



# The Cornell Alpha Delta

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## SAVE THE DATE

### ANNUAL MEETING

### Homecoming Weekend

*September 18, 2015*



“Oh brother,  
had you known our Camelot,  
built by old kings,  
age after age.”

—Alfred Lord Tennyson  
from “The Holy Grail”  
in *Idylls of the King*  
(1859–1885)

## THE STATE OF GREEK LIFE AT CORNELL

This summer, I had the opportunity to stay in Ithaca and use my time researching something that often goes without academic research: Greek life. With funding from ACEF and support from several alumni and Professor William Sonnenstuhl, I embarked on a summer filled with reading, analyzing data sets, and writing. My research, given my connection with Alpha Delta Phi, was always going to be slightly biased toward the Greek cause, however, given the extensive level of anti-Greek bias inherent in many academic articles I read, I found that I was able to balance the bias and come to important conclusions about the state of Cornell Greek life. I concentrated on three trends that repeatedly came up in dozens of articles.

Firstly, although plenty of research has been done about the amount Greeks drink, very little research has sought to establish causation. Do fraternities attract students who already drink more than average, or do Greek chapters transform normal students into heavy drinkers? This question is incredibly important for policy decisions. If the answer to the question is the former, chapters would be able to simply alter their standards and attempt to attract different types of individuals. If the answer is the latter, however, then Greek life has deeper cultural problems that need to be addressed. In actuality, the answer to why Greeks drink more is probably a combination of both explanations, but the fact that academia has been content to leave the question unanswered is concerning.

Secondly, little to no research has been done on a variety of aspects of Greek life. For example, a great source of pride for the Greek community: the millions of

dollars it raises annually for philanthropic causes has never been looked at by academic research. Does Greek life make it more likely that members will participate in philanthropy during college years? What about later in life? These are both great examples of missing research that would be very useful in assessing the overall impact of Greek life.

Lastly, my review of the current academic research on Greek life has led me to ask some questions about the position of Greek life at Cornell and how/if national research is applicable to Cornell. Whereas most of the research done uses large, Midwestern, state universities as a basis for their findings, Cornell does not have a lot in common with most of the schools in the research. Cornell does not have a typical Greek system. Whereas only 3% of college students nationally are involved in Greek life, Cornell's Greek membership is nearly 30%. Furthermore, I would argue that the Cornell Greek system is far more inclusive and far more policed by the administration than most of the Greek systems studied. This leads us to ask: “is this research applicable to the Cornell community?” It also, as I will elaborate below, leads us to ask, “How can we find out?”

Since this report was written, I have been able to start to address some of the concerns I raised in the report, and I was able to get some of the data that does benefit Greek life published. For example,

in this year's Go Greek campaign, data showing the leadership improvements of Greeks compared to non-Greeks was used in the written pamphlets and some of the campus advertisements. Furthermore, in order to

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## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Moving directly from a freshman dormitory resident-advisor position to president of the Alpha Delta Phi was quite daunting at first, to say the least. Leading a full house of equals would be much more challenging than running a dorm of green college students, and I would be lying if I said that I did not have doubts in my ability to lead the brothers of the Alpha Delta Phi. However, it seems that I was favored by the brotherhood, granting me the rare honor of a full-year term as president. In this time, our well-trying crew has continued to uphold its heritage, based on the loftiest of intellectual and moral ideals. While we greatly raised our overall academic ranking as a chapter, improved our relations with the administration, completed numerous projects to upgrade the Phi, give back enormously through philanthropy, and rushed and secured the most outstanding group of freshman the campus had to offer, we still managed to "rocket in the rankings" of social standing and to continue to improve our name and reputation as men of the Alpha Delta Phi.

In the fall, we proudly hosted Cornell's second annual GOPiNK Gala, a charity whose aim is to raise money to improve research and support systems for those affected by breast cancer. Spearheaded by Brother Max Rosenthal '16, along with the GOPiNK organization, last year's amount was doubled, for a grand total of \$30,000 in funds, which were donated to New York Presbyterian Hospital.

Over the fall break, 12 members of the 145<sup>th</sup>

pledge class and I continued the initiative set forth by ACEF in conjunction with Cornell Outdoor Education. Our group of 13 was dropped far from the luxuries and comforts of Cornell in the snowcapped mountains of the Adirondacks. The trip's goals were met with smashing success; we not only overcame the physically demanding nature of the excursion, but also grew ever closer because of the trials we faced together. I hope that next year's group experiences the same benefits as we had this year.

Spring was wrought with as much progress as the fall. Rush proved to be major evidence of the Alpha Delta Phi's growing reputation; the house was able to take on 18 of the finest gentlemen campus produced, to the dismay of many other chapters. These members share refreshing optimism and charisma that I am confident will serve the brotherhood well in years to come. With this continued trend of attracting large pledge classes of quality, the house remains full, keeping the Phi bustling with energy well through the next year.

