



The Cornell Alpha Delt

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Thank You!

We want to send a gracious thank you to the alumni for the improvements to the house over the summer. We returned in August to a new internet, third-floor dormers, renovated bathrooms, a re-finished Great Table, new chairs, and many other structural enhancements. The new Internet system is a business-grade system and sends a single network throughout the entire house. The improved dormers have entirely enhanced the third-floor rooms and look consistent with the aesthetic of the house. Refinishing the Great Table and building new chairs have allowed us to turn the library into a more communal space where brothers can converse or study. The new bathrooms are adorned with tile stars and crescents and have greatly improved the living situation of those on the second floor.

We would very much like to thank the Alumni Corporation, Cornell Star and Crescent Foundation, and ACEF for their continued support and commitment to improving the structure and living situation of the house. Over my three and a half years, I have seen the house improve with consistent renovations, and I am excited to see the changes over time to come.

Reed H Newman '16
Literary Chairman

LET US "SEIZE THE FORELOCK OF THE POSSIBLE"

Concordamus. The Latin word means to agree, to be united, to be of one mind, or to harmonize. As undergraduate brothers, we were not always in agreement about the matters that governed our young lives. Our diversity of opinions and perspectives remains foundational to the character of our small society. Our lively debates as undergraduates and alumni have informed our learning and our life paths. Most of us can agree on the critical and indispensable role that Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell University has played in shaping our lives. As such, we all feel a responsibility to be stewards of the Phi by preserving, protecting, and defending its infrastructure and traditions.

Like you, I have my moments as a literary nerd. As such, I was recently reading an online forum of The Goethe Society. I was introduced to Goethe by my father, who would quote him often in attempts at behavior modification. A favorite of mine is "Be bold and mighty forces will come to your aid." Now, I'm not sure if Goethe ever wrote that or if it was mangled in translation, but I wanted The Goethe Society to verify its provenance. They cannot. I still love the quote. They have conclusively proven that Goethe did not author one of the most popular quotes attributed to him, "What you can do, or dream you can do, begin it! Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it." After much research, they found that it is a very loose interpretation of "to every day there is a use and purpose; let Resoluteness promptly

seize / the forelock of the Possible." I like the original much better. It invites us to contemplate our utility to one another, what is possible, and what we can achieve when we are resolved together.

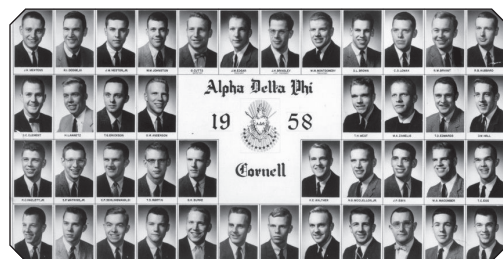
The House Corporation board of directors will soon be announcing a \$5M capital campaign. Why? It is hard to ignore the reality that, in 2015, we find ourselves at a crossroads. The physical plant of the Phi cannot continue to be protected on the basis of incremental, project-based renovations. The requirements of the house currently demand the House Corporation, at this unique inflection point, to respond with not only unprecedented financial resources, but also with a vision for transformation that will ensure our abiding strength, relevance to the Cornell community, and durability to respond to the evolving and complex needs of the coming century. More details on the campaign will be coming in the next few months. We hope, in the interim, you will begin to ask yourself what you are willing to contribute to this once-in-a-lifetime effort. We will be bold. Rest assured. And you will be the mighty force that will come to our aid.

"We must always change, renew, rejuvenate ourselves; otherwise, we harden." Yes, it is Goethe. Reminding us of the consequences of not rising to the demands of this moment of transformation. *Concordamus.*

Xaίpe,
Howie Schaffer '90, Alumni President



Thanks to Nelson Spencer '61 for sending us these vintage pictures from 1958.





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GREAT HOPE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR

The start of a new academic year always carries with it a sense of excitement, a palpable anticipation of the incredible experiences and future memories that lay ahead. It is my pleasure to report that only a few short months into the 2015–2016 year, the brothers of Alpha Delta Phi already had several fond memories, and they were just getting started.

