the brothers. I run into **Caesar Wysormirski '85** and **Karl Kirchner '85** from time to time.

Denton Chase '92 (*bottom right*) recently connected with **Marc Breuers '92** (*left*) at the



Cornell Hotel Society Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in New York City on November 10. Denton accepted the induction honor on behalf of his father, the legendary Professor **Robert M. Chase '59 Eng, MBA '61**. Brothers will remember Professor Chase both for his acumen in the classroom and across the hospitality industry, but also for his frequent appearances at Victory Club and Reunions at the Phi.

Gautham V. Nagesh '05 tied the knot with his wife, Anna, on May 11, 2024, at the

Westin Book Cadillac in Detroit. The Phi was well represented, as you can see from the photo above. Brothers pictured (*from left*): **Josh Goldstein '05**, **James Marceda '05**, **Phil Dubrovsky '05**, **Donald Johnson-Montenegro '04**, **Gautham Nagesh '05**, **Ryan Welner '03**, **Jack Van Arsdale '05**, **Sebastiano Colella '05**, **James Widyn '05**, and **John Zirinsky '06**.



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