Initiation, thanks largely to Reed Newman '16, was run spectacularly, with an alumni attendance greater than the Phi has seen in years, contributing immensely to the overall effect and meaning to our beloved process.

Renovations, lead by me and other members, continue to ensue, as more and more excitement is building on further beautifying and improving living conditions in the Phi. Specific

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## ALUMNI RETURN FOR INITIATION

As vice president, I was fortunate to be given the responsibility of planning the ceremony of initiation this year. As the university imposes tighter guidelines and shortens the new-member-education period, I am glad to state that our traditions, which we all hold so dearly, remain the same. This year, we were delighted with the large alumni support and participation. The house was filled with laughter and stories from the 20 alumni, young and old, that made the trip up to Ithaca for the weekend. With the help of the alumni and the active chapter, we successfully initiated 18 new deserving brothers into the house.

Reflecting on the festivities of the weekend, I am reminded of the true greatness of the house and its glorious traditions. It is important to remember the profound impact the house has had in all of us and the fortunate opportunity we all share to be a part of an extraordinary institution. As you read this note, I encourage you to consider participating in next year's initiation and joining the active brotherhood for the weekend.

I want to extend my gratitude to a few alumni who come back year after year and maintain the traditions of the house. Douglas Bond '66, Peter Fifield '74, and Joseph Tucceri '00 have all shown an exceptional devotion to the process and act as great examples to the active chapter. While the brotherhood views their presence and personality synonymous with the great traditions of the house, they have also exhibited an unmistakably strong devotion and loyalty that provides the groundwork for active brothers and recent alumni to emulate.



Joe Tucceri '00 receives award for wrestling distinction.

Χαίρε,  
Reed Newman '16



# CONDOM COUTURE EVENT BENEFITS AIDS PROGRAM

Nearly 250 people filled the Alpha Delta Phi house on Friday at the fourth annual Condom Couture Fashion Show, which featured speeches, slam poetry, and *a cappella* performances. Models strutted down the runway dressed in outfits elaborately adorned with condoms. The \$700 raised will be donated to the Southern Tier AIDS Program, according to Juliana Batista '16, one of the event's co-producers.

The event was inspired in part by Alexander Brown '15, AIDS week co-chair, who spoke on his personal struggle with HIV. "I hope sharing my status helps everyone see HIV and AIDS can happen to anyone," Brown said of the event. "The stigma still exists." Maddie Gerrick '17, the co-producer of the event, said Brown's story made audience members see that HIV and AIDS are issues "close to home." "The main thing I hope students take away from the show is how HIV/AIDS is a global issue, which includes the Cornell community," she said. "It is still relevant and still a devastating fact of life."

Batista said she has co-produced the event for two years, but that the addition of speeches, slam poetry, and *a cappella* performances this year made the show even more effective. "We will still have all the glamour and high fashion of shows in the past, but we have in-

corporated more layers of education about HIV/AIDS, STD prevention, consent, and healthy relationships while taking a multimedia approach," Batista said.

Mattie Yarn '18, the slam poet featured at the show, said she was proud to be a part of a movement. "In a few stanzas, I aim to deliver a powerful message of hope and determination regarding HIV/AIDS," she said. "Overall, I'm glad to see there's such enthusiasm toward bringing attention to this global problem within Cornell's student body."

Batista said that, besides the messages conveyed in poetry, speeches, and songs, each designer wrote a short blurb that was read aloud while her model walked down the runway, pairing each outfit with the message of the designer. "Each outfit has a meaning that the designer crafted and can relate to," she said.

Anshu Gaur '17, one of the designers, said she went to the show last year and was impressed by the use of creative designs to start an important conversation this year. She said that she wanted to contribute, despite the difficulty of designing with condoms. "Designing was a lengthy and learning process," she said. "[However], I was surprised by the combined effort and excitement I received from my

friends in the process, and I plan to continue designing outrageous outfits out of condoms."

The event received an outpouring of support, according to Gerrick, with sponsors including ConsentEd, Wingman, VOX: Voices for Planned Parenthood, the Every1 Campaign, Act on AIDS, Haven, International Student Union, the Women's Resource Center, RC, Fanclub, and the Multicultural Concert Funding Advisory Board. She said the event used 9,000 condoms, all donated by ONE Condom.

Tarn Susumpow '15, president of ISU, said the organization was thrilled to be a part of the event and is excited to sponsor them in coming years. "We were very excited to co-sponsor this event, because HIV/AIDS is a global issue, affecting over 35 million people worldwide," she said. "Our organizational goal has always been to bring awareness of international causes to the wider Cornell community, and this event does so with a lot of creativity."

Batista said she was impressed by the turnout and the commitment of all the show's contributors. "I was incredibly happy with show; it was such a collective effort," Batista said. "We've seen huge medical advances in 2015, and we want to ride off the optimism of new technologies. We're here to build that momentum."