The thirty brothers living in the Phi returned from summer to a house restored, vibrant as ever, thanks to the renovations led by our alumni. From remodeled bathrooms to a refurbished great table to a newly acquired “Brothers in Arms” figure, our physical structure matches the energy of our membership. Led by both senior leaders and our most recent pledge class, the 146th, Alpha Delta Phi is looking to solidify its stance as a foremost member of Cornell’s Greek community.

Our initiatives include sponsorship of Cornell’s third annual GOPiNK Gala, a charity event that raises money to improve research and support systems for those affected by breast cancer, and which last year raised over \$30,000. Senior brother Max Rosenthal '16 is once again spearheading our involvement with this important cause. Additionally, we have proactively engaged with the Cornell administration in an effort to help revise event management guidelines to improve safety and to reduce the risk of sexual assault at fraternity functions. This effort remains in early stages, but we understand the importance of this cause on the modern college campus and hope to continue leading the charge for change.

In the past few weeks, we were also fortunate to welcome home many of our alumni for Homecoming festivities. Vice President Jacques Sisteron '17 arranged a fantastic program and successfully executed a superb event. Homecoming formal was filled with laughter and singing, and our afternoon tailgate provided opportunity for returning graduates to experience first hand the wonder that is *Dos Amigos*, the incredible food truck started by Alpha Delta brothers Jorge Bouras '17 and David Farahi '16. If for no other reason, we encourage every alumnus to return to Ithaca to try the carnitas tacos; they are certainly worth the trek.

Over fall break, we continued what we hope will become an annual trip as nine members of the 146th pledge class and I set out to Mount Dix on a trip organized by ACEF and led by Cornell Outdoor Education. The physical and mental trials of the Adirondacks, though certainly daunting, proved an excellent forum for the sort of open, honest dialogue that, at times, gets lost amid the academic pressures of Cornell. Bonds of fellowship established in the past were rediscovered and revitalized as we ascended 5,000 grueling feet to the summit.

The year is young, but our semester so far leaves me with great hope that the remainder of this academic year will be a smashing success. Our well-tried crew grows ever stronger, and we look forward to expanding our ranks and to seeing more of you in the spring.

Χαίρε,
Oliver Rosen '17, President

DID YOU KNOW?

The following is a very brief high-level summary of our annual donor data. Several brothers have asked for this information, and the House Corporation board is glad to share it publicly for all who are interested.

- There are 1,059 living Cornell brothers.
- 528 brothers (49%) have given some financial gift during their lifetime. (The majority of brothers have never made a financial gift, sadly.)
- Average number of donors who make a gift each year: 215
- The classes of the '60s and '70s are the biggest donors.
- Most brothers make their first gift after three years out of school.
- Average yearly donation for all individual brothers: \$207
- Average lifetime total giving \$5,320

We hope to have more information in the coming months to share about our alumni brothers. We are eager to know such information as:

- How many brothers have authored books?
- How many Alpha Delta's have graduate degrees?
- How many started their own business?
- How many are pioneers in their field?
- How many are inventors?
- How many are teachers, firemen, doctors, lawyers, and other notable professions?

Keep an eye on your email and mailbox. We will be sending out a survey in the next few months and hope you will take time to share information to help us have a robust snapshot of our brothers and their collective impact globally, nationally, and locally.

FROM THE CORNELL STAR & CRESCENT FOUNDATION: NEW GRANT APPROVED, INCOMING PRESIDENT

It is usually not until the third martini—or maybe just the second, if it's a dirty one—that Cornell Alpha Delts can have a sober conversation about the sacramental nature of historic furniture dating back to the original house. And how might the library's and dining room's G. R. Dean chairs, the massive 18-foot oak banquet table, and a triumvirate of hand-crafted card tables be considered sacramental, *c'est-a-dire*, "outward and visible signs of an inward and spiritual grace?"

