



# The Cornell Alpha Delt

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## BROTHERS HONORED WITH PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL AWARDS

Two Alpha Delt undergraduates and members of the 142nd pledge class were nationally recognized. The Harry S. Truman Foundation recognized Samuel Ritholtz '14 as one of its 2013 scholars, while Zachary Montague '13 received the Fulbright U.S. Student Fellowship. Both awards come with substantial scholarship funds to be used toward their future study and research efforts.

The Truman scholarship recognizes students with exceptional leadership potential who are committed to careers in public service, and Samuel has certainly portrayed those characteristics. The foundation, comprising a handful of our nation's most recognizable elected officials and judges, was formed in 1975 by the U.S. Congress.

Ritholtz, an international agriculture and rural development major, has made proactive efforts toward promoting awareness of global issues. He has worked with the nongovernmental organization Voices of African Mothers and is president of Big Red Relief, a student group dedicated to

international relief efforts. As a founding member of the Circle of Women at Cornell, Ritholtz also works to increase girls' access to education in the developing world. The organization currently has projects in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India.

Ritholtz served as the philanthropy chair for the Phi before studying abroad in Argentina at the University of Buenos Aires this past semester.

"I hope to one day be an advocate for displaced people on the world stage," Ritholtz told the *Cornell Chronicle*. He will use the scholarship to study forced migration and refugee issues and how they affect a nation's economic and political development.

While the Truman scholarship focuses on continued education and a career in governmental work, the Fulbright program seeks to benefit our nation as an international educational exchange program.

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## VICTORY CLUB ON THE RISE

The brothers of Alpha Delta Phi hosted their 96th Victory Club at 777 Stewart Avenue in Ithaca, New York, on Saturday, April 13, 2013. Victory Club is a black-tie charity event engrained in Alpha Delta Phi history.

Started in 1919, Victory Club was originally a function where war bonds were sold for United States "victory" in World War I. As the threat of global conflict waned, the event was changed into a fundraiser to benefit the surrounding Ithaca community. It was revitalized in the 1970s and has since evolved into one of the largest philanthropy events on Cornell's campus.

Today, this event has been modernized to include casino games, fancy wine, delicious food, and it is always a memorable night of fun. Francesco Jimenez '15, the elected Victory Club chairman,

chose the Ithaca Public Education Initiative (IPEI) to be this year's beneficiary. IPEI's mission is to facilitate

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## ALPHA DELT EXCELS ON CAMPUS AND IN THE COMMUNITY

Across the board, it was a very successful semester at the Phi! The brothers complied with increasingly onerous Rush Week regulations to recruit 16 new brothers for our chapter. The new pledge class is of the highest quality, brimming with brothers who are diverse and dynamic—they hail from not only the typical tri-state area, but as far away as Spain, Germany, Morocco, and Azerbaijan. Despite the fact that the university moved the initiation date up in the calendar year, it was still a great success! The upcoming years will be challenging, however, as Rush Week has been cut to three days and the pledging period reduced to four weeks. Nonetheless, I fully expect Alpha Delt to navigate this new territory effectively.

The house was certainly a happening place this semester. Every weekend seemed to be packed with either sorority mixers (of which there were many, thanks to our great social chair, Justin Calabrese '15) or benefit events. A few highlights included a Kappa Kappa Gamma Parents' Cocktail Hour that we hosted for the sorority's Parents'

Weekend, Bid Nights for Bed Nets (a date auction for malaria prevention), Phi Fashion (a fashion show for the Children of Armenia Fund), and the International Ball thrown by the Cornell International Society. This, of course, is not to mention our outstanding Victory Club event this year, which raised more than \$11,000 for the Ithaca Public Education Initiative!

Perhaps the house's greatest success this semester; however, has been improved relations with the university. In a semester during which more than 10 houses came under fire for hazing allegations (resulting in three suspensions thus far), the undergraduate brothers' ability to adapt our pledging process yielded great results. First, we had zero violations this spring, and the university has begun to view our chapter as an exemplary model for success within the new system. The Phi is back and as great as ever!

Ben Olson '13  
Spring President

## HOUSE MANAGER'S REPORT

The spring of 2013 began on a seemingly rich and mellow path for the brothers of the Phi. The house was clean despite a festive Rush Week (and remained so), and our permit to hold events was firmly in place. That is, until the fire alarm system went chronically haywire.

From early February through April, the alarms would periodically sound at both comical and inopportune times. We took memorable post-initiation pictures in front of a fire truck, the Victory Club after-party was cut a bit short, and very late on a frigid February night we received permission to stay at the Statler and miss classes the next morning

because the alarms kept going off. An hour before a well-planned and involved philanthropy event (Bid Night for Bed Nets), the fire department had to come once again. Fortunately, we were still able to hold the event. Despite these travails (which ceased by the end of the semester), Alpha Delt managed the situation with grace and tact by maintaining cordial and gracious relations with Ithaca officials and Pleasant Valley Electric. We would like to thank them and Ellen Reuben for assisting us in managing the problem effectively.

*Xaipe,*  
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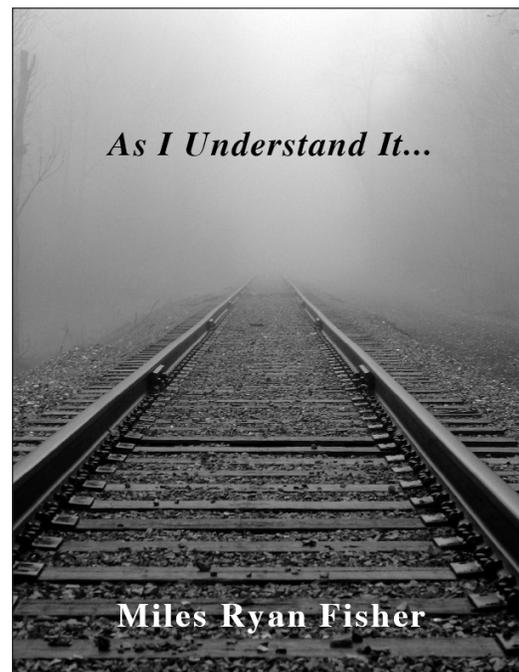
## AS I UNDERSTAND IT ... BY MILES RYAN FISHER '04

*"For a man gazing out into the break of dawn, life is defined by desire. This is what a boy from a small southern town comes to learn as he sits at a train station awaiting a journey toward the place he believes he needs to go. The last thing he expects is the conversation that arises; a conversation that leaves his life forever changed. Years later, after the boy becomes a man, he decides it is time to retrace this conversation that life will not let him forget. And as he explores the thoughts surrounding that mysterious morning, he realizes that the true place he was meant to go was not a place a train could take him."\**

Like many Alpha Deltas, I carry a passion for literature and writing. *As I Understand It...* is my first substantial product of this passion. Having taken me four years to write, this introspective novel is a glimpse into past experiences and how the understanding of life and love accumulates as each experience is lived, eventually developing into a far deeper wisdom. The book is focused largely on relationships, love and the desire to love, and the idea of a soulmate (with baseball sprinkled throughout all of these themes, of course).