## THE SPEAKER SERIES IS BACK AT ALPHA DELTA PHI!

After a short hiatus, the active brotherhood is happy to announce that the literary-speaker series has been revitalized. Staying true to our strong traditions as a literary society, Vice President Reed Newman '16 has worked tirelessly to resurrect the speaker-series program, which has been so coveted by the brotherhood over the years. With the assistance of Brother Christopher Chedid '17, Vice President Newman arranged a three-part speaker lineup composed of a diverse group of speakers, who spoke to the undergraduate brotherhood during various protocol dinners throughout the semester. The speakers presented on an array of topics, which are highlighted below.

The first speaker in the lineup was Cornell African-history PhD candidate Mark W. Deets. Mr. Deets was recommended to us by Brother Chang Ha Kim '15, who had taken a class of his and had heard about Mr. Deet's powerful history serving for the United States military. Throughout his 20 year tenure in the Marine Corps, he flew helicopters in combat in Soma-

lia, served as the US defense attache to Senegal, Guinea-Bissau, and Cape Verde at the US embassy in Dakar, and even flew the Marine



One helicopter for United States Presidents William J. Clinton and George W. Bush. During his last tour, he taught history at the US Naval Academy, which led him to pursue a teaching career at Cornell after he retired from the Corps in 2010. Mr. Deets captivated the brotherhood with his inspiring stories and truly embodied our pillars of Brotherhood, Leadership, Service, and Sacrifice.

The second speaker in the lineup was Dr. Delia E. Racines. For this speaker, we partnered with the Pillsbury Institute at the hotel school, who connected us with Dr. Racines, a visiting lecturer from the University of Southern California. Dr. Racines is an expert in multicultural education and criminology and spoke to

the brotherhood about her remarkable educational journey and the importance of following ones passions in life.

The third event in the lineup was a presentation by the Cornell University EMS. As the Cornell University administration continues to crack down on the Greek system for drug and alcohol related incidents, the active brotherhood sought to stay ahead of the curve by inviting several of the Cornell emergency-service representatives to speak with us about drug and alcohol safely. The presentation was informational and insightful and taught the brotherhood how better to work with the Cornell emergency-service system and to avoid adverse disciplinary measures in the future.

All in all, the speaker series was a success, and the active brotherhood thoroughly enjoyed bringing back such an esteemed tradition of the Alpha Delta Phi. We look forward to continuing the tradition into the spring semester with another notable speaker lineup.



Wesley Dylan Johnston '16

# 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  
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Awarded to qualifying Alpha Deltas demonstrating financial need
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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
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Awarded to the newly-initiated Alpha Delt with the highest grade-point average during his freshman year

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**Congratulations to Michael Rothbaum '15**  
**2015 Cornell Tradition Fellowship winner**

## NEW TEAM-BUILDING AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAM MAKES BETTER BROTHERS

Henry David Thoreau went to the woods to find himself. Now, so do Cornell Alpha Deltas.

Fall 2014 saw the successful launch 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 outgoing Cornell President David Skorton abolished pledging in 2012.



Pledging builds brotherhood. This program does the same, drawing community from individuality. As one COE trip leader observed in his debrief notes: "This is a great group of guys. It is often difficult to get such a large and active group together in one place at one time, but they were very engaged. Given the closeness of the group, people were willing to look at themselves and their behaviors, taking them to a deeper place than most people would go so quickly. Having built-in structure and accountability was a great thing for this group. It broke down cliques and set the tone for introspection and reflection. Each person saw themselves and their brothers in a new way."

We hope this program becomes a permanent and essential part of making new Alpha Deltas.

## RECENT GRADUATES PLAN TO CREATE LITERARY FUND

Three recent ADPhi graduates seek to continue our society's literary tradition by endowing the undergraduate literary chairmanship, and we need your support.

Recent undergraduate efforts have increased the responsibility of the literary chair. The position is involved with the esteemed speakers series, the protocol literary addresses, scholarly research, preparing the newsletter, and more.

The recent graduates will offer the literary chairman a semesterly stipend tied to satisfaction of scholarly responsibilities. This plan, coordinated with the ACEF, ensures that our intellectual traditions continue to elevate the society to reverence beyond Cornell. The endowed chairmanship's additional duties will include the following:

- ensuring literary presentations occur at house dinners at least monthly during the school year
- participation in the new member education process, including oversight of literary presentations
- maintaining a program for graduating brothers to donate personally significant books to the house library.

We seek to raise at least \$1,000 by January 1, 2016. Doing so will allow the spring 2016 literary chairman a \$250 stipend. Ultimately, we hope to raise enough to finance literary efforts in perpetuity. Those interested in contributing to the Literary Endowment Fund may do so through the ACEF. Former literary chairmen of all ages are particularly encouraged to get involved with our platform.

Χαίρε,  
Gleb Drobkov '12, Alexander Egan '13, & Alfonse Muglia '14



# CORNELL REUNION 2015 IN PICTURES



## Notes from the President

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projects being undertaken are renovations to the basement, redesign of the tower, new balcony floor installation, and house-wide internet, with many more being proposed steadily.

