



The Cornell Alpha Delt

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: BUILDING THE LEGACY FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS

For nearly 150 years, our chapter has endured as a profound and fundamental force in shaping the life paths of young men with an appetite for refinement, adventure, and camaraderie.

The fraternity experience of Alpha Delt provided each of us with an understanding of the literary virtues and timeless ideals of Alpha Delta Phi. We developed leadership skills and lifelong friendships. Much of our fraternity experience took place within the historic walls of the Phi.

But after 150 years of active use, we can no longer address the deterioration of the physical plant of the Phi on the basis of incremental, project-based renovations. It is out-of-date in terms of the current expected living standards of today's students and the tools and amenities required for academic success.

To ensure another century of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell University, the house corporation is embarking on a capital campaign, with a goal to raise \$6 million. Our generation of brothers must lead with a transformational vision for our beloved fraternity structures that will ensure our abiding strength, relevance to the Cornell community, and ability to respond to the evolving and complex needs for the future. We now have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to come together as a group of brothers to build the legacy for the next 100 years.

I had been talking with some brothers and with our alumni president, Howie Schaffer '90, for a few years about the need to embark on a major capital campaign, so when he approached me to enquire as to whether I would be willing to take on the role of campaign chair, I eagerly accepted. I was very impressed with the work that Howie had already completed in laying the groundwork with structural and mechanical analysis studies and fundraising feasibility reports. I firmly believe that, with all of us working

together, we can reach our goals. Howie and I have been assisted in every step along the way by a core group of dedicated brothers, including Todd Slotkin '75, Mike Zak '75, John Dyson '65, Jim McCormick '69, Jeff Weiss '79, Duane Stiller '83, and Michael Millette '86. The participation of other interested brothers is welcomed.



Clearly, \$6 million is a lot of money. Why do we need to raise this much? Well, here are some of the major items in the house that require repairs, renovations, and/or replacement:

- The exterior is deteriorating, and we must repair and maintain the masonry walls, chimneys, roof, flashing, and drainage;
- Exterior doors and windows must be replaced;
- The basic mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems must be repaired, upgraded, or replaced;
- Numerous improvements are required to bring the house up to fire, safety, and accessibility codes;
- Historic features must be restored;

- Interior floors, walls, and ceilings must be repaired and refinished;
- The kitchen needs a complete overhaul to improve its usability and to provide a new eat-in facility;
- The Goat House has been condemned by the City of Ithaca and cannot be used until it and the access to it have been renovated to meet code requirements.

While improving the living conditions for current and future active brothers, the board also believes that the overall improvements to and addition of space for memorabilia, the repair and reconstruction of historic furniture, the addition of new furniture, and the improvements to accessibility will make the Phi more inviting for visiting alumni brothers and their guests.

Our plan also establishes a maintenance plan, along with an endowment for the future care of the building, which will be critical to maintain a structure of this caliber. It will be a place brothers will be proud to show their families and friends for generations to come.

We already have approximately \$2 million in soft commitments toward our goal, and with the names and contact information of more than 900 living alumni, we are confident that all of you will step up and contribute when asked.

We will be happy to show you the complete renovation plans, along with the related costs in the next few months, as we begin to roll out the full campaign.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for all of us to come together to create a historic transformation at 777 Stewart Avenue. Thank you for all you have done and will do to *Build the Legacy* for the next 100 years.

Tom Rothfels '77
Campaign Chair



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A MESSAGE TO THE NEWLY INITIATED BROTHERS

I recall sitting in my room on Dryden Avenue, waiting impatiently at my desk. Throwing dart eyes at the clock above my dresser, I heard a firm knock on my door. Three brothers arrived to present me with an invitation to join the 147th pledge class of Alpha Delta Phi. As I sliced open the wax seal, I glowed with optimism, thinking of the joyous memories that I would make. I envisioned the gallantry of formals, the excitement of social mixers, and the camaraderie of late nights on the tower. I would endure the pledging process and reap the rewards.

To my delight, my early years as a brother played out as the apex of my visions. I encourage you to enjoy these times as well, but I urge you to not permit yourself to enter a hedonistic lull; to do so is a disservice. As a dockworker is inured to the stench of his wharf,

your exposure to life in the house might render you numb to pleasures which once excited. Remember the foundations upon which our house was built, and strive to contribute. Immerse yourself in the oft-forgotten elements of the house: operations, philanthropy, and our literary beginnings. Carve out a legacy, for there exists no greater joy than to give back.

I write this with little over two weeks until I turn the page to the next chapter of my life beyond Cornell, and as I reflect on my time at Alpha Delta Phi, I am grateful for the formative experiences that the house has provided me, and I hope you will feel the same when your time comes and you are in my position.

Χαίρε,
Dani Ben-Reuven '17



Alpha Delta Phi Brothers, 2018

IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO THE HOUSE

Numerous improvements have been made to the house in terms of both aesthetics and functionality.

The great table and coffee tables in the Great Hall and living room have been refinished and restored to original condition. The Solarium's walls have been scrubbed and repainted with a fresh coat of paint. New pong tables have also been constructed with artwork done by brothers to replace old decaying tables. Fire-retardant curtains have been installed in the living room to ensure privacy for the brotherhood. Paper-towel dispensers have been installed into bathrooms, and the rusty hand air dryers were trashed. Tower deck benches have been refinished and stained a dark cherry color, with rest of deck to be completed early in the

fall semester. All showers received new shower heads to replace broken ones. Every room in the house has a new nameplate screwed onto the door to note which brother had inhabited the room for the semester. A new freestanding mailbox was installed at the entrance of the house to protect mail from elements throughout the year. Lastly, an American flag was erected over the archway at the entrance to the house. Upcoming planned improvements to the house include repairing the motion-sensor lights at the back of the Goat House to thwart acts of vandalism.

Thank you to the alumni whose annual contributions make house improvements possible.

Luca Raspi '19

THE FIGHT FOR GREEK LIFE AT CORNELL

Over the course of the past semester, it has become increasingly apparent that the current administration is actively trying to suppress, and perhaps gradually eradicate, Greek life at Cornell. The semester has seen numerous fraternities on campus investigated and put on social probation or, in a handful of cases, suspended.

President Pollack's publishing of her plans for Greek life at Cornell in the coming years only exemplifies my concern for Greek life here. Among the many changes that the administration plans to make include the introduction of a live-in supervisor in every chapter at Cornell and an immediate ban on all hard alcohol on chapter premises.

As a newly-initiated brother in Alpha Delta Phi, I have only just come to realize what an incredible experience being in Greek life is, and to see its erosion around me is heart-breaking. This house has provided me a sanctuary where I can freely live, work, and socialize without fear of repercussions for my everyday actions. The very idea of having a university-sponsored watchdog in the heart of what will become my home makes me nauseous, and quite frankly, sorry for the many Alpha Deltas in the years to come who will not be able to live the experience that I and the brothers before me have lived.