Perhaps some of you reading this note have observed the awful sight of siblings fighting over who inherits family furniture, sometimes in front of extant parents exclaiming "I'm not dead yet!" *a la* Monty Python's signature movie. We can only imagine what emotional investments are had in fabric, wood, and nails.

The special feelings that those who called 777 Stewart Avenue home have for these

contemporary relics derive *peut-être* not from the prospect of death but rather from the fact that they are outward and visible signs, reminding us of formative life experiences shared by "χαίρε"—shouting brothers and of a conviviality and confraternity that dates back from this century to the one before and to the one before that. Imagine the Bunyanesque banquet table hoisted by brothers preparing for a signature party; imagine brothers rescuing the same would-be funeral pyre from our burning chapter house circa 1929. *Manus multae cor unum*.

The Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation recently approved a \$30,000 grant to restore these historical pieces to their former glory, as well as to commission the reproduction of 12 new Dean chairs. We are grateful to the owners/artists/woodworkers, Elizabeth Wolff and Jim Nagle, of Ithaca Fine Furniture for their

skill and attention to detail. Thanks be to the House Corporation for coordinating this vital work, which might otherwise never get done. Mostly, we are grateful to the generous donors to this foundation that make such grants possible in the first place. Gifts may be made by check or online at www.adphicornell.org. Please contact me directly if interested in donating securities.

Finally, the foundation wishes to offer a hearty thanks to outgoing president Joe Welch '95 for his leadership over the past several years, as we worked to formalize the policies and procedures of what was once a brand-new entity. His natural charm and humor made for enjoyable meetings.

Colin H. Williams '92, President-elect,
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CHAIRS, TABLES, WINDOWS, KITCHEN, & BATHROOMS. WHAT'S NEXT?

This summer has been busy with lots of ongoing projects. Of course, nothing is ever problem free. We ran into some issues with the old pipes and drains during demolition, so we're seeing some unexpected costs, but that didn't stop us from re-plumbing the pipes that were going

sideways to making sure that they went straight up and down. This expensive repair will pay itself back within five years; we were spending up to \$5,000 a year in clogged drains.

To look at various stages of the renovations, go to www.adphicornell.org.

DOS AMIGOS: BROTHERS OPEN MEXICAN FOOD TRUCK

David Farahi '16 and Jorge Bouzas '17 are part of pledge class 145 and became very close friends in the spring of 2014 during pledging. They spent spring break in Mexico that year and really missed Mexican food more than ever once they returned to Ithaca.

After a summer of deliberations, they decided to take a class in the hotel school to help them write a business plan. In HADM 4445, Developing a Hospitality Entrepreneurship Business Plan, David and Jorge paired up with Sigma Chi seniors Jake Michaels and George Ruizcalderon to write the plan. As part of the class, the students were required to survey students; the feedback and support they received was better than they could have ever expected. Students loved the idea and kept following up with David and Jorge to see the progress of the project.



While David was studying abroad in Australia, Jorge reached out to gauge interest on turning the business plan into a venture. Both were bored of traditional internships and decided that this would be the

best experience for the summer. The two held Skype meetings during the second half of the semester, David flew directly from his travels abroad to Ithaca, and Jorge went straight from finals to start working on the business. They stayed in Ithaca for the summer to secure the necessary permits, buy the necessary equipment, and form the menu.

The summer was a roller coaster, and the house was instrumental to their success. Just one week before opening, the two were told by their commissary kitchen that they would

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ADELPHIC FUND PROVIDES SCHOLARSHIPS, FINANCIAL AID, AND ACADEMIC AND LITERARY PRIZES

Financial aid, scholarships, and academic prizes remain available to Cornell Alpha Deltas and/or Cornell undergraduates throughout the year. They include:

- **MARTIN MCVOY JR. SCHOLARSHIPS**
Up to \$75,000 in financial aid grants
\$7,000–\$15,000 in loan reduction and work-study aid
Awarded to qualifying Alpha Deltas demonstrating financial need
- **STUDENT LOAN REDUCTION INITIATIVE**
\$1,000–\$5,000 in student loan forgiveness
Awarded to qualifying Alpha Delt seniors during final undergraduate semester
- **INTERNSHIPS**
\$1,000–\$2,500 matching stipend
Awarded to undergraduates interning in public-service positions or conducting qualified, non-credit research projects with faculty oversight
- **THEODORE H. BOOTH '25 AND JAMES T. LEWIS '27 ACADEMIC AWARDS**
Up to 10 \$500 prizes
Awarded to Alpha Deltas on the Dean's List while carrying at least 13 credits and living in the chapter house at 777 Stewart Avenue
- **LT. R. BRUCE HART '84 ACADEMIC AWARD**
\$500 prize
Awarded to the newly-initiated Alpha Delt with the highest grade-point average during his freshman year

- **MATCHING GRANTS AND AWARDS**

\$50–\$1,000 prizes

Awarded to Alpha Deltas winning awards in the Alpha Delta Phi International Literary Competition

- **RHODES SCHOLAR GRANT**

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

Targeted to reduce loan debt

- **CORNELL WRITING PROGRAM PRIZES**

\$100–\$250 each

Awarded by Cornell, sponsored by ACEF

James E. Rice Jr. '30 Prizes: Awarded each semester for expository writing excellence demonstrated in first-year writing seminars

Adelphic Award: Awarded to the best essay written in a first-year writing seminar by a student whose first language is not English

The ACEF/School of Hotel Administration Writing Awards

Program: Rewards writing excellence within the Hotel School

Please support our brothers by contributing to these programs via our website: bit.ly/ACEFDonate.

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**Congratulations to Adam Daniel Lurie '17,
Jarro Yuzon '17, and Stephen Goodwin '17,
Fall 2015 Booth/Lewis Academic Award winners**

NEW TEAM-BUILDING AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAM ENJOYS SECOND SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Fall 2015 saw the continued success of Alpha Delt's team-building and leadership program. Several Alpha Delt undergraduates enjoyed/endured a fall-break hike through the Adirondack Mountains in an Outward Bound-like excursion, superintended by Cornell Outdoor Education (COE). The ACEF and Alpha Delt created this program after former Cornell President David Skorton abolished pledging in 2012.

Alpha Delt spring 2015 President Oliver Rosen, who participated in and helped organize the excursion, reported that "everyone immensely enjoyed the experience and has remarked in the weeks since we returned that it was a great bonding experience that fostered some closer relationships than have existed in the past; members of the 146th pledge class who were previously not quite as close have really built some strong, trusting relationships that look set to last."

The excursion also afforded further exploration of Alpha Delta Phi's intellectual traditions. Participants discussed Theodore Roosevelt's (Harvard '80) *The College Graduate and Public Life*, allowing them, according to Rosen, "a better grasp of our responsibilities to our community as fraternity men." Rosen also commented that "we had a philosophical debate break out during the last mile up to the peak that was somewhat uncharacteristic of the group, [demonstrating] that we have a really intelligent group of young men in this brotherhood who look to challenge themselves mentally beyond the classroom."

The ACEF continues to ensure that these excursions become a permanent and essential part of making new Alpha Deltas.

HOUSE LITERARY CHAIRMANSHIP ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN SET TO LAUNCH

Three recent alumni have launched a campaign to endow Alpha Delta Phi's literary chairmanship.

Gleb Drobkov '12, Alexander Egan '13, and Alfonse Muglia '14 announced at Victory Club on April 11 their plan to make Alpha Delt's literary chairmanship a paid position, with compensation tied to satisfaction of clearly defined responsibilities. This plan, coordinated with the ACEF, ensures that the house's literary traditions enjoy more priority and follow-through. The endowed chairmanship's duties include the following:

- Coordinating alumni representative oversight
- Ensuring literary presentations occur at house dinners at least monthly during the school year
- Participation in the new-member education process, including oversight of each new member's literary presentation
- Maintaining a program that allows graduating brothers to donate personally significant books to the house library.