Amid the tumultuous time and dying numbers of Greek chapters on campus, the Phi has truly been blessed this year, coming into prosperity despite the turbulence looming over campus. I have been most fortunate in being elected president two terms during this period. The past two years, the leadership and brotherhood of the Alpha Delta Phi has completely turned around the house in terms of philanthropy, social events, and campus reputation. I thank my predecessors, Benjamin Joel Olson '13 and Justin Rogers Calabrese '15, for initiating this progress, making my initiatives much easier to follow through with. I can only hope that I will be able to do the same for the next president, so that he can continue to honor our brotherhood. To the undergraduate members, being the substandard gentlemen that you are, I am confident that you will preserve the house's legacy and spirit well after I graduate. I have the utmost faith and confidence in you all.

Χαίρε,  
Oliver Ryan Viera '15, President

*Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell is featured in an exciting new university recruitment publication, "Voices: Stories of Insight and Experience." We are proud to be included and featured as part of the very best that Cornell has to offer.*

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## A STELLAR YEAR FOR PHILANTHROPY

The 2014-'15 season proved to be yet another stellar year for the philanthropic efforts of the Alpha Delta Phi, as we hosted a variety of events, including the Condom Fashion Show, the GOPiNK Gala, and Bid Night for Bed Nets.

Additionally, brothers in the house produced the first ever Alpha Delt N.I.B. calendar. Featuring various brothers currently living in the house in a variety of seasonal poses, the calendar captured a more creative and outgoing side of the house. The calendar went on to be sold throughout campus, with all proceeds going to Big Brother Big Sister Ithaca, and was successful in selling over 200 copies. The newest members are already planning next year's calendar.

Furthermore, along with the Cornell Student Assembly, Alpha Delt co-hosted the Condom Fashion Show, a fashion show intended to raise awareness of the prevalence of sexually transmitted diseases. With a variety of a *cappella* groups, dance troupes, and models performing, the event drew a packed house of 350 people.

Alpha Delt ended 2014 by hosting the annual GOPiNK Gala in December, benefiting

breast-cancer research in upstate New York. The event raised over \$35,000, a record amount in contributions for the event.

Finally, Alpha Delt ended the scholastic year by hosting Bid Night for Bed Nets in April, with a variety of other fraternity and sorority sponsors. Throughout the event, brothers were "auctioned" off as dates to sorority sisters, with all proceeds going to Network Against Malaria. The fun-loving event not only helped fight malaria, but helped unite Cornell's Greek system through a good cause. This year's events, more than ever, seem to show that Alpha Delt has an ingrained and traditional line-up of philanthropic events; GOPiNK and Bid Night for Bed Nets are both immensely successful events that Alpha Delt is now an important member of. By hosting these events year to year, the brothers of the Phi have shown their willingness to constantly contribute money and effort to good causes.

Χαίρε,  
Adam Lurie '17

# FROM THE ARCHIVES: PATRICK WILLIAM CULLINAN 1872

*The early days of Greek life on the Cornell campus were filled with drama, intrigue, and competition. Skirmishes over housing, currying favor of faculty, securing the best neophytes, and gaining competitive advantage abounded. Our chapter is fortunate to have as a friend, H. William Fogle Jr. Bill is the alumni historian of the Delta Chi Chapter of ΔKE at Cornell. Bill has created an enormous body of Cornell Greek history that shares countless stories of the evolution of Greek life, particularly at ΔKE but also across the Cornell campus and beyond. In the excerpt below, he shares the story of Patrick William Cullinan 1872, who defected from ΔKE to join their "chief rival," Alpha Delta Phi.*

*Enjoy the journey back in time...*

Clark and Sloan arrived in Ithaca during the first week of 1870 and found just the material that they were looking for in the new student body.<sup>1</sup> Aided by two older brothers, Professor Eli Whitney Blake Jr., Φ1857, of the Cornell faculty and Thomas Morris Strong, ΦX1868, a medical student at the time, they promptly recruited five men as the nucleus of the new chapter: James Julius Chambers 1870, Sidney Howard Soule 1871, John Milton McNair 1871, John DeWitt Warner 1872, and Llewellyn Elsbree 1873.<sup>2</sup> The earliest chapter records have it that Clark and Sloan "gave to these men aforesaid the oath and made them members of the fraternity. Mr. Sweet came a short time afterward and succeeded, with the aid of the gentlemen mentioned," in adding Patrick William Cullinan 1872, Frank DeElwin Nash 1872, Darius Adams Ogden Jr. 1872, Charles Victor Parsell 1872, and Ambrose Clothier Pike 1872 as pledges.

On January 10, 1870, Brother Sweet gave "to the 10 men mentioned above the oath, [the] grip of the fraternity, and declared them to be members of the Delta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon." This action by a representative of the Phi Chapter formally chartered the Delta Chi Chapter. This new outpost of ΔKE immediately organized itself, elected officers (Chambers, McNair, Soule, Cullinan, and Warner) and prepared for further recruits. The record is somewhat ambiguous, but the first president of the chapter was almost certainly Chambers, the only senior in the group.