My inspiration to write this novel arose from an earnest desire to understand myself, why I think and act as I do, and how that reflects what I desire most in this life. It wasn't until this desire fully developed that it created the inspiration necessary to dive into writing a novel and complete it without it ever seeming to be painstaking work—or work at all.

The hand Alpha Delta Phi lent to bringing this book into being is quite representative of the book itself. As much as Alpha Delt's pride is its existence as a literary society, the meaning of that doesn't lie in books. It lies in the thoughts that lead to those books. Everyone knows Alpha Deltas like to enjoy late nights. But what everyone doesn't know is that those late nights can often consist of very deep, very existential conversations in which meaningful ideas and thoughts are shared to the point that they beget new ones. I don't necessarily remember every one of these conversations I had through the nights spent at Alpha Delt, but I'll never forget them. Because these conversations offered me insight that then shaped my perspectives on life and



love—and thus became a part of me, of who I am today.

You can find *As I Understand It...* at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) (for Kindle) or [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com) (for paperback or iPad).

\*Book description, [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

## COMING TO ITHACA THIS FALL ... A GRADUATE ADVISER

*In the past the House Corporation board has tapped the experience of graduate alumni brothers from Cornell and other chapters to counsel, encourage, and advise the undergraduates. We have found that the smaller the age gap between current students and their graduate brothers, the more rapport, communication, and relevance prevail. Below is the first installment of a series of updates we will receive from Charles Vick (Hamilton '06). Charles comes from an esteemed Alpha Delt family that includes his uncle, Jon Vick (Hamilton '62), president emeritus of Alpha Delta Phi International; and his grandfather, the late William "Bill" Vick (Hamilton '36).*

Hello to the brothers of Cornell Alpha Delta Phi! In a way, I'll be joining your ranks this year as the graduate adviser to the undergraduates while I attend my first year at the Cornell Johnson Graduate School of Business. Howie Schaffer '90 and I have been working on a graduate adviser program for a few months, and I'll be there when the undergraduates arrive at the house this fall.

The role of graduate adviser is something I look forward to taking seriously, with every aspect being tailored to helping the undergraduates get the most out of their fraternity and college experiences. Brother Schaffer and I have worked hard on the definition of this role, and

I believe we've created something that will provide support to the chapter while still affording them the requisite autonomy to get the most out of the character-building experience that four years at an elite university provides.

There are things that the graduate adviser is *not*. The graduate adviser is not a babysitter, police officer, or advocate. The graduate adviser is a consultant, conscience, and confidante. Key responsibilities of the adviser include:

- Review the pledge education process to ensure that it prioritizes the well-being and growth of the pledges.
- Advise the chapter's Executive Board on social, literary, and philanthropic programs.
- Help the chapter maintain positive relations with the school administration.
- Be available to provide counsel to the undergraduates on topics fraternal or otherwise.

I look forward to being the graduate adviser this year. If the program is successful, I hope it can be promoted at other chapters.

*Charles Vick graduated from Hamilton College in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in mathematics. For the past seven years, he has worked at Lutron Electronics, a lighting control electronics manufacturer in Eastern*

*Pennsylvania. Brother Vick is starting the two-year full-time MBA program at the Cornell Johnson Graduate School of Business in the fall of 2013. He can be contacted by email at [charles.vick@gmail.com](mailto:charles.vick@gmail.com).*

### ALPHA DELT BROTHERS ...

Share your thoughts, opinions, and memories of Alpha Delt in the newsletter. Send them to Howie Schaffer '90 by email at [hbschaffer@aol.com](mailto:hbschaffer@aol.com).

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# FASHION, POLITICS, AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN

The veil had been lifted. Two years of social probation and a feeling of constant limbo had given way to a house and a brotherhood ready to share its knowledge with the Cornell community. For a group of young men who had been barred from hosting a party since Obamacare was enacted, this was an opportunity that was not taken lightly.

While it would be improper to attempt to describe the culture of the brotherhood in only a short passage, it's safe to say that there was an urgency at 777 Stewart Avenue about displaying our uniqueness to the community in every way possible.

For so long we had been compelled to stay quietly behind our stone walls. We had more meetings with lawyers than social events, but the brothers remained loyal. We had concentrated on our Rush strategy and perfecting the new member education process. We had hosted small gatherings that played upon our exclusivity, and we renovated such common areas as the tower lounge and courtyard in preparation for the days ahead of us.

Meanwhile, we watched our fellow Greeks fail to adjust to the changing social scene that brought more—and ambiguous—rules. Many houses lost hope, as their eldest brothers constantly threatened deactivation. Others had their charters removed by the university.

During our two years on social probation, we learned from their mistakes.

Considering our prolonged status, our social chairs found it fairly easy to reconnect this year with the sororities with which we had formerly maintained good relationships, and two years without a social mixer were quickly a distant memory. Our formal events, which had been conducted with precaution the years prior, were once again spectacles to which every young woman on campus hoped for an invite. The traditions surrounding Christmas formal have been kept alive as well.

Beyond this routine, we opened our doors to the community on Halloween night. A lot had changed since our last “open party.” Freshmen were barred from entering, and only brothers and their guests were allowed to the second floor. Once again, brothers welcomed the feeling of exclusivity that these two precautions brought about, and the abundance of

sweaty, frenzied guests downstairs reminded many of the type of gathering that had dominated their earlier college years.

Not to be outdone by the social chairs, Michael Jahnle '15 and Justin Calabrese '15, seemingly every brother set out to plan an event or make another contribution that would continue to raise the imaginary morale bar we had set for ourselves in this post-probation era. Nightly conversations around the house echoed this tone, as we frequently discussed Cornell's changing culture and our place in it over drinks and “FIFA.”