These plans are the most recent in a string of actions whereon the university has overstepped its mark and has impeded Greek life in an unnecessary manner. It follows dozens of bureaucratic, inefficient, and unfair

investigations in numerous fraternities and a number of dubious suspensions, including those of Zeta Beta Tau, Sigma Nu, and Llenroc (Delta Phi). Indeed, we at Alpha Delta Phi faced an investigation some months ago due to the filing of totally preposterous "anonymous allegations." Due to the very obvious fact that this allegation was false, we were cleared of wrongdoing. The very idea that the Interfraternity Council (IFC) could launch such an investigation based on a single unsubstantiated and baseless report, in itself, is worrying and clearly shows the administration's approach to Greek life: that you are guilty until proven innocent.

While I am in the 30 percent of Cornellians who are a part of Greek life and who see the fruits of it, I feel the administration is conducting its work on the side of the media and the growing number of students and faculty who view Greek life as corrosive to the environment on this campus, which, as anyone with knowledge of Greek life outside of the negative news coverage surrounding the occasional incident in Greek life will tell you, is untrue.

One can only hope that with enough pressure from fraternities and their alumni, the administration will question its stance, for failure to do so will inevitably kill Greek life here or, at the very least, change it to such an extent that it is incomparable to the experiences of the thousands who have enjoyed it in the hundreds of years before us.

Dillon Anadkat '21

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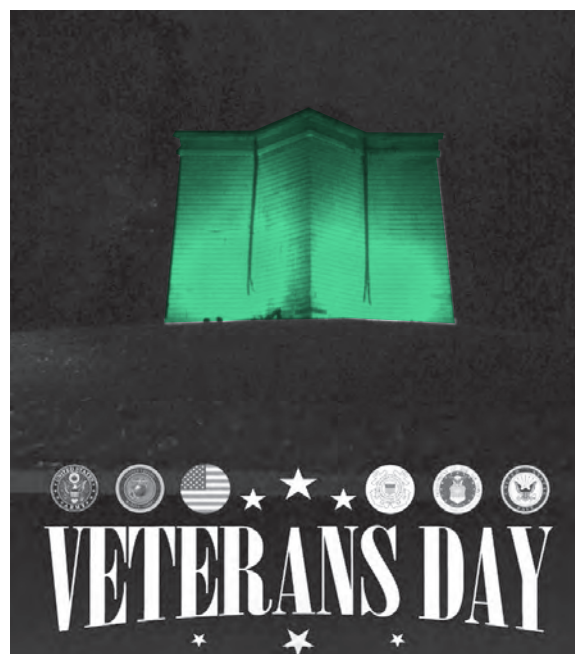
PHILANTHROPIC ENDEAVORS

The brothers of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell's chapter continued to give back to the Cornell community and the greater Ithaca area throughout the spring semester. Alpha Delta Phi has been supporting the Ithaca Public Education Initiative for many years, and this year, we took part in their 20th annual adult spelling bee by setting up and operating the event. We continued to maintain a strong relationship with the Ithaca Public Education Initiative throughout the semester and chose them to be the benefactors of our annual philanthropy event in April, Victory Club.

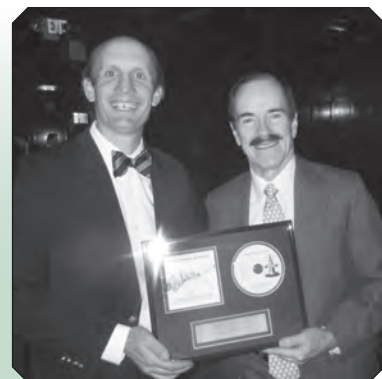
The brotherhood constantly recognizes the importance of giving back to the Ithaca community. Throughout the semester, we ran two clothing drives and the brotherhood was able to donate an immense amount of books, clothing, and blankets to the local American Red Cross Association.

We partnered with various organizations on campus to help give back to other chapters who support our initiatives. The new pledge class supported the Delta Gamma sorority by participating in their annual Anchor Jam dance competition, which benefits Delta Gamma's national Service for Sight campaign. Also, 15 brothers recently competed in the annual softball tournament of our Panhellenic sisters of Alpha Phi to raise money for the National Meningitis Association. The Alpha Delta Phi brotherhood is excited to continue supporting other initiatives on campus and to help the Ithaca area in any way possible.

Greg Najarian '20



Homecoming 2017



At Homecoming 2017, Alumni President Howie Schaffer '90 gratefully accepts from Doug Jimerson '73 a plaque commemorating the re-recording of traditional Alpha Delta Phi songs. Brother Jimerson spearheaded the effort to digitailly record and preserve a dozen favorite Alpha Delt and Cornell songs.



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Reunion 2018

185TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 185th Annual Convention and Leadership Training Conference was held last year in Minneapolis. I attended as our chapter's alumni representative. Peter Kanavos '19 and Joe Ferrara '20 were there too, representing the undergraduate actives. It was three days of social events and training sessions: fun and work combined.

The joy of being with brothers, sharing experiences and interests, is always evident when I am with other Alpha Deltas, whether from Cornell or some other school. So, of course, all of the socializing and storytelling was great. I recommend attending future annual conventions or district meetings.

The training sessions dealt with some pretty serious topics:

- For alumni, recognizing and managing the life cycle of active chapters. Constant turnover means that the character of a chapter can go through an entire up and down life cycle in eight years or less.
- Understanding and managing risk: stupid stuff and accidents happen. React to any situation by doing the *right* thing. Only registered members are covered by insurance.
- Raising awareness of the personal liability, both legal and financial, of bad behavior: escapades at the expense of other people, especially females, can lead to prison and/or huge bills for brothers and their parents.
- Managing initiation processes in order to attract, retain, and promote the brotherly, moral, and intellectual goals of our fraternity: if the initiation process denigrates

character, brothers won't respect the house or each other afterward.

- How to recognize and face the challenges of the day through leadership and service: recognizing problems and defining them is the first step to knowing what needs to be done.
- Explaining the many roles of the International, the organization of which every chapter and brother must be a part: seeing chapters in all different phases of the social, economic, and behavioral life cycles, the International can help shorten the down-turns and encourages constant improvement.
- The problem of sexual violence and men's role in ending it...and some of the serious consequences if we don't. Some sessions on this topic were led by co-eds or female lawyers to convey the female perspective.
- Budgeting: nothing gets done without a plan and resources, captured in a budget. The International has some helpful tools.
- Mental health is everybody's business. Even our Covenant admonishes us to be mindful of mental health and take care of each other. The consequences of failure to do so are just awful.

Happily, the tone of the sessions and the camaraderie of the brotherhood left me with the impression that we, as a fraternity and a chapter, can help each other and improve all of our lives.

Clint Kennedy '76



Senior trip to Iceland: Colin Knudsen, Sam Hummel, Dani Ben-Reven, and Bernardo Gampel.

ENDING A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

It is with great pleasure that I announce we have concluded this semester in a better position than we did in the previous. We entered with pressure from International to restructure organizational elements of the house and concerns brought to us by the Interfraternity Council (IFC). As an executive board, we created new guidelines for the pledging process to abide by International's requests. We amended our fire-safety protocol and the format for executive positions. We have added roles for assistants to the positions with a learning curve, including house manager and philanthropy chair. This will enable a more seamless transition for the newly initiated brothers.

