



# The Cornell Alpha Delt

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## ALPHA DELT METAMORPHOSIS: OUR ONLY CONSTANT IS CHANGE

*"All things change; nothing perishes."*  
—Ovid, from *Metamorphoses*

We had a strong showing from the classes of the mid-1970s at Homecoming this year. A consistent refrain among these vintage brothers (some who had not returned in nearly 40 years) was that the house was energizing, vibrant, and filled with notable characters. A few would comment that, while the names and antics had changed, the core experience of being an Alpha Delt was surprisingly and reassuringly the same. Come see for yourself. Homecoming is a jam-packed weekend of fall outdoor beauty and elegant indoor Bacchanalia.

A few days after returning from Ithaca, I received an email from the daughter of Julian C. Smith Jr. '41. We had him listed as a lost member when he had, in fact, passed at 96 in August 2015. She passed along several fantastic items, including his detailed memoirs of his fraternity and college days. We will soon be producing a special edition publication of his memoirs, which are tremendously informative, historically revealing, and terrifically amusing. You will recall the recent publication of "A Brother's Story" which featured the memoirs of Larry Wheeler '40.<sup>1</sup>

Brother Smith lived an amazing life. His days were filled with curiosity and joy. He had a keen eye and an appetite for harmless mischief.<sup>2</sup> Here are a few excerpts to whet your appetite for the publication of his forthcoming memoirs:

**On late-night calisthenics:** "Sometime later

that term, (my roommate) was doing pushups in his room before going to bed when he heard a knock on his door. It was Proctor Manning. 'What are you doing in here?' he asked. 'Pushups,' said John. 'Oh,' said Manning, 'I saw you through the window. I thought you had a girl in here.'"

**On his spartan accommodations at the Phi:** "In my sophomore year, I lived at the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity house, 777 Stewart Avenue, and shared a room with Bud Richardson. To supplement the meager furnishings, I bought a desk, chair, and table lamp at Rothschild's department store downtown. Bud and I got along well; he was now in the College of Arts and Sciences and much happier than he had been as a chemical engineering student."

**On the literary life:**

"Routine fraternity life continued. Since I had not been initiated and was still a pledge, I could not attend the general meetings. There were occasional literary meetings where the brothers were asked to present original written works, some of which, I found, were quite good. I contributed two or three during the year. One of

them was a sci-fi story about a professor and his grad student who devised a way to shrink themselves down to the size of an electron, only to be attacked by a giant flea that they had sent down some days before. But I didn't wholeheartedly feel I belonged in the fraternity group. I always had a slight feeling of unease."

**On co-eds:** "We Alpha Deltas were told, 'You don't date Cornell coeds, no no no no.' We sang songs about them like, 'The coed leads a dirty

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*"The purpose of the literary tradition, the benefits and results to be expected from it are a heightening and a quickening of interest and enthusiasm in the arts and sciences, in literature, and in all fields of creative endeavor. If, through the members' attention to the many opportunities offered by the literary program they may learn to think more interestingly and to speak more convincingly whether in conversation or before groups, if they may increase their ability to judge as individuals and to express themselves as individuals rather than parroting the conventional catch-phrases always prevalent on any current topic, if they may be aided in developing inquiring minds, in broadening their own, then our founder's aim of '...looking to the entire man so as to develop his whole being—moral, social, and intellectual' may be approached."*

—John M. Young, from "The Literary Aspect of Alpha Delta Phi," 1928





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## A NOTE FROM THE SPRING'S PRESIDENT

After nine upper-class brothers departed for study abroad in January, I was honored with a rather unusual opportunity to lead the charge in spring '16. I too was fortunate enough to spend my junior year traveling to new parts of the world. With some lingering regret, however, I always feared missing the chance to serve the brothers of my fraternal home. Fortunately, time yet remained to return to the Phi as a second-semester senior.

The fond memories began rush week, as we opened our sparkling chapter house to a new generation of fraternity men. (A special thanks to Howie Schaffer '90 and the alumni for facilitating professional detailing of the house over winter break.) An astounding 24 new members were brought in, all of whom were initiated into the 147<sup>th</sup> pledge class.

Changes in day-to-day life at the Phi created a buzz of excitement this semester. The kitchen reopened with significant upgrades as we welcomed our new chef, Elliot Bernardo. Chef Elliot's gastronomic flare has attracted an unprecedented number of brothers to the house for weeknight dinners. Delights like *duck comfit with gravy* have re-instilled purpose in our meals.

Our most envied event, Victory Club, returned for its 99<sup>th</sup> year with smashing success. Brother Byron Lazaroff-Puck '17 dazzled guests with champagne, classic rock, and even a rotisserie pig! The charity raised over \$10,000 for Ithaca Public Education Initiative.