A dash of cold water came but 10 days later when McNair, the chapter's vice presi-

dent, and Elsbree tendered their resignations.<sup>3</sup> These defections were due to the active counter-recruiting of the other established fraternities on the hill; McNair threw his lot in with Pi Kappa Psi, and Elsbree joined Chi Phi.<sup>4</sup> The following fall would see the treachery of Cullinan, quitting ΔKE in favor of her chief rival, Alpha Delta Phi.<sup>5</sup> His abjuration, though the last to trouble the chapter, would spoil Delta Chi's first attempt to form an alliance within the Greek community. There were no guarantees that Delta Kappa Epsilon would survive the competitive social climate of the new university.

Delta Chi quickly realized that the rivalry

between competing fraternities could become unmanageable. In October of 1870, a motion "to form a league in conjunction with Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Upsilon, Phi Kappa Psi, and Theta Delta Chi" carried.<sup>6</sup> Negotiations stumbled when Delta Chi resolved to break off the combination if Alpha Delta Phi "put up Mr. Cullinan." The Alpha Deltas did not blink and the alliance did not coalesce. Some years later, Delta Chi would explore the possibility of combining with Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, and Kappa Alpha to issue a secret society publication.<sup>7</sup> This would eventually lead to the formation of a strong and enduring cartel named the Star League, and Delta Kappa Epsilon would take its place along with Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Kappa Alpha, and Zeta Psi as one of the commanding powers at Cornell.<sup>8</sup>

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## Footnotes:

<sup>1</sup> *Delta Chi Chapter Meeting Minutes (CMM)*, January 10, 1870. Originals are located in the ΔKE depository (Collection 37-4-1535), Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections (CU-DRMC), Carl A. Kroch Library, Cornell University, Ithaca NY.

<sup>2</sup> Kenneth Rood, Instructor Emeritus, Hopkins Grammar School, New Haven, CT, letter to HWF, January 21, 1987. Blake, a graduate of Hopkins, was Professor of Physics and Industrial Mechanics at Cornell.

<sup>3</sup> CMM, February 22, 1870.

<sup>4</sup> Gould P. Colman, University Archivist, Department of Manuscripts and University Archives, Cornell University, letter to HWF dated January 12, 1989.

<sup>5</sup> CMM, October 15, 1870.

<sup>6</sup> CMM, October 28, 1870 and November 30, 1870.

<sup>7</sup> CMM, December 5, 1878.

<sup>8</sup> James Anderson Hawes, "Private and Personal Report to the Delta Kappa Epsilon Council on Conditions with the Chapters and Alumni Organizations as of June 1930: II, DKE Chapters in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania," dated June 1930. *HQΔKE*.





## VICTORY CLUB

On Saturday, April 11, 2015, the brothers of Alpha Delta Phi hosted Victory Club. This annual black-tie philanthropy gala, which originated in 1918 to sell war bonds in support of the US military during World War I, now serves to benefit local charities in the Ithaca area. After existing for almost a century, this event has been a staple of the spring semester for Cornell's campus, attracting members of the Greek community, unaffiliated students, faculty, parents, and alumni.

This year, Victory Club co-chairmen, John Milani '17 and Byron Lazaroff-Puck '17, chose to support the Ithaca Public Education Initiative. This fantastic local organization aims to further the educational experience of every student in the Ithaca City School District by providing community connections and aid through engagement, collaboration, gifts, and grants. IPEI orchestrates annual events to encourage involvement and contributions by local Ithacans, such as an adult spelling bee, which this year raised over \$26,000 for the school district.

Alpha Delta Phi had the pleasure of hosting Christine Sanchirico, IPEI's executive director, Julie Langenbacher, the assistant director, and several board members, including Marshall McCormick, as well as members of the ICSD Board of Education. The fraternity was able to raise over \$7,500 in support of the charity, with over 250 guests in attendance.



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## GOPiNK GETS EVEN BETTER

As our rich philanthropic history demonstrates, the Cornell chapter of the Alpha Delta Phi strives to give back to the community whenever opportunity presents itself.

Over the years, Alpha Delt has gone to great lengths to raise capital for many causes, and we have reached great success with large philanthropic events, such as Victory Club, the spring semester's premiere charity event. In an effort to extend this great tradition, the active brotherhood sought to host an event in the fall that could eventually attain the same long-term success as Victory Club.

Last year, the Alpha Delta Phi hosted the first annual GOPiNK Gala. GOPiNK is a non-profit organization that fellow Cornellian and Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority member Erica Baevski '16 founded in an effort to raise money for New York Presbyterian Hospital's breast-cancer research, education, and support programs. In partnership with Alpha Delta Phi, Baevski and the brothers of Alpha Delt managed to sell out this event of over 500 attendees and raise over \$17,000.