We faced several unsubstantiated claims from the IFC, but truth shined through. Our class of newly initiated brothers is a strong, diverse group of individuals. Spanning from five continents and across six schools at Cornell, they are a promising group of gentlemen who will contribute greatly to the future of Alpha Delta Phi. I feel confident in the work we have done, and I am happy to pass on the torch to our next leader of the Phi, Maxwell "Manbreezy" Mandell.

Χαίρε,
Colin Walker Knudsen '18



Intramural volleyball team.

BARBARA THOMPSON, CORNELL'S FIRST VETERANS ADVOCATE, DISCUSSES SUPPORTING CORNELL'S VETS

Last year, the ACEF and two anonymous Alpha Delt alumni created Cornell's first veteran's advocate position. The advocate, headquartered in Day Hall and reporting to the dean of students, helps veterans adapt to life and to thrive on campus (dos.cornell.edu/student-veterans-advocate-office). Cornell's first veteran's advocate is Barbara Thompson. She began work last September. We recently asked her to discuss herself, her duties, and the newly implemented Cornell Veterans Summer Bridge Program. [EDITOR'S NOTE: This interview has been edited for length and clarity.]

Tell us about yourself; what's your background, and why did you want to be Cornell's veterans advocate?

Helping veterans has been a lifelong passion for me. I was born in Athens, Greece, and lived in an orphanage until I had the privilege to be adopted by an amazing American military family. My love for the military comes from my family, in particular my father, who retired after 21 years of service in the United States Air Force. His love of "Duty, Honor, and Country" [the title of the Sylvanus Thayer Award address General of the Army Douglas MacArthur gave at West Point in 1962] has been a part of my culture ever since I was a

child. And that is why I wanted to be Cornell's student veterans advocate. I want to educate Cornell about veteran students' needs while increasing its support for veterans so that they can grow and flourish. By way of contrast, when I was in college, I was not aware of the educational benefits that were available to me as a daughter of an Air Force retiree; accordingly, I'm dedicated to making sure veterans and their families are aware and receive the benefits and services they deserve.

I bring 14 years of experience in higher education with nine of those years working directly with service members, veterans, and dependents via my work as a military program coordinator, a coordinator of veterans and military affairs, and an assistant director of veterans affairs. Furthermore, I was asked by the Bronx Borough president's office to serve on his veterans council (at that time, only college representative) and asked to serve on the NYC office of the US Department of Veterans Affairs MVPC Veterans Advisory Council as a stakeholder (at that time only college representative). In addition, I coordinated, managed, and promoted a US Marine Corps Leadership Seminar and a US Coast Guard commandant visit.

What duties take up most of your time?

Providing support, advocacy, programming, and referral to our undergraduate student veterans while serving as a point of contact and direct link between the student veteran, Cornell, the VA regional office, Department of Defense, and other federal, state, and local veterans' agencies and organizations.

What is the Veterans Summer Bridge Program? What are you doing to facilitate it?

"Cornell's Veterans Summer Bridge Program is a special program designed to encourage and support those who have served to pursue a world-class education and to earn a Cornell degree. The Veterans Summer Bridge Program is open to transfer (those who have earned 12 academic credits or more prior to enrolling) and first-year applicants."

Cornell's Veterans Summer Bridge Program website: admissions.cornell.edu/veterans-summer-bridge-program

My role is to assist these veterans with housing and their transition to Cornell through programming and support. In addition, I will be assisting and providing guidance on how to maximize their VA and/or military educational benefits. Furthermore, I will be facilitating TCAT bus passes and Cornell ID cards for participants of the Veterans Summer Bridge Program.

BROTHERS FIND LEADERSHIP IN THE FOREST

Spring 2018 saw Alpha Delt's returning to the woods to find themselves. Brothers participated in the Cornell Outdoor Education-superintended team-building program the ACEF sponsors for newly-initiated brothers. It's intended better to acquaint them with each other and Alpha Delta Phi.

Maxwell Mandell '20 reflected upon the excursion for us.

What about the experience is most meaningful or memorable?

The weekend of April 27-29 was set to be the surprisingly brutal finale of Ithaca's extended winter. The forecast called for rain, snow, and lows around 30. Yet, the gloomy weather could not stop the members of Alpha Delt's 148th pledge class, joined by two members of 146 eager to make the most of their last month at Cornell, from embarking on a three-day, two-night backpacking trip on the trails of Danby State Forest.



With all their phones and technology left at home and all of their food, clothes, supplies, tents, and other essentials on their backs, the group of Alpha Delt's traversed 24 miles, mainly on the Finger Lakes Trail. In between hikes, they cooked their own meals, set up their own camp sites, and found themselves adjusting to life outdoors. Though the nights were admittedly frigid, and a light snow did fall on the trip's final morning, the weather ended up holding off spectacularly, which only added to the perpetually high spirits of the group. By the end of the trip, the group had sustained many a blister and sore lower body, but they learned a great deal about themselves and each other in this spectacular foray outside of their comfort zones.

What lessons did you take away that you think you can use or implement going forward?

The camping trip was one of the richest experiences that I've had during my time at Cornell. Battling the elements with my

brothers, though challenging, instilled a resiliency and a bond between us all. The trip should be a requirement for all new members, as necessary as entering the Goat House.

Would you recommend future brothers attend a similar event?

When I checked the forecast for the weekend of our long-awaited camping trip, I was concerned to say the least. Trading in my comfortable bed at 777 Stewart Avenue for the cold, muddy grounds of the forest was not something that I was overly enthusiastic about. However, despite my expectations, the cold, muddy forest gave me one of the best weekends I've had all year. The teamwork and the effort needed for a 24-mile hike produced some of the most memorable and funniest moments I've had as a brother of Alpha Delta Phi. Yes, I might have been warmer if I had stayed home, but the COE camping trip was a weekend that I will never forget.





VICTORY CLUB

The night of Victory Club celebrated at Alpha Delta Phi was a great success. As the guests walked into the event, they were greeted in the Great Hall by a photo booth with many masks and decorations to take pictures and have fun. Emerald and pearl balloons filled the rooms, accentuated by the ornate flower arrangement. The Great Table was delicately covered with delicious cheese, meats, and drinks. In the living room, a student band serenaded the guests with live jazz music, which was followed by a masterful performance by the Cornell *a cappella* group Men of Last Call. As guests entered the Solarium, they were able to enjoy a bit of playful gambling with the blackjack and roulette tables. It was definitely a night to remember!

This year, we supported the Ithaca Public Education Initiative; Over 250 people attended the event, allowing us to raise \$4,000 for IPEI.



Tomaso Rock '19



JOIN US IN WELCOMING ALPHA DELTA PHI'S NEWEST BROTHERS

Samuel James Adler '21 is from Harrison, New York, and went to Harrison High School. He aspires to major in mechanical engineering and to work in finance. Sam chose Alpha Delta Phi because of the coinciding individuality and meaningful relationships between brothers.

Dillon Hitesh Anadkat '21 is from Blantyre, Malawi. He attended Harrow School in London. Dillon is currently a freshman and plans to major in government. He will hopefully graduate in 2021. His interests include politics/current affairs, running, and golf.

Garrett Cole Berger '21 is from Greenwich, Connecticut, and attended Brunswick School from pre-K. He is currently in the School of Hotel Administration and aspires to minor in real estate with a concentration in finance, accounting, and real estate. He is currently an active member of the club squash team and the blockchain club. His interests are in finance and cryptocurrency.