Today, Alpha Delta Phi stands as an enduring leader on campus. In an atmosphere of ongoing tension, the brotherhood remains highly esteemed by the university. Our traditional yet innovative new-member education program not only upholds Cornell's code of conduct but also serves as an exemplary model for other fraternities. Again, I am impressed with our poised efforts in preserving a rich heritage, while protecting our prosperous future.

Seeing the Phi evolve over my undergraduate years has been a nostalgic pleasure. I am left with no doubt. Alpha Delta Phi continues to cultivate individuals of the highest intellectual and moral standard. Our letters bear prominence and responsibility—our achievements remain a projection of our pillars and founding.

Marcello Domeniconi '16  
Spring President

## AN AUSPICIOUS START TO A PROMISING ACADEMIC YEAR

After being initiated as a brother of the Alpha Delta Phi last spring, I was absolutely ecstatic to move in this year and to begin working as the vice president. Twenty-nine of my brothers and I moved in during the third week of August, and from the moment I stepped foot onto the Gauntlet property, I knew this year would be a great one. We were lucky enough to have new windows installed in the Solarium, and we immediately put the space to good use with brotherhood events to start off the semester on a good note.

As vice president and risk manager, I often think about the unfortunate state of Greek life in the U.S. All of the active brothers and I have been making a conscious effort not only to stay out of trouble but also to give back to the university as well as to our alumni. We take the utmost care to keep every one of our events safe, and we have been very successful thus far.

Looking back on last weekend's Homecoming festivities, I feel that we had one of the best celebrations in years. Not only did we have the opportunity to welcome a new brother with the special initiation, but the active brothers got the

chance to meet, network with, and get to know many of the alumni who came back. I personally had a fantastic time and loved hearing stories about the old days of the Phi. Our tailgate was filled with good music, good drinks, and good times had by all. The Homecoming formal was a great success, and the opportunity to eat, drink, and sing songs with alumni both young and old was fun for everyone.

Looking ahead, we are very excited to host the fourth annual GOPiNK gala for breast cancer awareness. Last year, over \$30,000 was raised, and we hope to beat that amount. In addition, the 147<sup>th</sup> pledge class just took on the project of re-graveling the area surrounding the Goat House, and it is finally getting restored to its former glory. It is very early in the semester, but I am looking forward to many months of successful events, academics, and great times for the entire brotherhood. We are all excited to take a new pledge class and to see many more alumni back in the spring.

Brent Romanow '19  
Fall Vice President





# THE CURRENT STATE OF THE PHI

The current brotherhood of Alpha Delta Phi's Cornell Chapter takes immense pride in the upkeep and maintenance of its chapter house. Through the past several years, we have accomplished tremendous feats in improving both the aesthetic and intrinsic value that our residence provides to brothers, alumni, and guests who have the opportunity to visit our home.

Last winter, Marcelo Domenconi '16 took it upon himself to refinish the woodwork throughout the Great Hall and living room. Choosing a dark stain of refined Jacobean taste, his work reinforces the sense of traditional mystic and subtle sophistication. His dedication toward the preservation of our home is reflected in all brothers who are current residents, as similar (albeit smaller) projects are of constant occurrence. Professional construction and restoration are common sights around the house; it is not surprising to see contractors of all fields making small (but nonetheless important) improvements on a weekly basis. From drainage system upgrades to state-of-the-art water-heating systems, we strive to keep the house looking and performing at its full potential throughout the year.

Looking to the future, there are several projects that we intend on completing. It is of my truest belief that a thorough landscaping effort would vastly improve the look of the house and surrounding grounds. Below the portico, trees and shrubbery are overgrown,

and branches loom over our parking lot. These encroach on the sense of refinement that we strive to uphold. Additionally, township zoning efforts have concluded that the G tunnel is not structurally sound and requires immediate restoration if we hope to preserve the building's integrity. While my position as house manager limits my ability to intervene and allocate appropriate measures to remedy this issue, rest assured that we fully intend on protecting this most-sacred aspect of our literary society.

During Homecoming weekend, held on September 23 through 25, numerous alumni offered praise of the house's condition and the many improvements we have made through the years. Rooms that were once lighted by nothing more than candlelight are now furnished with posh lighting, cable television, an incredibly sophisticated wireless internet system and other amenities. While the house undoubtedly experiences its fair share of social celebration, we, as current brothers of the Phi, take immense pride in our home. We take every step necessary to preserve, improve, and maintain the values and principles upon which our chapter stands. It is in this regard that I cordially invite you to visit on any occasion, and regardless of when this might be, no doubt the state of our Alpha Delta Phi will exceed your expectations.