Our election night party, mentioned in the next morning's *Cornell Sun*, brought a new crowd into our living room—and lasted long after the results were made known. The gathering brought about fiery debates between Seattle liberals, Texas conservatives, and a young lady who swore her father was once the New York state speaker.

Brothers turned philanthropy events into massive extravaganzas. Once seen as a requirement set down by the university, philanthropy events became an opportunity to showcase our house to different communities, dress in protocol, and enjoy meeting many new people. For example, the Cornell International Ball—sponsored by members of the French Society and International Students Board—brought cultured men and women to the house all night. Meanwhile, many brothers were auctioned off the week prior at Bid Night for Bed Nets—all in the name of charitable pursuits.

Then in late April, the living room was turned into a runway for the week, and the entire house was caught up in the excitement of Phi Fashion. Alexander Egan '13 put his ergonomics degree to use and perfected everything from the 50-foot runway to lighting and audio. He and Garrett Loh '13 welcomed Dr. Garo H. Armen of the Children of Armenia Fund to campus, and his son delivered a moving literary address to the brotherhood one evening.

When we weren't entertaining guests at the house, brothers could be seen fraternizing on the CTB patio or carousing in any one of the five Collegetown bars. On one quiet weekend, the brotherhood set out on an impromptu trip to Toronto, Canada.

In the spirit of overcoming the divide that had penetrated the system, there was an increased emphasis on Greek intramural competitions. Our brothers brought home individual championships in tennis and squash, and each of our team sports reached the playoff rounds.

Such were the efforts taken by the brotherhood this year to enjoy our newfound status as a house free of university-imposed social restrictions. The dark days of the past two years were behind us.

That being said, it is evident that the shift currently capturing the Cornell Greek community is not complete, as many houses have not had as fluent a transition. A large portion of the Greeks remains



under investigation for hazing and violated social rules. The rate that the Cornell chapters of our nation's longest-standing fraternities are losing their recognition is alarming. We have felt the effects, as five of our seven closest neighbors have either been removed or temporarily suspended at some time in the last two years.

There is no need for pessimism, however, for a stronger Alpha Delt has emerged, and our

darkest days are behind us. While both social and conditional probation are now in the past, their lessons have not been forgotten and can be seen in every endeavor undertaken by the brotherhood this year.

With its veil finally removed, the house will re-emerge as a leader in this “post-*NY Times* op ed” era. From the loyalty of graduating senior leadership to the contributions of our dedicated alumni, we have many to thank for this restored confidence.

Alfonse Muglia '14

## THE 1967 CAMPAIGN TO END STUDENT GOVERNMENT AT CORNELL

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status quo—a challenge that astonishingly and uniquely was not coming from the Left.

In the event, it was a close-run thing. On-campus polls right up to the end of the campaign had the election neck-and-neck, with some even showing Maher ahead. The Cornell establishment was scared, make no mistake. The counting of the ballots—if any actually took place, heh—was conducted secretly (at least secretly from us—no members of either campaign were allowed to be present at the counting) in the basement of the Straight, late at night, and the result—a narrow win for the establishment ticket—was announced the next day to the general disbelief of many on campus, and certainly to our disbelief. I'm convinced that We Wuz Robbed. But the administration and the whole Cornell establishment knew they'd dodged a bullet. And let me tell you, they were mightily relieved.

Anyway, Your Honor, those are to the best of my recollection, the facts as they occurred. As I say, I can't speak at all about the subsequent campaign by Maher the following year, as by then I had more urgent fish to fry in Southeast Asia, and many of my original collaborators among the above-mentioned brothers were also gone. So whatever the Dekes may have to say about that second election is, for all I know, perfectly true. All I know about is that first '67 campaign.

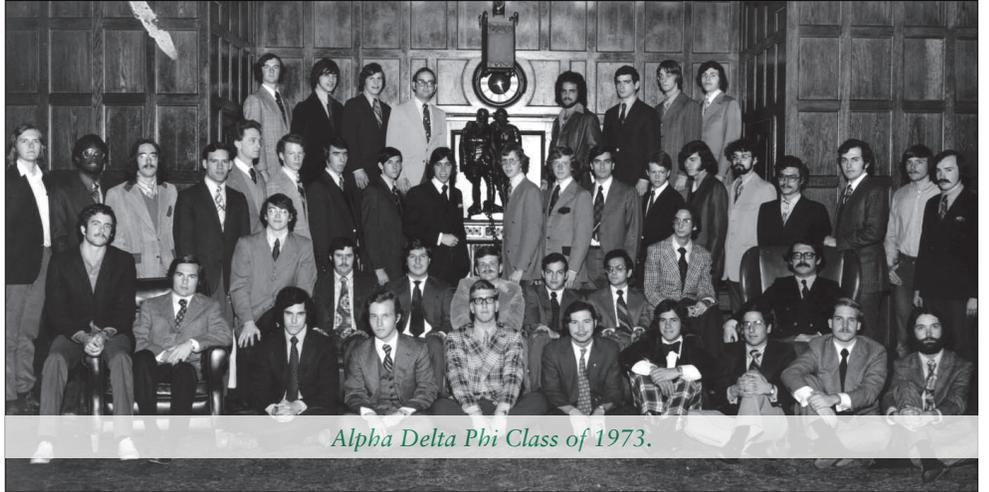
But I'm happy to continue this conversation with anyone who would care to have it, for any purposes. As I believe the motto of the CIA has it: “You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.”

Jack Jolis '67



## REMEMBERING ALPHA DELTA IN THE EARLY 1970s

*Billy Noel '76 in the fire engine and Jerry Noel '73, Subail Saad '77, and Clyde Kahrl '77 on the ground.*



*Alpha Delta Phi Class of 1973.*



*Croquet on the Quad with Christophe Bergen '76, Subail Saad '77, and Jim Hamilton '74.*



*Todd Slotkin '74 getting the champagne ready!*

## WORK OF STORM THARP '92, DISPLAYED IN JOHNSON MUSEUM



Artist Storm Tharp '92 had a memorable semester, as the Johnson Museum of Art displayed his solo exhibition, "Third Person," from mid-January through April. Tharp became the youngest Cornell alumnus to have a monographic show at the Johnson Museum. Tharp described his return to Ithaca as "psychically intense" in an interview with the *Cornell Daily Sun*. "My life is busy, and I was not exactly prepared for the emotional impact of seeing this beautiful campus covered in snow. It's truly a majestic location."