Steve Youmin Choi '21 was born and raised in Seoul, South Korea, and went to Bugil Academy. He is considering a double major in government and art history. In his spare time, Steve enjoys going to museums and listening to and DJing electronic dance music.

Alvaro Echevarria Cuesta '21 was born in Barcelona, Spain, but started school in Paris, France. He moved to New York City in fifth grade and graduated from Lycée Français de New York with a Scientific Baccalauréat. He is now a freshman in the College of Engineering and aspires to graduate with a degree in computer science.

Richie Hrnčir '21 is from Los Angeles, California, majoring in economics with a minor in real estate and business. Richie is into soccer, going to the beach, and watching sports.

Calvin Addison Hulse '21 is from Onalaska, Wisconsin. He is currently in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, pursuing a transfer into business. In his free time, Calvin enjoys being outdoors, reading, and volunteering at the local soup kitchen.

Andrew Joseph Hurowitz '21 is from Hollywood, Florida, and attended the University School of Nova Southeastern University. He is in the SC Johnson College of Business, studying applied economics and management. He looks forward to studying entrepreneurship, finance, and Chinese.

Kyle Morgan '21 is from New York City, where he attended Eleanor Roosevelt High

School. He majors in applied economics and management and will minor in mathematics. He hopes to own his own business. Kyle enjoys basketball, video games, and spending time with friends in his free time. He chose Alpha Delt because he felt that he fit in well.

Daniel Museles '20 is from Washington, DC, and is a sophomore studying industrial and labor relations with a minor in business. Outside of the classroom, he enjoys exploring and hiking through upstate New York with his fluffy, 150-pound, four-legged best friend, Kai.

James Havemeyer Webb Paoella '20 was born in Manhattan, New York, but grew up outside Boston, Massachusetts. After attending the Fessenden School for nearly a decade, he later went on to graduate from Deerfield Academy. James attended Bowdoin College for a year before transferring to Cornell. He is a sophomore enrolled in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations and is a member of the Cornell men's squash team.

Constantine Christopher Pappas '20 grew up in Mill Neck, New York, and attended Friends Academy High School. Attending the University of Miami his freshman year, Dean is currently a sophomore in the School of Hotel Administration, hoping to pursue a career in real estate. In his free time, Dean enjoys flying planes and spending time on the water.

Jacob Passick '21 is from New York City, where he attended Léman Manhattan Preparatory School on Wall Street. Attending school next to the New York Stock Exchange, the Statue of Liberty, the Charging Bull, as well as watching the Occupy Wall Street protests firsthand, served as motivation for Jacob in a unique classroom setting. At Léman, he received the John Beyrle Scholarship for International Understanding, and he graduated on full academic scholarship, earning two separate diplomas from the International Baccalaureate Program. He majors in the School of Industrial Labor and Relations, where he hopes to someday become a commissioner, agent, or general manager in the NBA, MLB, or

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Initiation 2018.

JOIN US IN WELCOMING ALPHA DELTA PHI'S NEWEST BROTHERS

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NFL. Jacob chose Alpha Delta Phi because of the unique, diverse brotherhood. He immediately felt like Alpha Delta Phi was his family and home because of the relationships formed, along with the brotherhood, culture, tradition, and unity that has already been strongly implanted into the fraternity for 149 years

Maxwell Joseph Pazzaglini '21 was born and raised in Manhattan and attended Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School. He's majoring in environmental and sustainability science and is passionate about the opportunity in that field. In his free time, Max enjoys playing chess, reading, and video games.

Andres Sabo '21 is from Miami, Florida, and grew up with a strong Venezuelan heritage. Andres attended a big public high school in South Florida named Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School. Andres was exposed to what the world is like and the importance of hard work and sacrifice in order to succeed. Andres was president of the crime educators and political science clubs, as well as captain of his school's swim and water polo teams. He hopes to instill his leadership skills in Alpha Delta Phi. He has an obsession with politics and is currently majoring in policy analysis and management. Andres hopes to one day be in the US Congress and perhaps even run for president.

Griffin Loïc Sarachek '21 is from New York City and attended the Lycée Français de New York through ninth grade before transferring to Deerfield Academy. He is in the school of Industrial and Labor Relations and is particularly interested in studying languages, business, and international relations. Griffin is

also an avid skier, racing varsity on the Cornell ski team.

Gavin Ryan Tam '20 is from Brookville, New York, and attended Friends Academy. He is currently in the School of Hotel Administration. In his free time, Gavin enjoys playing sports and traveling.

Antonios Tsougarakis '20 is from Englewood, New Jersey. He is a sophomore in the School of Hotel Administration, concentrating in finance. His professional interests include corporate finance and real estate development; he hopes to work at a real estate investment trust or a similar investment firm upon graduation. In his free time, Antonios enjoys playing basketball and reading. He chose ADPhi because of its diverse and close-knit brotherhood.

Grant Herman Weintrob '21 is from New York City. As an 18-year-old freshman, he could not be more excited to be at Cornell and studying at the School of Hotel Administration. He is also a musician—check out his EP, *Milky Milk*, on Spotify and Apple Music. Being a part of Alpha Delta Phi is a dream come true. He is overjoyed to start this journey with his new brothers.

Andres Loïs Matsika Zavrosa '21 was born in Paris, France, and grew up in New York City. He attended the Lycée Français de New York and is now a freshman in the College of Engineering. Andres plans to graduate with a civil and mechanical engineering degree and aspires to obtain an MBA in order to work in a technology firm as an engineering manager. Outside of the classroom, he is very passionate about architectural design and fondly enjoys playing basketball and volleyball.



THANKS, ALPHA DELTA PHI, FOR THE MEMORIES

Please let all the Alpha Delt brothers know how much I appreciate the generous contribution to my local-music history book project with the History Center in Tompkins County. Cornell has been so important to my survival in this very difficult business.

During the Vietnam years, I lived in Washington, DC, in the middle of all the frightening mess 50 years ago, including the MLK riots, looting and destruction, and dodging several bullets. As I tried to avoid the senseless combat in Southeast Asia, I found myself in an ugly urban situation, and I vowed that the big cities were not for me.

How to make a living playing music without the big city: NYC, LA, Chicago? Well, the Ithaca community did the job, and Alpha Delta Phi was there from the very beginning, from 1978 right until last Homecoming. Your house was at the very top of the support that made it happen. How I remember the Victory Clubs, the dress-up socials, parents nights, etc. I won't embarrass any of the guys by name, but I remember them. And their beautiful girls...always among the most attractive, dressed right out of *Vogue*.

I would also point out that the Ivy League has a mistaken impression of arrogance, nose-in-the-air type of images, but I *never* encountered anything but complete respect, kindness, appreciation from all of Cornell, especially you guys. I don't have much in the bank but the great memories and the opportunity to do this music I love so much. This is, for me, much more important than the big bucks; Alpha Delta Phi is one of four CU fraternities that helped make that come true for me, and away from the big city turmoil that continues today. Please let the gang know how much this has meant to me as I face my final Sinatra curtain.

Sincerely,

Johnny Russo and the remaining
members of the East Hill Classic Jazz Band

COME TROLL A STAVE!