The three seek to raise at least \$1,000 by January 1, 2016. Doing so will allow the spring 2016 literary chairman a \$250 stipend. Ultimately, they hope to raise \$10,000 to finance the stipend in perpetuity. Those interested in contributing to the Literary Chairmanship Endowment Fund may do so through the ACEF (bit.ly/ACEFDonate). Contributions from former literary chairmen are particularly encouraged.

AN ONGOING TRADITION AT THE PHI

Growing up in Philadelphia, I never saw my father take a drink. Not once. My mother liked to drink light beer, and in the days before ‘lite’ beer and Bud Lite, she used to buy Gablinger’s light beer. Rarely anything more than that. But my parents socialized and often got bottles of nice liquor and wine as gifts. They just accumulated in the liquor closet until my father regifted them. Home on vacation from my junior year at Cornell, my father gave me an ancient bottle of something with Spanish written on it.

I took it back to school. I don’t know how things have changed, but in 1982, there was one good liquor store in Ithaca. It was down on the main drag, far away from the small package shops on College Ave. If anyone could tell me what this bottle was, these guys could. So I brought it down there and showed it to the older guy who sat behind a desk. He told me it was port wine from a very good label in Spain and was produced in the late 1950s. He suggested

what cheese would go well with it. I took his advice and shared the bottle with my girlfriend.

A year later, weeks from graduation, I returned to that store. I reminded the nice guy how he had helped me a year earlier and asked him for a recommendation on a magnum of red wine that would be good in five years. He showed me a few, and I bought one for \$55. I returned to Alpha Delta Phi, crawled into a remote corner of the hot attic, and buried the bottle deep in the insulation.

In 1988, I spent 20 minutes digging through the insulation trying to find my prize. And I did! I emerged sweaty and filthy but victorious. I shared that bottle with my brothers and returned to the same liquor store to share my story and to buy another magnum, which was buried in the same spot. The tradition continued through my 10th, 15th, 20th, and 25th reunions.

There are many things that evoke fond memories of my undergraduate days when I

return to Alpha Delta Phi, but the wine tradition has become something different. I don’t think back to 1983, because that bottle is long gone. I think about what consumed me when I placed the last bottle. The one up there now was buried in 2008, since I missed my 30th reunion. The reunion in 2008 was just weeks ahead of my daughter’s arrival for a three-week summer program at Cornell. When I returned in late July to pick her up, she was gushing about Cornell. She applied early decision and enrolled in the fall of 2009. But Ithaca was a little too far away for a native Californian, and she was home by the first of November. The following fall, she joined her older brother at Berkeley. And just last week, she started medical school.

Come June of 2018, I don’t know what will be foremost on my mind, but the tradition will continue, provided I can find the bottle.

Nat Bowditch ’83

ACEF FIGHTS FOR FREE ASSOCIATION ON CAMPUS

Preserving free association is one of ACEF’s core concerns. Cornell, like other colleges and universities, seeks to fetter fraternity and sorority self-determination through increasingly onerous regulations and zero tolerance for infractions thereof. Indeed, Cornell revoked Chi Psi’s recognition last May for at least three years, though Chi Psi now operates independently of university control.

Because of this anti-Greek trend, ACEF supports the Foundation for Rights in Education (FIRE) (www.thefire.org), a Philadelphia-based legal advocacy group that defends First Amendment freedoms within educational institutions.

Consider its work on behalf of fraternities and sororities at Connecticut’s Trinity College: Trinity demanded in 2013 that its fraternities and sororities go coed. This threatened to decimate Trinity’s Greek system, given that many fraternities and sororities require chapters to be single sex. Worse, Trinity declared that fraternities and sororities failing to comply would be prohibited from campus, their houses forcibly purchased from alumni and/or re-purposed, and that students associating with the organizations risked expulsion.

In a forceful letter to Trinity’s trustees, FIRE decried this “fundamental and chilling” betrayal of Trinity students’ freedom of association.

Following two years of controversy that included the resignations of Trinity’s president and board chairman, Trinity reversed the mandate. In urging the reversal, Trinity’s current president, Joanne Berger-Sweeney, remarked that “the coed mandate is unlikely to achieve the goal of gender equity... [and] community-wide dialogue concerning this issue has been divisive and counterproductive.”