Tharp gave multiple presentations on the exhibition, which was featured in the Johnson Museum and Milstein Hall, the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning's new building. In addition, he accompanied a group of students in the conception and production of a wall mural in Milstein Hall.

The exhibition, meanwhile, featured a combination of ink and gouache portraits and fabric sculptures. Tharp draws from a wide range of influences, from 1970s American cinema to Japanese portrait prints.

"I don't think it takes a lifetime to find your voice, and I don't think it takes an eternity to gain some kind of momentum in your work," remarked Tharp when asked what advice he would give to aspiring artists. "But it is important to understand that you, too, will change. You will have to find your voice again and again and again."



# REUNION 2013 RECAP!

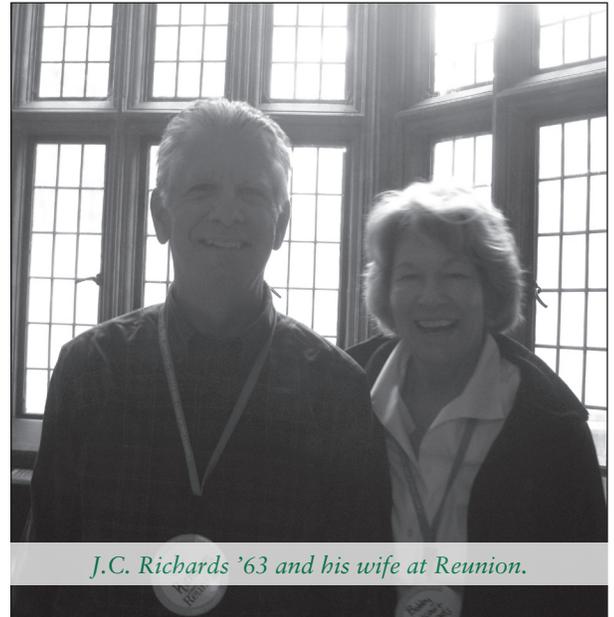
“I often feel that I was in two fraternities,” remarks Ronald Demer (Cornell ’59), a brother of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and longtime friend of Alpha Delt who was able to join the brothers at this year’s Reunion. He described the reception as “an experience that really moved me.” Ron waited tables at Alpha Delt for three years, and has remained friends with many of the brothers. At Reunion, one brother he caught up with was Gordie Anderson ’58, whom he had not seen in years and whose warm embrace caught Ron off guard. “How many guys at houses remember waiters after 55 years and do something as warm, friendly, and spontaneous as that?”



*John '82 and Raymond Tuttle '48.*



*Albert Joerger '89, Howie Schaffer '90, and Tommy Worden '04.*



*J.C. Richards '63 and his wife at Reunion.*



*The Class of 1963 at their 50th Reunion.*

## MEET THE NEWEST ALPHA DELTS!

**Oliver Ryan Viera**, of the graduating class of 2015, majors in biology and society in the College of Arts and Sciences. He was originally born in the Bronx but has lived the great majority of his life in Norwalk, Connecticut, and attended Norwalk High School. Upon graduation, Oliver hopes to continue his studies in dental school in order to become an orthodontist.

**Jonathan Max Speier** was born in Frankfurt, Germany. He has lived there throughout his life and attended high school at the Elisabethenschule. After high school Jonathan decided to take a year off in order to mature and find out what he really wanted to do in life. He traveled in Europe and the Middle East, learning new languages and interning in different industries. As part of Cornell's class of 2016, he is a hotel administration major and plans to be a leading figure in the hospitality industry, while also fighting social inequality all over the world.

**Ethan Garber** is currently a freshman in the School of Hotel Administration. He hails from Pacific Palisades, California, and attended Palisades Charter High School. After learning to cook at a young age and running his own catering business in Los Angeles, Ethan discovered his passion for cooking. Despite that passion, Ethan plans to concentrate in finance and real estate. Ideally, he would like to go into hotel real estate development. After his career in real estate, Ethan would like to own and manage a heritage-breed pig farm.

**Salem Chaouni** is in the Cornell class of 2016. He spent his early years in Scarsdale, New York,

but at the age of seven moved to his home country of Morocco and lived there for five years. He returned to Scarsdale for middle school and high school. Salem is a food operations and management major in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. His family owns a large apple orchard and chicken farm in Morocco, and in the future he would like to join the family business.

**Reed Henry Newman** is in the class of 2016 studying environmental science and sustainability in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. He was born in Los Angeles and attended Windward School. He spent weekends in the Santa Ynez Valley on his family's ranch. Through that experience, he gained unparalleled respect for nature and learned to grow fruits and vegetables. After graduation, he would like to work in the commercial food industry and eventually start his own business. He believes that there is great potential to make a real difference in the world by changing the way people perceive and obtain their food.

**Ilyas Abayev** is in the class of 2016. He came to Cornell specifically to study hotel administration. Originally he is from Baku, Azerbaijan. However, he spent the past 10 years living and studying in Tel-Aviv, Israel. He has been highly involved in soccer and chess—and lives his life like a game of chess. He also considers himself to be a leader and will try to demonstrate this throughout his time at Cornell.

**William McKay Brownlee** is a sophomore economics major in the class of 2015. He is from

Bethesda, Maryland, and attended Walt Whitman High School. While at Walt Whitman, he was a senior class officer, editor of the high school newspaper's sports section, and captain of the rowing team his senior year. He is in his second year as a member of the Cornell lightweight rowing team. As a freshman, he stroked the freshman lightweight to a fourth-place finish at the Eastern Sprints Regatta, which serves as the national championship for this category. In addition, he placed second at the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta in the youth eight and has also coached youth boats to national championships. He is currently recovering from a stress-fractured femur and a labrum tear and will return to the team in August.

**Marcelo Jorge Domeniconi** is freshman studying Spanish in the College of Arts and Sciences and is a member of the men's varsity crew team. He hopes to work abroad someday in either Europe or Latin America. Having no initial interest in the Greek community, he has since fallen in love with the Alpha Delta Phi traditions.