Come Troll A Stave! Songs of Alpha Delta Phi is a new CD that was produced through a creative collaboration between Douglas Jimerson '73 and Howie Schaffer '90. In early 2016, Howie Schaffer contacted Doug Jimerson to propose that he record a CD that would preserve the songs of Alpha Delta Phi in a high quality audio format. Jimerson and Schaffer developed a program of many of the finest songs of Alpha Delta Phi. Jimerson contacted fellow alumni of the Cayuga's Waiters and Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell to assemble a double quartet of men's voices for the recording. The group, including

Knight Kiplinger '69, rehearsed for several months in late 2016 and early 2017. The ensemble recorded the songs at Christ Church, Columbia, Maryland, on February 4, 2017, with selected accompaniments by brass quartet, flutes, and piano, as arranged by Jimerson. Alpha Delta Phi is pleased to now possess an outstanding recording that provides a timeless tribute to the strong musical tradition of Alpha Delta Phi.

NEWS FROM OUR ALUMNI

“As the brother featured this year, I am very impressed and flattered by the publication—but should not be surprised by this quality from a fraternity that emphasizes literary efforts,” writes **Ray Tuttle ’48**. “It surpassed my expectations and included photos that I recognize as my son John’s contribution.” [REDACTED]

Bob Post ’50 sends in continued memories brought on by last summer’s alumni newsletter and *A Brother’s Story*. “By now, you all should have received the summer issue [2017] of *The Cornell Alpha Delt*, unless you are some place where your mail has to be forwarded. I received my copy and sat down to read it. I dutifully started reading the first page report of the outgoing president, which was continued on page 10, and OMG! There we all are! With that grinning crazy idiot in the middle of the front row in both pictures. I’m not sure what possessed you to put those two particular house-party pictures in out of all the many that must be in the archives. I’m particularly pleased with the image captioned “Fall House Party 1950,” because behind all that crazy football game stuff **Will Kiplinger ’50** and I are doing on the floor are my mother and father as chaperones. Having married and produced me during Prohibition, they were no strangers to such shenanigans. An original of that picture hangs with others of fun and crazy things Jane and I have done in the stairway to our second floor. We did know how to have a good time. Of *A Brother’s Story*, he adds: “The picture of Ray Tuttle skiing reminded me of an email my fraternity brother, classmate, and one-year roommate **Dick Reid’s (’50)** daughter sent me... she wondered if that was her father, Dick, teaching skiing in 1950 in the picture on the cover of a *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. I replied to her that I did not think that either Dick nor I had taken up skiing at that point, but that it did remind me of an occasion in that same era when someone left a pair of skis on the front porch, and I, with just my snow boots on, was somehow able to get in the bindings of those skis. I hauled them up the Chi Psi hill a ways, put them on, and started down. Of course, I did not know how to turn—let alone how to stop. When I got to the drop-off to the driveway I just fell down. That was my only skiing endeavor while at Cornell.” Bob continues with a side note, saying, “It looks to me that the class on the hill in the picture are wearing what were the first rather form-fitting ski pants made by Boegner. At that time, my mother was the buyer for the women’s department of the original Abercrombie & Fitch, the well-known sports

store in New York. It was she who introduced them to the United States, both for men and for women. Anyway, I always like to tell that story.” Bob says that he regularly gets together with other members of the 1946 pledge class **L. Newton Tomas ’50**, **Donald E. Read ’50**, and **Robert J. Entenman ’50**, who participated in many of the events that were pictured, such as the Abner Dean photographs on the wall of the bar and the extraction of the plaster from the Goat House. [REDACTED]

“It’s been several years since I’ve been able to get back there, which is too bad, but a long tough occasion with cancer has interfered with travels,” writes **Bill Ferguson ’52**. “However, I was able to squeeze in some mini-reunions with a few of the brothers.” [REDACTED]

John M. “Fish” Fisher Jr. ’57 says that he and Marianne moved to Needham, Massachusetts, in May, intending to move to a continuing-care retirement community while their health is still good. “Needham is conveniently located between our two sons: one in Wellesley and one in Hingham,” he writes. “Now, we get to see our grandkids’ hockey games. And, I think, there are a number of Alpha Deltas from my era in the Boston area—**Bob Bryant ’58**, where are you?” [REDACTED]

Jim W. Hunt ’58 references a recent issue of *The Cornell Alpha Delt* and a photograph featuring **Jerry Tyler ’67** in a #7 fire helmet, a “relic of the fire engine era.” “The First ADPhi fire truck was purchased at auction by **Dave Brown ’59** from the Oak Bluffs Fire Department on Martha’s Vineyard for the princely sum of \$153.81, or something like that,” he says. “With some financial help from the other brothers of the fall 1954 pledge class, it was registered, insured,

and driven to Ithaca in September 1955 and remained at Alpha Delta Phi for some years thereafter.” Jim still has several photographs, including one from fall 1955 taken in front of 777, holding the 1954 pledge class, and another taken in Boothbay, Maine, in 2016, featuring seven of the original brothers from the original photo on an identical fire truck (1929 Maxim).



“About a dozen or so of us from the Class of 1958, with some from ’57 and ’59, have been getting together annually—the fiftieth time being this year. It is a great tradition, initially organized by **John Post ’57**, who continues to get us together.” [REDACTED]

Gordon Wood Anderson ’58 writes in: “We miss **Mal Johnston ’58** very much and will celebrate him along with Sally at the June 2018 occurrence of our croquet match in Massachusetts.” [REDACTED]

Dick Thatcher ’62 writes in, saying: “Our investment bank, Fairmount Partners, is based outside Philadelphia and focuses on middle-market clients in technology, technology services, health-care, and life sciences. We have 21 bankers now and are looking to add three to four more with two to 10 years of investment banking experience!” [REDACTED]



“The recordings of fraternity songs made recently by a group of Cornell chapter brothers is a significant enhancement to our heritage and reflects a quality and musical appreciation that is a notable improvement over the older recordings that exist, going back 40–80 years,” says **Ed Donahue (JHU ’68)**. “Our Cornell chapter takes a leadership role, and I must

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specifically thank **Doug Jimerson '73** for his efforts and assistance."

Fred Lurting '69 would like to "heartily encourage the philanthropic acts enumerated in *The Cornell Alpha Delt*." He writes in belief that the humanitarian causes described would benefit greatly from the philanthropy, and are in substantial need of support.



Todd Slotkin '74 and Sylvain Palmer '77 celebrate the marriage of Brother Palmer's daughter in July 2017.

Phil E. McCarthy II '86 says he has had dinner with **Louis Varele '84**, **Geoff Potter '84**, and **Scott Penza '85** in New York City this year. He also ran into **Duane Stiller '84** in Newport, Rhode Island, during the summer of 2016, and **Tom Gibb '84** in Hudson, New York this year.