Helping FIRE protects fraternities and sororities nationwide. And helping us support FIRE via pass-through donations allows ACEF to make a greater donor impact on FIRE and its work.



A special thanks to Sam Glasser ’67 for providing these photos for the archives: IFC Weekend, March 1967 (left), the brothers, 1967 (right).

MEMORIES FROM HOMECOMING 2015



19TH-CENTURY BOOK CELEBRATES THE CHAPTER'S LIBRARY

So little is known about our chapter's earliest days that the stories of Alpha Delt's founding and Cornell's founding can blend into one sweeping narrative. The initial accommodations lead into the tribulations of the "great fire," but new members learn little about the daily lives of their 19th-century counterparts in between.

A recently-rediscovered 19th-century book is bringing new insight into the details of life in Alpha Delta Phi in the 1870s. The book, titled *Alpha Delta Phi, 1832-1882*, was published by the international organization in 1882. Twelve pages are dedicated to the Cornell chapter.

Brothers might be most intrigued by new details about the early days of our chapter library, now a valued aspects of undergraduate life. The active brothers, with support of the international and alumni, launched the library in 1877. The book's authors describe the library as an "excellent project," where brothers made contributions to the collection. By 1882, nearly every graduating brother had made a donation.

The library's success reflects a strong relationship between the undergraduates and the Cornell faculty, which the authors describe as being "almost without exception of the

pleasantest nature" and instrumental in the library's development.

"[The library] is a valuable aid in furnishing references which would otherwise have to be consulted at the university library," the authors continued. Cornell's library was housed in McGraw Hall at the time.

The book also details the oratory excellence of the chapter's active members. Twice in the decade, a brother brought home the top prize in the campus-wide oratory competition, known as the Woodford Prize in Oratory. At least one Alpha Delt was chosen among the senior class to compete every year of the contest.

NEWS FROM OUR ALUMNI

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.

William Hodges '52 had planned to make it to Reunion this past year with his brother, Barney Hodges '57, but was unable to make it because of health issues. Get in touch with him and share some stories: [REDACTED].

Richard Gazley '54 writes: "Marti (Cornell BA '56) and I built our first new home, designed by us for our retirement. We sit on a bluff, overlooking the largest river in Vermont, the Win-ooski, just 150 feet from the river. Both sides of the river are conservation zones, with farm fields beyond the river and beside our small development and lots of wildlife, yet we are 15 minutes



from downtown Burlington. We don't do much outdoor recreation anymore, but we enjoy the vibrant arts scene and the educational opportunities in this multi-university town. Our travels have been world-wide, especially just after retirement, but recently have been domestic to our scattered family. I was a justice of the peace for a day in May (you can do this in Vermont) and officiated at the wedding of a granddaughter. Marti and I celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary in June, with the entire family gathering, including our first great-grandchild. I have many writing and photography projects underway, so I am not really retired! Xaipe" Drop Dick a note: [REDACTED].

Congratulations to **John Fisher '57**, who just celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary with a family trip to the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Accompanying John and his wife, Marianne, were their two sons and their wives and three grandchildren. "Instead of staying in the main hotel, we rented the only cottage, just about 30

steps from the hotel itself: four bedrooms, four baths, lots of living space, decks, and our own hot tub. Great place! One of 11 wood-frame hotels still operating in the U.S. A century ago, there were over 200." Write to John to find out all the details: [REDACTED].

Also congratulations to **Nelson Spencer '61**, who was introduced to the game of rugby football by Alpha Delt brothers during the spring of 1958 and who now, 57 years later, received a lifetime-achievement award from the U.S. Rugby Football Foundation Hall of Fame. Reconnect with Nelson at [REDACTED].

"Moved to Sebastopol, California, this spring," writes **Edward Thompson '71**, "an hour north of San Francisco and 20 minutes from the Pacific, in Sonoma wine country. **Bill Kies '71** and I took our 40th consecutive fishing trip to Maine this June, and my wife and I celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary in August." Drop Ed a line at [REDACTED].