On November 14, 2014, we hosted the second annual GOPiNK

Gala, achieving even greater success and managing to raise over \$33,000. This event, based on the pillars of "dancing, fun, and pure philanthropic spirit," has already evolved into a huge attraction for Cornell students. With donations doubling in only one year, we are very optimistic about what the future holds for this event.

Brother Max Rosenthal '16 has been the main liaison between the brotherhood and GOPiNK, and he is dedicated to the continued close relationship between this organization and the Alpha Delta Phi, so this event can continue to flourish into the premiere fall charity event of Cornell University.

Wesley Dylan Johnston '16



## TWO BROTHERS REMEMBER DICK WAMBACH

Dick Wambach and I were very close friends, from our Alpha Delta Phi pledge class in the spring of 1950 until his death. Dick introduced me to skiing. In the winter of 1950-'51, we drove in my 1936 Chevrolet to Whiteface Mountain in northeastern New York, where I found myself on the top of the mountain and on skis for the first time. We got there on a snow cat because there was too much snow for the lift. Then on to Stowe in Vermont, where we slept in the car in the parking lot and enjoyed the Nosedive Trail (before they took out four of the seven turns). Dick, in those early days, was already an accomplished skier; he was an early member of the National Ski Patrol. I skied with Dick throughout his life. I am grateful to him for introducing me to a sport that I enjoyed for half a century.

Good friends in college, we became very close as we married, had children, and went to our children's weddings. Dick and his wife

Ann became one of four couples, the men all Alpha Delt, who reunited and established regular reunions; the others were my wife, Marti, and I, Tom Foulkes '52 and his wife, Anne, and Bob Olt '53, who brought various lovely ladies. During a 10- to 12-year period, starting about 1980, we met at least annually for skiing, many times in Vermont. We met also in some summers in Maryland, Keuka Lake, and Rochester, New York. Our group was broken by Bob Olt's death in 1992. Now I am the last man standing.

Dick, Ann, Marti, and I motored down the Intracoastal Waterway in his boat, *Whitecap*, from Norfolk to Charleston in 1994. We had also motored together in Seneca Lake and in the North Channel in Ontario, north of Manitoulin Island.

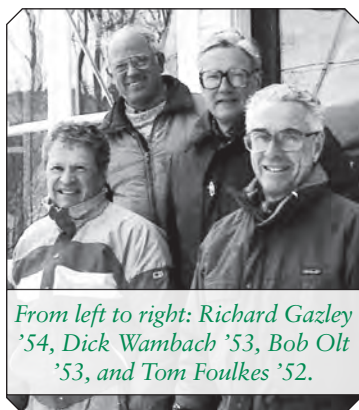
Dick was a high-energy person, very inquisitive and willing to learn. He was bored after his retirement from Kodak. Sometime about 1980, I suggested that he take over the

New York portion of my sales territory, to sell high-end equipment to the plastics industry. He jumped right in and was quick to make a success of it.

How many of us have an intimate friend of nearly 65 years? How impossible it is to encompass a life in a few lines. Thank you for the opportunity to express my love and appreciation for that friendship.

The accompanying picture is of us at my house in Vermont in March 1990.

Richard Gazley '54



From left to right: Richard Gazley '54, Dick Wambach '53, Bob Olt '53, and Tom Foulkes '52.

As a five-year engineering grad and a newly commissioned second lieutenant, thanks to Cornell's ROTC program, Dick was station at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland. It was there that he and his wife, Ann, performed a service for an existing and a future brother. My mother had died, and Gayle and I needed a week-long baby sitter for our nine-month-old son so that we could travel back to Grosse Pointe for the funeral. That son is Clint Kennedy '76. As far as I know, this was the first of Dick's many services to the brothers of Alpha Delta Phi.

George Kennedy '52

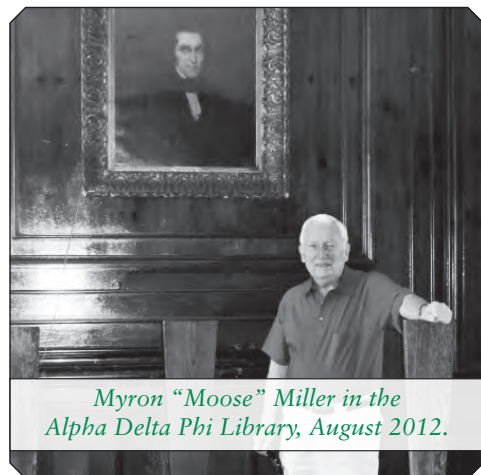


# NEWS FROM OUR ALUMNI

## 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](mailto:hbschaffer@aol.com).

**Myron Miller '55** writes: "The reason that I became involved with ADPhi at Cornell was that I was an Alpha Delt at Northwestern (which unfortunately no longer has a chapter, and that's a sad story). I was the president of the Northwestern chapter during the last half of my senior year (and also president of the Interfraternity Council). When I visited Cornell in March 1953 for my interview at the ILR School, I stayed at the house and got to know **Dick Gazley '54**, who was president at that time. When I arrived at the ADPhi house late that night, a couple of the fellows found a cot and put it in the solarium, so that's where I slept that first night. Soon after I awoke that morning, I asked who the president was, and that's what led to my connecting with Dick Gazley. I also got to know a number of the fellows and decided I'd be involved with the chapter during my graduate years. In fact, I even helped with rushing in September of 1953. I was asked to give a talk to the prospective members. I had a great line: 'We're not like other fraternities that have a