**Samuel Alexander Langer** is from Newton, Massachusetts. Sam has always been interested in starting things from scratch, whether it's a group of people working toward a common goal or an electronics project. Sam spends much of his time at Cornell pursuing entrepreneurial endeavors and hopes to start a large organization one day. He is majoring in biochemistry and is thinking about entering the field in order to lengthen people's lives and ultimately help the world.

**Scott Morrison Goldberg** was born in Santa Monica, California, and currently resides in Pacific Palisades. He went to Crossroads High School, has two sisters (one adopted), and is an industrial and labor relations major. The most important event in his life was the adoption of his sister, now 22 years old, because he learned about the values of family and sacrifice. He played jazz throughout high school and is hoping to combine his love for music with a career in either law or business.

**Frank Romano** is a sophomore in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences from Farmingdale, Long Island. He transferred from Nassau Community College and is currently pursuing a major in information science and applied economics and management. Frank is a member of the men's lightweight rowing team. He looks forward to contributing to Alpha Delta Phi during the next three years.

**Max Henry Rosenthal** is in the School of Hotel Administration. Before Cornell he attended Columbia Prep in New York City. He has traveled all over the world and loves learning about



*Three generations of brothers at Initiation 2013.*

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*Celebrating the newest brothers at Initiation 2013.*

## MEET THE NEWEST ALPHA DELTS!

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different cultures and visiting new cities and countries. Max doesn't know what he wants to do with his degree, but he is hoping that through his courses and internships he can find what he is truly passionate about.

**Wesley Dylan Johnston** was born in Maplewood, New Jersey, but currently resides in Seattle. He went to University Prep High School and is now a member of the School of Hotel Administration's class of 2016. Wesley grew up swimming and playing water polo, and he currently plays water polo for Cornell. He has a passion for entrepreneurship and hopes to one day start his own company back in the great city of Seattle.

**Philippe Spafford Simard** was born in Ithaca, New York, and spent much of his childhood traveling and living in different places, including England and Connecticut, before finally settling in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. He went to the Taft School for high school before being recruited to Boston College to play tennis. After a year at Boston College, he decided to transfer to the Industrial and Labor Relations School at Cornell. He is also pursuing minors in law and society and business. Philippe is planning to attend law school after graduation and pursue a career in contract law.

**Pablo Nicolas Zapata Hojel** was born in Mexico City, Mexico. He lived in Mexico and attended the Greengates School until 2010, when he matriculated to Cornell. After one year of studying architecture, he moved back to Mexico City to take part in civil engineering courses at the *Universidad Iberoamericana*. After one year in Mexico City, he finished the courses and started working full time for an editorial focused on the energy sector. For six months he dedicated his time and effort to the company New Energy Connections, and in the spring of 2013 he returned to Cornell to continue his studies. He hopes to transfer to the city and regional planning program and graduate with a business minor. He wishes to work as an expatriate in the construction or energy industry after he graduates.

**Marc Baselga** was born in New York City and moved to Barcelona when he was three. He lived there until he was 17, graduating from the Buckingham Browne and Nichols School in 2012. He is now a freshman at Cornell studying biological engineering, concentrating in biomedical engineering. Even though he is unsure of what he is going to do after Cornell, his dream is to create or be part of something that will change the world for the better—ideally creating a biotech device.

## BROTHER THANKFUL FOR FELLOWSHIP AWARD

Alfonse Muglia '14 has been awarded the Alpha Delta Phi Cornell Tradition Fellowship. The award is given to deserving undergraduates who demonstrate a strong commitment to work and service. "I cannot overstate how valuable my Alpha Delt experience has been thus far," expressed Muglia in a letter of gratitude. "With this experience, I am proud to say that Alpha Delta Phi is prone to be a frontrunner in the evolving culture that is Cornell's Greek life." Muglia served as the undergraduate treasurer this year, and he is the newly elected literary chair. On campus, he was editor of the *Cornell Review*. His other recognitions include the Daniel Alpern Memorial Scholarship and the Network of Enlightened Women's Gentleman of the Year.

## UNDERGRADUATES GRATEFUL FOR CLEANING & RENOVATION

*"I just got back to the house yesterday, and I wanted I thank the alumni for having Kelly and Jim come into the house over break. The bathrooms look incredible, and we are extremely pleased to have something else to show off during Rush Week.*

*We also really appreciate the upgrades in hygiene for this semester.*

*See you soon and again, thanks,  
Garrett Loh '13  
Fall Vice President"*

*"I want to speak on behalf of all the undergraduate brothers in thanking Howie and the alumni for the bathroom renovations and improvements to the Great Hall. Numerous brothers have been coming up to me saying how incredible the bathrooms look, and how they'll actually be pleasant to use! Thanks again; your support does not go without notice.*

*Ben Olson '13  
Spring Undergraduate President"*

## BROTHERS HONORED WITH PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL AWARDS

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Montague is a recent graduate of the College of Arts and Sciences, with degrees in government and China and Asia Pacific studies.

Hailing from Denver, Colorado, Montague joined the Phi as a sophomore. His time at Cornell was marked by two semesters studying abroad—an experience that he described as very valuable toward satisfying his life ambitions. He recently concluded his senior thesis, which addressed the relationship between the property rights system in China and city-level land markets.

Montague recently announced, however, that he will respectfully decline the fellowship in favor of pursuing a career within the United States.

The accomplishments of Ritholtz and Montague are a testament both to the proactive mindset that many Cornell students bring to international issues and to the leading role many Phis play on the global stage.

# VICTORY CLUB IS ON THE RISE

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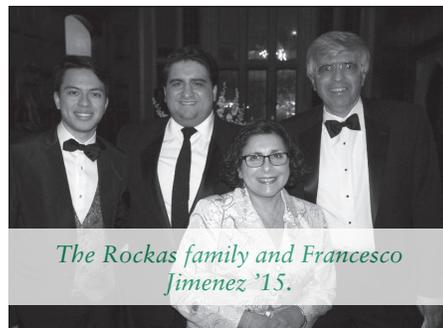
community connections and support for students and teachers of the Ithaca City School District (ICSD) through engagement, collaboration, gifts, and grants. IPEI's values enhance the educational experience, community involvement, creativity, and responsiveness. It was only logical for the fraternity to support a local organization whose mission enriches education for all students in our community.