Peter Christ '92 reports some big life changes that slowly evolved over last 10 years or so. "In 2008, I stepped back from an operational role in my restaurant company in Red Lodge, Montana, and started living part-time in the Twin Cities so I could do some studying at Luther Seminary. Anne and the kids moved along too and became pretty rooted here. Anne also went back to school for a mortuary science degree at the U of Minnesota. I split my time between a masters program at the seminary in Minnesota and the businesses in Montana, switching places about every two weeks. It got old but we made it work. After receiving my MDiv in 2012, I took a few part-time church gigs in Minnesota and Montana while I began wondering what to do with the business. Tried to find a buyer but, it wasn't enough of a cash cow to entice another fool into the game. At the same time, church leaders were recruiting me pretty heavily to get into ministry full-time, and I finally caved. We decided to go out on top and close the restaurant in the fall of 2015. I have a feeling I'll do something restaurant related again in the future, but for now, I'm enjoying life as the Lead Pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Roseville, a suburb of St. Paul. The hours are decidedly better, and there's the all-you-can-drink communion wine and eternal

salvation perks as well. My oldest daughter, Della, starts college next fall; son, Bjorn, has two more years of high school. My wife, Anne, has also started a new career as an undertaker (funeral director). Life is good."

Thomas Worden '04 medically retired as a captain after nine years of active-duty military service with the Air Force and two campaigns in Afghanistan with the Army. "I moved to DC to become a patent examiner, and now, five years later, I am about to make primary examiner in the field of vehicle control, navigation and robotics," he says. "I live in Center City, Philadelphia, with my fiancé, Jessica Schwenk, and our two dogs, Lizzie and GiGi. I also run the hip-hop record label Black Paisley—mostly as a hobby—which I took over as COO back in 2015, with my cousin Evan as the CEO (Evan's music artist name is "e-dubble"). But now it is all me; my cousin passed away in February last year unexpectedly, after amassing us over half a million subscribers on YouTube and over 110 million views. I continue to maintain the website, the channel, the merch, and am looking for new artists to help maintain the Black Paisley and e-dubble legacy for years to come. I'm excited to be getting married soon, and life is awesome!"

Carolyn Brown Levande and **Matthew Joseph Colbert '09** were married September 16 at the Plaza in New York. Rabbi Joshua M. Davidson officiated. The bride, 27, and the groom, 30, met at Cornell, from which they each graduated and where he also received a master's degree in industrial and labor relations. Ms. Levande, who is known as Carrie, is a manager with Accenture Digital, a consulting firm in New York, where she specializes in digital marketing. She is the daughter of Andrea Brown and Robert M. Levande of New York. The bride's father, who works in New York, is the senior managing director of the MDB Capital Group, an investment bank based in Dallas. Her mother is an independent real estate developer in New York. Mr. Colbert manages operations and customer experience strategy for Delta Air Lines in New York. He is a son of Loren K. Colbert and Thomas B. Colbert of Ithaca, New York. The groom's father is the managing partner of Integrated Acquisitions and Development, a real estate development and management company in Ithaca.



Nearly two dozen brothers were on hand to witness the nuptials of Leigha and **Jacob Goldstein '10** in September 2017 at the New York Public Library. Jacob and Leigha met at Victory Club their freshman year.



Jacob Goldstein gets hitched : **Peter Venetos '10**, **T. Jonathan Tesfaye '09**, **Matthew Colbert '09**, **Kevin Frank '10**, **Philip Gatto '12**, **Andrew Lyon '10**, **James Teague '09**, **M. Brian Hall IV '07**, **Eric Blair-Joannou '10**, **Schuyler Vreenland '09**, **Matt Rakow '08**, **Alex Lebowitz '09**, **David Shim '12**, **Joseph Salameh '10**, **Samuel Friedland '10**, **Eamon Kelleher '08**, **Nicholas Wirth '10**, **Sasha Zabar '12**, **Eric Weinstein '08**, **Gregory Wolfe '08**, **Andrew Tanger '11**, **Tommy Felix '11**, **Eric Wang '08**, **Timothy Murphy '11**.

Ashley Diane McEnery and **Patrick Stephen Jennings '10** were married September 23 in New York. The Reverend Andrew King, a Roman Catholic priest, performed the ceremony at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The couple met at Cornell, from which both graduated, she *summa cum laude* and he *magna cum laude*. Mrs. Jennings, 27, is the senior strategy manager for the gaming division of Microsoft in Redmond, Washington. She is a daughter of Carolyn E. McEnery and Kevin J. McEnery of Darien, Connecticut. The bride's father is the chief financial officer of Tunnel Hill Partners, a waste management company in Jericho, New York. Her mother retired in July as the vice president and controller of Palm Ventures, a private investment firm in Greenwich, Connecticut. Mr. Jennings, 28, is a vice president on the strategic partners investment team at the Blackstone Group, an investment firm in New York. He is a son of Karen B. Jennings of Elmira, New York, and Dr. S. Thomas Jennings of Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina. His mother is a science teacher and the coordinator of the seventh- and eighth-grade program at Notre Dame High School in Elmira. His father, a pulmonologist, retired from private practice in Elmira.



William C. Arthur Jr. '44: February 25, 2017

Bill (95) passed away at the RiverMead Retirement Community in Peterborough, New Hampshire. He was born on December 18, 1921, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, son of William C. Arthur and Sara M. Warrick. He attended Culver Military Academy for five years, where he rowed on the crew. He graduated as a first lieutenant in the Field Artillery. In 1941, half a year into his sophomore year at Cornell University, war was declared against Japan (Pearl Harbor). In 1943, he was shipped overseas (WWII) and became senior aide to General Robert W. Hasbrouk, commander of the 7th Armored Division. As an Army captain, he fought in the Battle of the Bulge and was awarded the Bronze Star. He returned home in 1945.

Bill married Ann Bailey Draper of Canton, Massachusetts, on July 7, 1946. With Ann, he returned to Cornell to graduate in 1948 as an administrative mechanical engineer. They lived in Worcester, Massachusetts, for 32 years, where Bill worked for the Norton Company for eight years, and then as president of his own wire brush company, Anderson Corp.

Bill became involved in many community affairs: chairman of the board at Memorial Hospital, chairman of United Way, director of Mechanics Bank, on the board of Friendly House, Boys Trade School, the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, and president of the American Brush Association.

In the meantime, he became interested in boating, bought a Hatteras, and spent his vacations taking his family from Falmouth, Massachusetts, to Maine.

Upon retirement in 1980, he and Ann built a home on family property in Jaffrey, New Hampshire. They joined The First Church, where he was moderator and chair of the finance committee. He was a fundraiser for the Jaffrey ambulance crew, member of the Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce, helped establish the WWII memorial at Humiston Field, and was named Citizen of the Year.

Charles Stuart Read '49: May 29, 2017

Cornelius J. Reid Jr. '49: November 9, 2017

Cornelius, of Mill Neck, New York, was born on March 25, 1924, the oldest son of Cornelius J. and Muriel J. Reid. He was a graduate of Kent School and Cornell University. As a proud WWII Army veteran, he served in the 228th Artillery Battalion, XIX Corps from Normandy to the Elbe River, Germany, and was commissioned second lieutenant in 1948. He had a long and successful career, starting out in the family insurance brokerage firm, CJ Reid & Co. He was vice

chairman of AON insurance services until his death and was a member of Lloyds of London. He served as trustee and zoning board chair of the Village of Mill Neck.