*Myron "Moose" Miller in the Alpha Delta Phi Library, August 2012.*

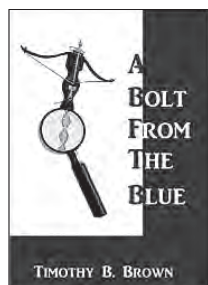
chapter behind every gas station and billboard. We have just 30 chapters, but our chapters are at the best universities in the US and Canada, and we have had as members many prestigious men, including Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt.' I don't know how much good my presentation did, but we sure got a couple great new classes during my two years at Cornell! Dick Gazley and I got to be friends and lived off campus my first year at Cornell (1953-'54). The second year, there was an opening in the

house, so I lived there (1954-'55). Great experience, and through my grind of grad school, I had a good taste of undergraduate life among a great group of guys!" Reconnect with Myron at [REDACTED]

**Robert Hazlett Jr. '60** reports that his oldest granddaughter recently graduated from Yale and is now on the staff of a school in Hong Kong. He has 17 grandchildren total, with the youngest granddaughter three years old. Keep in touch with Bob to find out what he's doing: [REDACTED]

**Carl Demler '66** is planning to travel by car (BMW M3) to Yosemite, Grand Canyon, and Salt Lake City with his two sons. His son Kai, age 20, is attending the University of Illinois for computer engineering, and his son Ken, age 15, is in his second year in NYC Lab School in New York City. Carl writes: "I have two cancers, which I am eliminating gently, without chemo, radiation, or surgery, by using all-natural products. Also got my first BMW motorcycle, and last July, my Porsche Targa, which had been christened by Hurricane Sandy, came back from Germany after a complete interior rebuild." Get back in touch with Carl and let him know what you're up to: [REDACTED]

"Still enjoying the challenging world of journalism and publishing," writes **Knight Kiplinger '69**. "No retirement in sight! Enjoyed seeing **Tim Blankenhorn '69** and **Richie Wait '69** at the Phi for reunion (and hearing the fabulous "Sherwoods" again)." Reconnect with Knight at [REDACTED]



Congratulations to **Timothy Brown '84** on the publication of his new book, *A Bolt from the Blue*. Set at Cornell University in Upstate New York, this carefully researched, scientific-historical thriller explores what could happen when man tries to play God.

**Gautham Nagesh '05** joined the DC bureau of *The Wall Street Journal* in October 2013. Drop him a line to get the scoop on what he's up to: [REDACTED]



*Marc Levin '95, Peter Bilfield '95, Rich Ha '93, and Robert Hooker '96 gather for a golf outing in Tampa, Florida.*

**Gleb Drobkov '12** is currently living in the Gramercy area of New York City and sharing a place with Andrew Schrichte '13. Gleb writes: "Our couch has transformed our apartment into a friendly hostel, often frequented by the bodies of fellow Alpha Deltos visiting New York. While sometimes cumbersome, the visits are always enjoyable and memorable. I work as an associate for Capgemini Consulting, a French strategy and technology consulting firm, and I travel for work during the week. During the weekends, I do my best to enjoy the outdoors, either at the beach or skiing, depending on the season. Schrichte works for a boutique investment banking and advisory firm, specializing in the fashion industry. We both date former Cornellians, and we are keeping the spirit of our *alma mater* strong at our 'chapter house' on the 13<sup>th</sup> floor in Manhattan. Hope to see you guys in New York soon!" Drop Gleb a note at [REDACTED]

**Justin Calabrese '15** is starting off at United Talent Agency in Los Angeles. Get in touch with him to find out all the details: [REDACTED]



We came across an amazing story of a Japanese-American who was Cornell class of '43 and got deported after Pearl Harbor. Sent back to Japan but unable to speak Japanese, he was drafted into the Japanese Army and spent the war in Japan as a medical corpsman.

The video is a little long, but at 19:37 he describes a very good friend of his from Cornell, **Fred Johnson '43**, whom he caught up with after the war. Fred was an Alpha Delt and a Naval aviator. This is worth listening to: [www.cornell.edu/video/vanneman-award-winner-shigeo-kondo](http://www.cornell.edu/video/vanneman-award-winner-shigeo-kondo).