Alpha Delta Phi hosted IPEI representative Jeff Rubin, Cornell Vice President of Student and Academic Affairs Susan Murphy, Johnson Art Museum Director Stephanie Wiles, Ithaca Mayor Svante Myrick (Cornell '09), and ICSD Superintendent Dr. Luvelle Brown. Mayor Myrick talked about the importance of getting involved within the community and receiving a great education.

Thanks to the event's correspondence this year with the Parents' Weekend celebration of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority, some Alpha Delt alumni were able to return to 777 Stewart Avenue for their first Victory Club in years, adding to the night's exuberance.

The brotherhood was able to raise more than \$11,000 for IPEI and had more than 250 guests in attendance for the evening. The event's overwhelming success was featured in the *Cornell Chronicle*:

"But the fraternity's impact goes well beyond the financial contribution," Grainger said. "Its value also includes the exposure IPEI got to a group of young people who may have the opportunity in their time at Cornell to volunteer or otherwise interact with the school district and IPEI," she said."



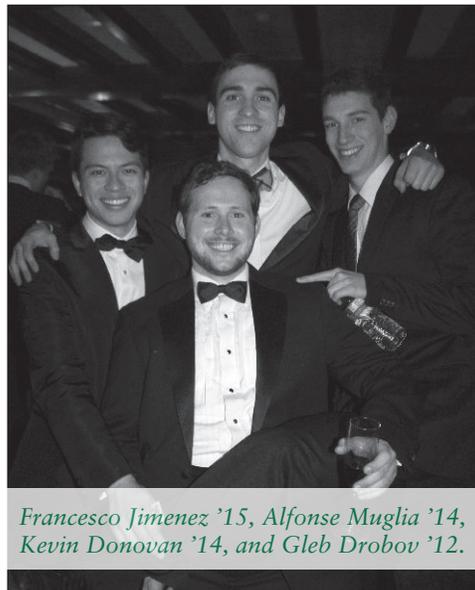
*The Rockas family and Francesco Jimenez '15.*



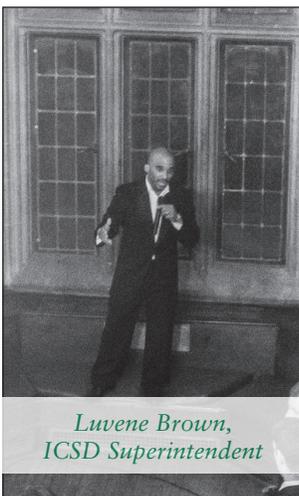
*Is it Monte Carlo or Victory Club?*



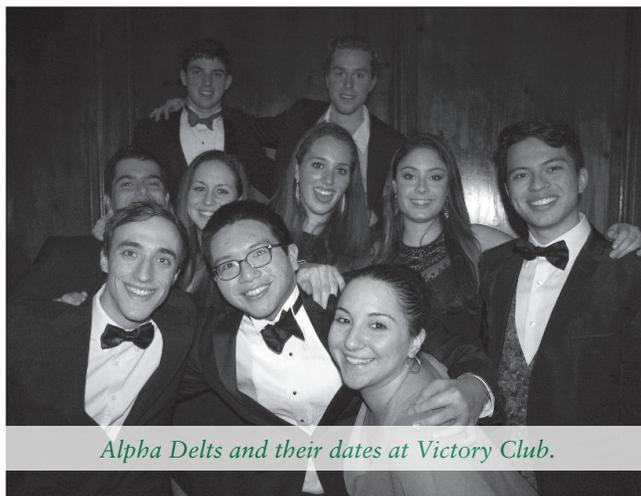
*IPEI board members Stephanie Wiles, Jeff Rubin, and Julie Langenbacher.*



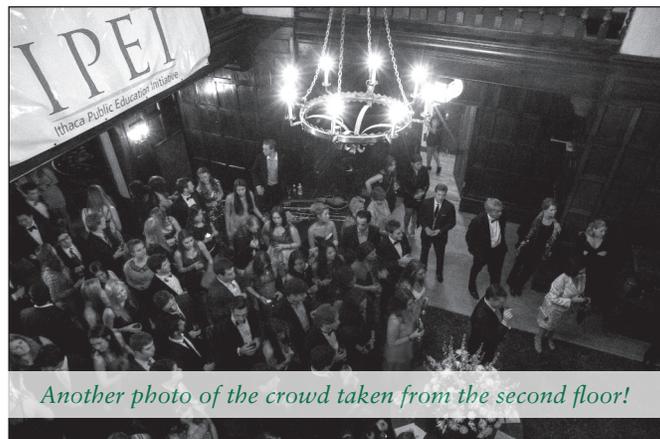
*Francesco Jimenez '15, Alfonse Muglia '14, Kevin Donovan '14, and Gleb Drobov '12.*



*Luvene Brown, ICSD Superintendent*



*Alpha Delts and their dates at Victory Club.*



*Another photo of the crowd taken from the second floor!*



*Susan H. Murphy '73, Vice President of Student & Academic Services, enjoys some casino games.*

# NEWS FROM OUR ALUMNI

**Dick Wambach '53** has announced that he and his wife have moved. Their new contact information is as follows: [REDACTED]

"My goal is to be retired from Northern Trust for as many years as I worked there," writes **Lawrence H. Brown '56**. "I was there for 31 years and have been retired for almost 25 years, so I'm 'on track.' I'm still healthy although with a new hip, new lens, and hearing aids. I still curl, play golf and tennis, travel, and enjoy life in general." Keep in touch with Larry [REDACTED]

**John M. Fisher Jr. '57** reported: "After six years of retirement, I'm running out of new challenges. I've taken all the courses available at Western Connecticut State University in non-Western cultures. The professor who taught most of them got his master's and doctorate in non-Western cultures at Cornell. Good guy! I need to look up the Phis in the Boston area as both my sons and their families are in the area, and I am as well. Too much babysitting and not enough partying. After spending some time in Nantucket with the whole family this past summer, we're preparing for a trip to Croatia in September. Next on the list will either be Sicily or a week in Venice, living like a Venetian in a rented apartment!" Catch up with John [REDACTED]