Donald L. Berg '54: March 6, 2017

Malcolm W. Johnston '58: October 27, 2017



Malcolm passed away in East Sandwich, Massachusetts, after a five-month battle with Merkel cell carcinoma. He was a 21 year resident of South Dartmouth, Massachusetts, where he resided with his wife, Sara (Sally Harvey), and son, Douglas, a medical student at Tufts University School of Medicine.

Malcolm worked at Boeing Airplane Co., then served in the US Navy inactive reserves from 1961 to 1969. He simultaneously worked at the Draper Laboratory on space and defense programs, interfacing with the Apollo astronauts and becoming manager of space program development. After his retirement, he volunteered for and served on the boards of directors of Mass Audubon and the Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust. His proudest accomplishment was his recent work securing funds with DNRT and The Coalition for Buzzards Bay for the preservation of Ocean View Farm, more than 100 acres of open space on Buzzards Bay. A nature and animal lover, he also volunteered with the Lloyd Center for the Environment in Dartmouth.

Malcolm was 81 years old and was a mechanical engineering graduate of Cornell University.

Thomas G. Erickson '59: June 8, 2017

Harold Randolph Lewis '63: May 20, 2017

Randy passed away peacefully at the age of 76 after a three year battle with a brain tumor. He loved life. He was exuberant and full of ideas. He dreamed big, inheriting both his father's engineering ability and his mother's musical background, and eventually going on to become an architect and a bluegrass banjo musician.

He graduated from Cornell University in 1962 with a degree in mechanical engineering before attending Harvard Graduate School of Design, where he received both a bachelor's and master's degree in architecture. Randy went on to become a founding partner at Olson Lewis Architects, based in Manchester-by-the-Sea,

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REMEMBERING GILBERT F. RANKIN JR. CLASS OF 1955

Gil and I were classmates and inducted to Alpha Delt the same time. Gil came from Mantowoc, Wisconsin, and I from Racine, Wisconsin. We did not know each other prior to our Cornell days, but we had both been to prep schools before coming to Cornell. We did spend time driving back and forth to Cornell, and he and I roomed together our junior year living at the house.

Gil was a crew member and spent a good bit of time working out so he could stay as a crew member. We were both good Alpha Deltas and enjoyed the social functions at the house. I would visit him in Mantowoc, and he would come to Racine when we were in school together. We had a great class of pledges and enjoyed each other's company.

We spent time after we both graduated, with the Rankins coming to visit us in the Bahamas, and we visited them in Texas and at Cornell. Our friendship lasted throughout our lifetimes, and he will be missed. He has a wonderful wife, who would love to hear from anyone who remembers Gil. He was a dedicated Cornell grad and a great Alpha Delt. He is missed by many.

Dave Rowland '55

Gil was dedicated to Cornell and led the House Corporation board in the 1970s. He was also a leader of the Adelpic Cornell Educational Fund. This was serious business that helped Alpha Delt greatly during some tough times. But Gil was also great fun. I recall going bowling with him one evening, and one of the younger brothers was with us, and the three of us had several drinks. You can imagine the hilarity of the three of us bowling in that condition. We certainly didn't keep score, and I think we got out of there without bashing someone with a ball. Gil and I and some others used to take Sunday afternoon hikes, and we called ourselves "The Jolly Boys, A.C." I forget who else was involved, but I recall hiking when everything was frozen, and I think we might have even hiked up frozen Buttermilk Falls.

Myron "Moose" Miller '55

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Massachusetts, with his GSD classmate, John Olson. Lewis worked at the firm until his retirement in 2015. Throughout his lifetime, he designed many labs in Kendall Square, Boston, and New England. His greatest pleasure was to combine the practical needs of the lab space with his love of sculpture, giving each project a unique sense of “place” and fusing the practical and the fun. One of his earliest projects was the renovation of labs at Harvard University. Randy also had a long history of being involved in the community. He ran kite-building workshops for kids in Boston Public Schools and volunteered design to and planned time for various art collectives.

Randy was an avid musician and played a mean banjo. His love of music, science, engineering, and architecture all shared his life-long pursuit of the intersection between balance, discipline and improvisation, rigor, and originality. Randy was unfailingly positive, gracious, and appreciative to the end.

Donald S. Keare '64: June 10, 2017

Donald (75), of Elgin, Illinois, passed away Saturday, in his home. He was born March 15, 1942, in Highland Park, Illinois, the son of Spencer and Miriam Hamilton Keare. He had been a resident of Elgin since 1980.

He was first employed by Federal Life Insurance Co., a business founded by his grandfather, Isaac Miller Hamilton, and then was employed as a software developer by Cybertech, Kemper, and Trimark Industries before retiring.

Walter Edwin Douglas Bond Jr. '66: November 16, 2017

W. Douglas Bond died in Boston at the age of 73. He was a retired Episcopal priest, academician, vocalist, historic preservationist, and world traveler.

He was born August 16, 1944, in Evanston, Illinois, to Mary Ann (Suster) Bond and Walter Edwin Douglas Bond Sr.

He attended high school at Cheyenne Mountain High School in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He then matriculated at Cornell University, graduating in 1967. He attended Sage Chapel there, and his interest in the church and music flourished. The Rt. Rev. Ned Cole, Bishop of the Diocese of Central New York, nurtured Douglas's interest in theological studies, which led him to a call to the priesthood. With Bishop Coles blessing, he attended and graduated from the Episcopal Theological School in 1972, receiving an MDiv degree. He was ordained to the diaconate at St. John the Divine in June of the following year. He was curate at old North

Church and then Christ Church in Waltham, Massachusetts, where he was ordained to the priesthood. Douglas also served at All Saints Parish in Brookline, St. George's Church in Maynard for 25 years, and Christ Church in Medway. He was a member of the Church of the Advent for over 25 years, and he was a beloved member of the community at Harvard Memorial Church, where he also served as an affiliate minister. Father Bond wrote extensively on the “theology of aging” and ministered compassionately to those facing death.

While at Cornell, he became a member of the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity, whose dedication to literary pursuits and community service he honored throughout his life. His alumni service included serving as chairman of the board for two decades and as the association's corresponding secretary as well.

His love of religious music transformed into a career as a bass singer for Chorus Pro Musica that included performances at Carnegie Hall, Symphony Hall, and Tanglewood. For many years, he sang with the Apollo Club of Boston. Douglas was a champion of architectural preservation. He helped with the rebuilding of Memorial Hall at Harvard University to ensure that the tower that had burned in 1956 was rebuilt and installed as the final and signature effort of the preservation. He was also president of his condominium association in Cambridge and saw to the historic building's improvements over the last two decades.

Douglas loved words and good repartee. When diving into deep discussion with his interlocutors, they could often see the gleam in his eye that showed his love of Christ, as well as his merry jocosity. He grew to be a leader of men in his own inimical way. Father Bond was a friend to all of those that met him. Douglas's natural curiosity about and devotion to people led him to make many lifelong friends in his hometown of Cambridge and in his travels of the world. Ancestry was a driver for his wanderlust, and his travels to ancestral lands included the Bohemia of his mother and the ancestral home of the Erthbarton Hall in England of his father.

(More tributes to follow in a future issue.)



Rafael Villegas Attolini '67:

January 17, 2018

The businessman and politician, Rafael Villegas Attolini, died at the age of 72, an unfortunate death for the inhabitants of the Comarca Lagunera.