**John Robert Lynch '43**, former New York State Supreme Court Justice, of Lowville died at home on January 29, 2015. Judge Lynch was born on March 1, 1921 in Brooklyn, New York. He and his family later moved to Croghan and then to Lowville, New York, where he graduated from Lowville Academy. Judge Lynch attended Cornell University and Manhattan College, served in the military in World War II, and, upon his return from service, earned his law degree from Albany Law School and was admitted to the bar in 1948. He practiced law in Lowville and was a law assistant to Judge Fred Young; in 1956 he was also a delegate to the Republican National Convention. Judge Lynch served as the Lewis County district attorney in 1959 until his election to the New York State Supreme Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, later that year. He became the youngest supreme court justice in the state at that time. Judge Lynch was reelected to the supreme court in 1973 and was also named to the Appellate Division, First Judicial Department. In 1985, he was appointed to temporarily fill a vacancy on the court of appeals. Judge Lynch later went on to become a judicial hearing officer for the supreme court and a member of the Lewis County Ethics Board. In addition, Judge Lynch was a very active member of his church and community. Among his many contributions, he helped found St. Peter's Parochial School in Lowville and the Lady of the Lakes Chapel, as well as the Lewis County Hospice program. In his later years, Judge Lynch and his family were greatly appreciative of the caring support he received from the Lowville community, and in particular, from the strong network of caregivers and advisors that so greatly enhanced his daily life. Judge Lynch was married to Sarah Nortz Lynch from 1950 until her death in 2012.

**Charles K. "Chuck" Watters' 52** left this world peacefully on March 1, 2015, surrounded by family. He was born in Buffalo, New York, on January 10, 1929, the eldest of four children. After graduating from Cornell University in 1952, he served in the Air Force, followed by a rewarding career in sales. His first position with Canada Dry in Arizona was followed by many years with the Raymond Bag Co. in Phoenix, Los Angeles, and Middletown, Ohio. After a move to Erie, Pennsylvania, in 1968 to head up sales for the Swanson Erie Co., Chuck started his own company, Assembly Machines Inc., in 1973. The challenge, growth, and success of that endeavor, plus his love of fly-fishing, crossword puzzles, family, and travel filled his life. Chuck loved Erie and its seasons and outdoor recreational activities. He was a longtime member of Church of the Cross in Fairview, Pennsylvania, until moving to Denver in 2009.

**Robert Wesley Engelbert '49** passed away February 17, 2015. He was born in Buffalo, New York, to Walter G. Engelbert and Mable Fauth on April 19, 1923, and was a long time residence of Buffalo and Rocky River, Ohio. Robert enlisted in the Army Air Force in 1943. Robert was the pilot of a B-24 Liberator, assigned to the 456<sup>th</sup> 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 college 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. Betsy and Robert resided in Rocky River, Ohio, since 1976 and have been active members at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for over 35 years. Robert was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle and served as president of the Association of Iron and Steel Engineers in 1980. He joined Betsy as a member of the Care Givers through Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

**Richard Wambach '53** left peacefully on December 11, 2014, at the age of 83. Dick graduated from Cornell University, Phi Beta Kappa, and was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity, also serving as the chapter alumni president for several years. He served proudly in the US Army and Reserves, retiring as a colonel with the 98<sup>th</sup> division (go Iroquois). Dick was also a 30-year Eastman Kodak Company employee as a manufacturing engineering manager in the apparatus division. Dick grew up on the water and was a boater, a fisherman, a waterskier, and a yachtsman his entire life. He and Ann cruised the Great Lakes and Eastern Seaboard aboard the *Whitecap* with family and friends for nearly 30 years. He was a long-standing member of the Rochester Yacht Club, where he was power fleet captain and a mainstay of the annual Club Cruise for many years. He was also a member of the United States Power Squadron, serving as the commander of the Rochester squadron and sharing his expertise in seamanship, piloting, and navigation with other mariners for years. When the seasons turned the water to snow, Dick could be found on the ski slopes. He dedicated 41 of his skiing years as a volunteer with the

National Ski Patrol, earning a national appointment. He helped build a ski slope with fellow students at Cornell in the early 1950s, where he first patrolled. He later patrolled at Ski Valley and completed his patrol service with over 20 years at the Hunt Hollow Ski Club. We will never forget our family outings with him on the water, on the slopes, in the Adirondacks, at Alden Camps in Maine, and in our own backyard at Kirklees Road.

## The State of Greek Life at Cornell

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start collecting more data relevant to Cornell Greek life, a 12-question survey, written by myself, Professor Sonnenstuhl, and members of the IFC, was implemented during this year's spring rush. Although it will take a couple years for the data to accumulate, I'm hoping that my data collection pays dividends down the road and eventually helps Cornell Greek life combat some of the unfair stereotypes surrounding Greek life members.

Because graduated in May and will be heading to law school, I am in the process of finding someone to continue my research on Greek life, aiming to dive deeper into a subject I was fortunate enough to do some general research on. Because of this experience, I understand that the funding necessary to do this kind of work is available, and that the Alpha Delta community has no reservations about supporting work in the name of Cornell Greek life.

Χαίρε,  
Philippe Simard '15

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