"After reading about the '19 New Brothers' in the *Cornell Alpha Delta* summer 2012 issue, I was very impressed with the number of athletes and captains of their respective sports in the class of 2015," writes **Hans Lawaetz '59**. "As a soccer player for four years at Cornell, freshman baseball player, and captain of the Alpha Delta broomstick polo team, I thought they would enjoy the attached picture of a brother as I walked into the Olympic Stadium for the 2012 London Olympics Opening Ceremonies, wearing my cowboy hat, as president of the Virgin Islands delegation, consisting of seven athletes from a population of 120,000 people. After serving for 40 years on the Virgin Islands Olympic Committee ([www.virginislandsolympics.org](http://www.virginislandsolympics.org)) in a volunteer



*Hans Lawaetz '59 entering the summer 2012 Olympic Games in his cowboy hat.*

leadership role, taking athletes to nine summer and five winter Olympics, 10 Pan American Games, and 10 Central American/Caribbean (CAC) Games, I have decided not to run for re-election as president for the next four-year Olympic cycle in order to spend more time in my family business and promoting the Senepol Cattle Breed developed on St. Croix, which you can view at [www.senepolcattle.com](http://www.senepolcattle.com)." Catch up with Hans [REDACTED]

"I'm now fully retired after a 40-year career in medical electronics," writes **James Fearnside '66**. "My time is spent biking, sailing, hiking, woodworking, and volunteering for good causes. Our son, Andrew (42), and grandson live in Albuquerque; and our daughter, Lee (38), lives in Toledo. Much time is spent visiting them." Get in touch with James via postal mail to [REDACTED]

"Greetings from Mongolia!" writes **Christophe Bergen '76**. "Thanks for the 'blast from the past!' Such jaunty style! Such casual elegance! Such nonchalance! Oh, well, we were young! We are working in Ulan Bator at the moment for a Mongolian group, helping them to develop several hotel concepts (two in the city and one outside in a northern lake region). Should keep us busy for a while! Vienna is still our base. We will probably spend the better part of the winter in Vienna, escaping the -40 degree Celsius weather at night here in the winter! Hope you are well and enjoying the summer!" [REDACTED]

**Ray Potter '87** reports that he no longer works at Hodes Weill & Associates, as he has decided to go out on his own, and he and his partner have formed R3 Funding, LLC. R3 Funding will be a correspondent for several Wall Street and National Lenders providing commercial mortgage debt products to the real estate community. The debt products consist of CMBS, Life Company Portfolio, Fannie, Freddie, HUD, Affordable Tax Credit, and Bridge. R3 Funding will be focusing on loans up to \$200 million. "I thoroughly enjoyed my three years at Hodes Weill and learned so much," he said of the experience. "I thank David, Doug, and Susan for the great times and experiences." Reconnect with Ray [REDACTED]

**Derek Bloom '94** writes: "Derek Bloom Architects appeared on the cover of the latest issue of *Design New England Magazine*. The article is about the recently completed house in Marblehead, Massachusetts—read here: [www.derekbloomarchitects.com/norman.htm](http://www.derekbloomarchitects.com/norman.htm). Send congratulations to Derek at 24 Norman St., Marblehead, MA 01945.

**Ryan Welner '04** was recently named one of Tulsa's top 40 under 40! "Cutting lawns and shoveling snowy driveways in St. Louis taught Welner the value of a dollar. He now serves as a senior financial analyst for The Magnolia Group, a value-oriented private family office investment vehicle that predominantly invests in publicly traded equity, distressed debt securities, and privately held real estate. Welner was the first person to receive joint degrees in law and Master of Science in finance from the University of Tulsa, which seems fitting given his outlook on life. 'Never stop learning,' he says. 'If there's ever a point where you feel like there's nothing more to learn in your career, it's probably time to find a new job.'" [REDACTED]

## NECROLOGY

*This issue is jam-packed with fantastic news on our continued successes and achievements, and also filled with goodbyes to a handful of amazing brothers. This issue went to press before we had an opportunity to celebrate the enormous contributions of recently departed brothers. In future issues, we will share stories to commemorate those whose generosity and service have been instrumental to our ongoing vitality.*

*Xaipe,  
Howie Schaffer '90*

**Peter Ten Eyck Nevius '42** of Niskayuna, New York, age 92, died on Saturday, August 4, 2012. His death is being mourned and his life celebrated by Josefina Angeli Nevius, his wife of 59 years; their son Peter, of Saratoga Springs, New York; and their daughters, Hilda Nevius O'Hanley, of St. Paul, and Monica Nevius, of Stoneham, Massachusetts. One of four boys, he was the last surviving member of his immediate family. He was born and raised in Manhattan and spoke fondly of his spent sailing on the Jersey Shore. He graduated from Cornell in 1942 in civil engineering and worked on the Norden bombsight. After the war, he worked for the Marshall plan, rebuilding harbors in Greece. He met his wife, Josefina, in Caracas, Venezuela, while building oil platforms in Lake Maracaibo. The Mountain Home Titan missile base in Idaho was his favorite project. While a job with GE brought him to Niskayuna, he finished out his career at the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for the State of New York, where he oversaw the transition from typewriters to desktop computers. He was an early adopter of technology—contact lenses, calculators, personal computers. His many hobbies included hiking, kayaking, and building things: from kayaking in Cuba to electronics to a glider in the basement. An avid athlete, he rowed for Cornell and jogged daily until his mid-80s. Peter was a man of strong convictions with a great sense

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of humor; many friends, relatives, and acquaintances have fond memories of him. He was well read and brought the sensibilities of an engineer and a man of wide-ranging interests to his life.

**Jack Gordon Huddleston '51** of Eden Prairie passed away on January 19, 2013. Jack was born July 31, 1929, in Nevada, Iowa. He graduated second in his class from Culver Military Academy and went on to earn his BS degree in chemical engineering from Cornell and the University of Illinois, with honors. Jack served in the U.S. Army for two years as a paratrooper. He began his 39-year career with 3M in 1953 and rose to the position of division vice president. Jack was an all-around athlete. He wrestled and ran track in high school and had a lifelong love of skiing, tennis, and golf. Of all the sports, he was most passionate about golf, and he always played at a very high level. As accomplished as he was in work and sports, Jack always kept family and friends at the center of his life. He attended Christ Presbyterian Church in Edina and First Presbyterian Church in Bonita Springs, Florida, where he spent winters for the last 18 years. He was devoted to his family as a husband, father, brother, uncle, and grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Huddleston. Jack is also survived by Mary Ann's children, Jill (Jeff) Noack and their son, Ryan, and Reed (Lisa) Christianson and their children, Riley and Spencer.