"Lots of fun," exclaims **Tom Rothfels '77**, who competed in the New York City Triathlon in July with **Art Loomis '77** and **Conrad Wageman '79**. The three of them had dinner the night before the race with **Mark Kennedy '79** and **Chris Boak '80**. Find out how they did and get all the details by writing to Tom at [REDACTED].

David Syiek '79 is still using his maintenance skills but now with rental properties! Find out what else David is up to; write to him at [REDACTED].

Congratulations to **Thomas Gibb '84**, who married his business partner, Robert Lindgren, a year ago. They moved from New York City to Sharon, Connecticut, where they are restoring a 1907 formed-cement house. Get back in touch with Tom for more information: [REDACTED].

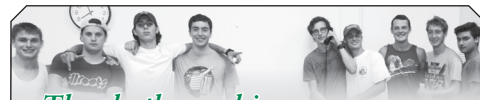
Darron W. Derrick '90 writes: "I have been working as a civil engineer in Florida since graduation, designing, building, and maintaining highways and bridges. I am currently getting my MBA through the University of Florida in Gainesville and am looking possibly to jump industries if the right opportunity comes along. I have never tapped into the Cornell/Alpha Delta Phi network, and it might be because I have spent my professional career in Florida,

which is pretty distance form the NYC metro area. In any event, I am really curious what everyone has been up to. I am currently working at the FDOT but am looking to get back into the private sector, having worked for URS and Halcrow, major engineering multinationals, in the past. My strength is project management (executing and coordinating major civil engineering projects), which I believe will translate well into many fields." Keep in touch with Darron at [REDACTED].

Colin Williams '92 writes: "Here in Portland, Oregon, my partners and I are over a year into launching our own independent wealth-management firm, Encompass Wealth Advisors, having departed Morgan Stanley in July 2014. Either the great wrestler Ric Flair or Howie Schaffer once said, 'To be The Man, you gotta leave The Man' ... or something thereabouts. We are please to be living out our callings as once-closeted entrepreneurs. I also continue to server our local Episcopal church as an assisting priest. I keep in touch with **Denton Chase '92**, **Greg Wong '92**, and **Darrell Cherniske '92**, but certainly regret losing touch with so many great friends from my past. My family, daughters Hadley (9) and Sadie (6) and wife Lindsey (27, just kidding), pretend to love to hear stories of fraternity antics, but do not enjoy my admonitions that they can never do likewise. Any streaking lands on the Internet and is forever." Write Colin a letter to get back in touch: [REDACTED].

Patrick Kavanagh '07 sent us a couple quick news updates from his classmates: **Kevin Barmish '07** recently moved from Seattle to Bangkok, Thailand, for a new career opportunity; **Rajiv Yadlapalli '07** was expecting a daughter (his first child) this fall; **Sven Karlsson '07** is expecting a son (his second child) in January; and **Tobin Sullivan '07** is getting married next June on Cape Cod.

Will Najar '13 is living in Seattle and working for Microsoft. You can drop him a line at [REDACTED].



Thankathon a big success.

- 10 brothers made 382 calls
- 78 busy
- 30 wrong numbers
- 153 left messages
- 22 spoke to non-brothers
- 99 spoke to brothers

The result was a job offer, an internship, and lots of good feelings.

Lawrence Wheeler '40 was born in Sterling, Illinois, on January 18, 1918, to Mildred Lawrence and Arthur Wellington Wheeler, and he attended Sterling Township High School, where he excelled in academics and sports, graduating in 1936. Larry attended Cornell University from 1936–1940 and met Helen Brunn at nearby Wells College in upstate New York. They married on August 23, 1941. After a brief detour working for the Armstrong Cork Company in Dallas, Texas, Larry attended the Harvard Business School and then joined the Army after Pearl Harbor in early 1942, later separating at the war's end in 1946 with the rank of captain. During these war years, Larry and Helen were blessed with two sons, Peter and David. After the war, Larry and Helen returned to Sterling, and Larry recreated his father's business, Hardware Products Company, into a wholesale distributing enterprise, providing electric home products to most of Illinois and Iowa. Larry remained the driving force behind Hardware Products until his retirement from that phase of his business life in 1970. During this 25 year period, Larry and Helen were blessed with two more children, Ann and John. Upon