Rafael Villegas

arrived at Gómez Palacio when he was five years old, and from a very young age, he entered the business world, becoming the chairman of the board of directors of the poultry company Grupo Trasgo, which was one of the first to establish trade routes with countries like Japan, as well as the main exporters of merchandise to other nations.

The businessman was also president of the companies Raviatt, SA de CV, venturing into other areas, such as housing construction, and participating in important housing developments, such as the Senderos de Torreón sector.

In 1995, Villegas Attolini joined political activity to become municipal president of Gómez Palacio from that year until 1998.

In the cultural and educational field, Rafael Villegas Attolini stood out as a member of the board of trustees of the Nazas Theater, an organization that was founded in 2003 and of which he was also president, as well as being part of the board of ITESM Campus Laguna.

Jan Fougner '67: March 22, 2017

Jan, father, husband, architect, brother, uncle, lawyer, grandfather, and real estate broker, and a longtime resident of Oakland, was born in Oslo, Norway, on November 6, 1942, to Lucie and Sven Fougner.

The family moved to the United States when Jan was seven. He grew up in Garden City, New York, and graduated from the Cornell University College of Architecture, Art, and Planning in 1970. As an architecture student, he worked for Marcel Breuer and Associates in New York City. His education was interrupted by two years in the Army, stationed in Vietnam. Upon his return, he was introduced to classmate and fellow Norwegian, Ragnhild Aagaard, by mutual friends who wanted to hear them speak Norwegian. (Much to the disappointment of their friends, no Norwegian was spoken that night, but it did come in handy in later years when they wanted a private word in front of their children.) Jan and Ragnhild married in 1970 and moved to California—on the toss of a coin—in 1972.

Jan practiced architecture at Backen Arriagoni & Ross and in his own practice. His work included multi- and single-family residences in the western states. An enthusiastic proponent of lifelong learning, Jan earned a JD at UC Hastings College of the Law in 1984. He turned to real estate, which gave him the flexibility to be a full participant in the upbringing of his three children, whom he adored. For many years, Jan ran the College Preparatory School Book Fair and managed the logistics of the Bentley School Wine & Food Festival.

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Jan became the owner of Rockridge Realty. His outgoing nature and sense of humor made him many friends in the community; his knowledge of architecture and the law, along with his honesty and integrity, earned him the respect and appreciation of loyal clients; and the neighborhood dogs knew they could always get a biscuit through the office door mail slot. Jan had a generous impulse to help people. He rescued a fellow College Avenue shopkeeper shot in an armed robbery, saved a boy from drowning in a rushing, rocky Tahoe creek, and lifted a truck off his Lawton Avenue neighbor.

Luis Morales Bance '67: September 30, 2017

The National Music Foundation Company (FCNM) along with the entire artistic corps, accepts the duty of reporting the regrettable death of Maestro Luis Morales Bance, the founder and maestro of the National Philharmonic Orchestra, who died in Dallas, Texas.



With a brilliant career that spanned over four decades as soloist, master teacher, and composer, his works include the popular Venezuelan Christmas carol, “El Niño Criollo (Si la Virgen fuera andina...)” [“The Native-Born Baby (If the Virgin Had Been Andean...)”], an essential element of our Christmas gatherings, as well as other important compositions of historic and nationalist character.

The musician was born in Caracas in 1945, first studied piano at age six with José Antonio Calcaño, and at nine, took up violin with Alberto Flamini at the Italian Conservatory of Music. At sixteen, he made his debut as soloist with the Student Chamber Orchestra of the Central University of Venezuela. In 1963, he was accepted by Cornell University, where he took classes in composition and musical analysis. Upon returning to Venezuela, he enrolled in the Upper-Level Music School of Santa Capilla, where he studied musical composition, orchestration, and nationalist composition with Professors Evencio Castellanos and Vicente Emilio Sojo, graduating with honors in 1972 with the Obra Sinfonía Juventus award.

As a composer, he is author of cantatas of historic dimension and of instrumental

works such as “Concert for Violin” (National Prize for Composition, 1975), “Dances and Vigils” (Municipal Music Prize, 1975), “Prelude, Protest, Chorale, and Dance” (Special Mention, Municipal Music Prize, 1975), along with “Hymns, Figures of Speech and Sequences or AAEEHIOOU” (Simón Bolívar University Prize, 1975), “August Madrigals for Chorus and Orchestra” (1986), and the “Las Bejarano Opera.”

Following five years of master study with Maestros Maurice Hasson in Caracas and Henryk Szeryng in Geneva, he made his debut as symphonic soloist with the Symphony Orchestra of Maracaibo in 1971 under the baton of José Antonio Abreu. From there on, he carried out an important career throughout America, concentrating his work on violin concertos by 20th and 21st century composers.

Creator, along with Olaf Ilzins, of “Soloists of Venezuela,” an assembly dedicated to promoting both soloists and upcoming composers, Morales Bance is founder of the National Philharmonic Orchestra, an artistic body which he directed on numerous occasions and for which he distinguished himself as first violin and concertmaster for more than 26 years. In 2011, he received the National Prize for Culture for the biennium 2008–2010, a line of music, in recognition of his brilliant career.

Loftus C. Carson II '68: July 21, 2016

Professor Carson served on the Texas law faculty for more than 20 years, teaching corporations, securities regulation, non-profit organizations, higher education and the law, and employment law. In 2002, he received the Student Bar Association Award for Teaching Excellence.

After graduating from Cornell University in 1968, Prof. Carson received his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1973. He clerked for United States Third Circuit Judge Collins Seitz. While teaching, Prof. Carson also earned multiple degrees: a master's in public affairs from Princeton, a master's of business administration from the University of Pennsylvania, and a doctorate in education from the University of Pennsylvania.

He was a dedicated teacher and mentor to many generations of students.


Taras W. Dobusz '74: August 8, 2017

Taras at home at the age of 66. He was born December 29, 1950, in Newark, the son of Gregory Hryhorii and Helen Halyna (nee Sydorenko) Dobusz, soon after his parents emigrated to the US. His family then moved to Green Brook, where Taras attended elementary school, was active in Boy Scouts,

played little-league baseball, attended Ukrainian Saturday school, and was a member of the Ukrainian American Youth Association. As a Boy Scout, he worked his way up to the rank of Star Scout, and in eighth grade, he was chosen to serve as honorary mayor of Green Brook for a day. After learning to play the piano, his love of music inspired him to teach himself to play the guitar.

Taras attended the Cornell University College of Architecture, Art, and Planning, and after graduating in 1974, he gained professional experience working for several different firms. He eventually began his own architectural practice, designing commercial, domestic, restaurant, manufacturing, and religious structures and interior spaces. As an architect, Taras always welcomed the collaborative process that involves the sharing of ideas, meeting of minds, and even lively confrontation of opinions.

Inspired by the love of his Ukrainian heritage, Taras specialized in designing Ukrainian churches, and his work includes St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Whippany, St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church in Hillsborough, St. Anne's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Warrington, Pennsylvania, St. Andrew's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Campbell Hall, New York, and Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Mt. Carmel, Pennsylvania. He also designed the Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey in Whippany and camp facilities for the Ukrainian American Youth Association property in Ellenville, New York.



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