**Thomas S. Foulkes '52** died peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family in Keuka Park, New York, on November 5, 2012. He graduated from Cornell University in a five-year engineering program with a BME in 1953. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953-'55 as a second lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps before returning to Rochester. He eventually earned an MBA at the University of Rochester. He had a 32-year career at Eastman Kodak in distribution management that took him and his family to California, Georgia, Connecticut, and back to Rochester. He retired from Kodak in 1988, and, in 1990, he began work in the office of alumni affairs at Cornell. After retiring from Cornell in 2000, he and his wife, Anne, settled in their retirement home on Keuka Lake. In the later years of his life, he returned to his life-long love of music. This followed his early years as a student of trumpet and piano at Eastman Preparatory School of Music in Rochester. He played for friends and events in the region whenever asked. He enjoyed his role as a brother, husband, father, and grandfather, and he loved Alpha Delta Phi. His delight in and rapport with people extended beyond his family to friends from childhood, college, work, and retirement. In his final years, he tended a neglected vineyard with dedicated care and had his first harvest of grapes this year. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Anne, two sisters, three children, and six grandchildren.

**Thomas York Ellis '55** died surrounded by his family on December 9, 2012, after a two-year battle with leukemia. He was born in Painesville,

Ohio, on September 1, 1933. He earned a BA in economics and MBA at Cornell. Tom later became a member of the Cornell Chapter's Adelpic Cornell Educational Fund (ACEF) and for many years volunteered his time and services, traveling to Ithaca and acting as an advisor to the ACEF board, handling accounting, tax preparation, and tax filings for the fund. The fund, its trustees, and the countless recipients of the ACEF's awards, grants, loans, and prizes are deeply indebted to Tom for all of his efforts. He was a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants, and eventually opened a CPA practice in Painesville that later became Ellis and Associates, CPAs. He retired in 2006. Mr. Ellis was a member of First Church, Congregational, and the Painesville Rotary International, and he served as assistant governor for Lake County. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Suzanne (Schoedinger), and three sons.

**David H. Vrooman Jr. '59**, the beloved husband of Sally Eaton Vrooman and father of Peter, Eric, and Bruce Vrooman, passed away on January 8, 2013, in Caton, New York. Dave was born on June 30, 1937. He graduated from Albany Academy (1955), where he played football and made lifelong friends. At Cornell, he met Sally, studied economics, and joined Alpha Delta Phi. He vacationed with friends from Albany Academy and Cornell University until the end of his life and was known for hosting his friends and family at his family's cottage at Lake George. He was a devoted friend who helped other friends stay connected to one another. After Cornell, Dave earned an MA in economics from Northwestern University (1963) and a doctorate (1976) from SUNY Albany. A U.S. Army veteran, David was honorably discharged as a captain. Dave taught economics at St. Lawrence University from 1965-1999, where he was a beloved professor and colleague. He was an avid fan of jazz and classical music, sailing, stargazing, tennis, apple-growing, and trees. He loved natural beauty and spent his last days at his home on the Grasse River. Peaceful, generous, a humble and loving soul, loyal friend in Canton and beyond, Dave Vrooman will be deeply missed.

**Theodore Frederick Olt '57** died peacefully at home on Sunday, June 9, 2013, after a spirited fight with lung cancer. Born on September 15, 1936, Ted also received his bachelor of science in metallurgical engineering in 1958. He was a member of Alpha Delta Phi and was elected to Tau Beta Pi national engineering honorary. Commissioned in the United States Army Reserves upon graduation, he served in the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland, in 1959. Ted devoted his working career to the aluminum industry, enjoying 50 years of making and selling aluminum. Long a champion of the Hazelett technology of continuous casting, Ted's proudest days came as the first cast of molten recycled aluminum came on stream on December 4, 1991, at

NH Casting's new minimill site in Davenport. In retirement, he was an avid golfer, shooter, bicyclist, and hunter. He is survived by his wife, Janet, his four children, and their families.

**William G. Haddeland '71** was a much-loved husband, father, and mentor. Will enjoyed gardening, cooking, carpentry, politics, history, reading, and the Minnesota Twins. A graduate of Waubun High School (1967), Will began his career as one of the first committee administrators for the Minnesota State Senate. He continued to serve Minnesota as director of the State of Minnesota's Washington office under Governor Perpich. For over a decade, Will served as corporate vice president for government relations at Ashland Oil and was director of its Washington office. He was also deeply committed to public broadcasting and was Minnesota Public Radio's senior vice president for public affairs from 1998-2001. Will finished his career as president and CEO of the Independent Bankers of Minnesota from 2003-2007. Devoted to Minnesota and public service, Will held numerous positions on governmental committees and civic organizations. He served on the board of trustees of MPR from 1988-1997 and the board of trustees for Meridian International, a Washington-based organization that promotes international and intercultural understanding, from 1991-1996. From 2001-2002, he served as co-chairman of the Stadiums Task Force, a committee created by the legislature that developed the blueprint for the financing plans used for the building of Target Field and TCF Stadium. In 2004, Will founded Debate Minnesota, a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization that sponsors political debates at the state and national level. He lost his years-long battle with progressive supranuclear palsy on Sunday, September 23, in the same dignified way in which he lived his life. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends. Will is survived by his wife, Connie, and his son, Karl.

**Wesley James Grove '73** passed away in early January 2013 after his battle with bladder cancer. In a bedside conversation with *The Record* in the weeks before his death, Mr. Grove reflected upon his successful and satisfying life. His career as an international banker for Chase Manhattan Bank took him and his wife, Zsuzsa, around the globe, from Texas to Hong Kong to Japan to Texas to Vietnam. Upon his retirement at age 53, he and Zsuzsa purchased a 250-year-old farmhouse in the Bordeaux region of France where they would live for the remainder of his life. "It was an absolutely gorgeous property but needed a lot of fixing up," he told *The Record*. "We started pouring money into the place, and it went from a place that needed a lot of work to a place that looked pretty good." Among his interests was a love of equestrian. His greatest happiness, however, was sharing everything with Zsuzsa. "I have asked her to do quite a bit and she has always been at my side to support me. And not only to support me, but to improve on everything I have done." He passed away by her side eight days after the interview in New York City.