retirement from Hardware Products, Larry attended Northern Illinois University and received his master's degree in philosophy. He began teaching at Northern and then taught at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, Carroll College in Helena, Montana, and finally through the University of Maryland in Japan, including Okinawa, Taiwan, Germany, Spain, and Crete for military personnel and their families. In 1980, Larry and Helen returned to the United States and built a home in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Over the next 32 years in Santa Fe, Larry became the executive director of the Santa Fe Community Foundation and then organized and served as the first president of the Golden Apple Foundation of New Mexico, which provides opportunities for academic enrichment for teachers and encourages positive change in New Mexico classrooms. Larry was preceded by his wife, Helen, on November 15, 2003, and is survived by his loving family, including four children, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Larry touched innumerable lives through his family, his businesses, and his teaching, and he and they were enriched by that experience. He will live in our hearts forever.

Robert Wesley Engelbert '49 passed away on February 17, 2015. He was born in Buffalo, New York, to Walter G. Engelbert and Mable Fauth on April 19, 1923. He was a long-time residence of Buffalo and Rocky River, Ohio. Robert enlisted in the Army Air Force in 1943, where he was the pilot of the B-24 Liberator assigned to the 456th bomb group in Cerignola, Italy. He flew 35 missions from October 1944 to April 1945. Discharged in July 1945, he received the Silver Star, Air Medal, Purple Heart, and Distinguished Flying Cross. Robert was a graduate of the school of civil engineering at Cornell University and a member of Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity. In 1949, Robert joined Republic Steel Corporation and, over a 35-year career at Republic, held positions as chief engineer, assistant director, and assistance vice president. He retired from Republic Steel in 1984. Robert married Georgia "Betsy" Ganson in 1950, and they celebrated 64 years of marriage on December 27, 2014, two weeks before Betsy's sudden passing on January 11, 2015.

Frank Benjamin Carr '54 of Hancock, Maine, died on February 2015, at his winter home on Nevis in the eastern Caribbean. While at Cornell, Ben was active in Cornell United Religious Work. Upon graduation, he received his Bachelor of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary in New York City and his Master of Sacred Theology from Andover Newton. After serving as chaplain at Northfield Mount Hermon School for several years, he left to obtain his PhD in church history from New College, University of London. Although he was an ordained Presbyterian minister, most of his career was spent in education. He is survived by his three children. He was the brother of **Calvin Carr '59**.

HOUSEMAN REPORT

After numerous renovations and improvements, the house is in excellent condition. Over the summer, the bathrooms on the second floor were completely redone. The Great Table, one of the centerpieces in our house's history, was also refurbished and looks incredible. Reliable internet for the entire house has finally been achieved, which has made it possible to study in the house instead of walking to campus. These renovations, made possible

by the generosity of the alumni, seemed to have inspired the current brothers to make the house a nicer place. Many of the brothers upgraded their rooms significantly at their own expense, adding brand new couches, wood floors, and air conditioning. Almost every room in the house is clean, nice, and well kept. The overall state of the house looks good, and we hope to keep it that way.

Miles Morgan '18

Dos Amigos: Brothers Open Food Truck

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not be able to park there, so they were left without a kitchen right before the grand opening. They were scurrying around town for a home, and the Phi helped them open

up on time. The Phi provided Dos Amigos a home for the first month of their operation. Jorge and David are very grateful for the assistance, understanding, and patience of the rest of the house and the alumni.

Since opening, the truck has been a great success on campus, and all of the brothers have shown their support by consistently frequenting Dos Amigos. Additionally, the house rented out Dos Amigos for homecoming, which allowed the alumni an opportunity to eat at the truck.

Jorge and David are very excited about the future of the truck, and they cannot express their gratitude enough to the brothers for their help.



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