Xaípe,

Ryan Storms '19, Fall Houseman

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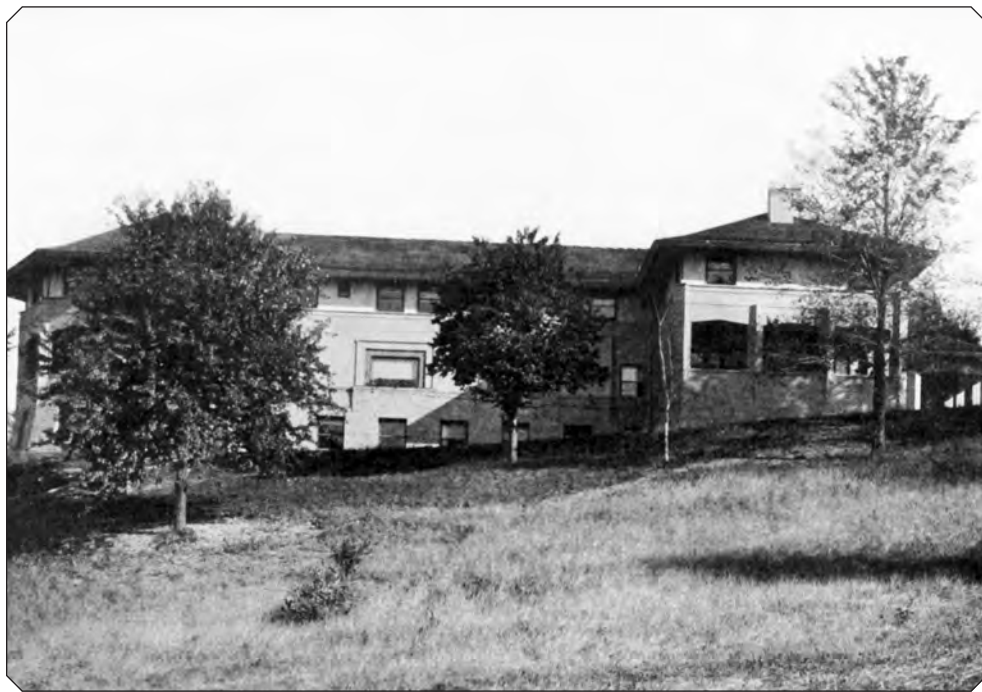
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## THE ALPHA DELT EXPERIENCE

Cornell University was big when I matriculated 45 years ago. It has only gotten bigger. The Alpha Delt experience was a diverse platform to approach the university from. We had athletes, scholars, student council members, party people, introverts, heterosexuals, homosexuals, international students, rich, poor, middle income, blacks, Indians, whites, ROTC, lawyers in training, etc. We had it all. We had to learn how to get along without being able to hire, fire, promote, or demote other brothers. We had to live within our means. It made us collectively responsible for something more than just ourselves. It seemed like a pretty good deal. No university housing ever did that. As one Alpha Delt told me, when he walked through the doors of the Phi, it changed his life forever. That's the opportunity which we continue to provide. In 1972, Alpha Delt served as hosts of the campus radio show, "A Moment of Sanity." It provided a conservative viewpoint on the university and country. Today, we still provide a home for a moment of sanity—not necessarily conservative or liberal but a tolerant and independent place for an exchange of ideas.

Todd Slotkin '74



ALPHA DELTA PHI

*Barron Williams '94 found the above photograph in a print shop while on vacation in Savannah, Georgia. We are grateful for the donation.*



*Victory Club was a huge success, raising more than \$9,000 for Ithaca Public Education Initiative (IPEI).*

## THREE TROPHIES DONATED TO AΔΦ

On November 21, 2015, the brothers of the Alpha Delta Phi were fortunate enough to receive a donation of three stuffed African animals from Harry S. Rowland 1906. The three animals have been identified as a kudu, an oryx, and a sable, all of which are species of the antelope family. Rowland was a mechanical engineer and was an avid hunter throughout his life.

Rowland's granddaughter, Ann Beauchamp, donated the gifts to the Alpha Delta Phi house, given her admiration for the school. She thought it was fitting that a portion of his estate was donated to the fraternity he so admired. The Cornell Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi was a fitting choice for the taxidermy, given Cornell's strong fraternal environment, according to Beauchamp. She also bemoaned the fact that the Alpha Delta Phi chapter at Wesleyan University had become co-ed, and expressed that she was reluctant to donate the African heads to Wesleyan, despite one of her sons graduating from the school.

The three African animal heads are hung in the Great Hall.

Sam McGarvey '17  
Spring Houseman



## AΔΦ WELCOMES BROTHER AVGERINOS

Alpha Delta Phi had the honor of inducting a new member into the brotherhood over homecoming break. Albeit a bit late; Dino Avgerinos, class of '74, finally took his rightful place as an official brother of our chapter, an event which, according to Dino and many alumni of the Phi, was long overdue.

"The formality welded my experience and completed the circle," Brother Avgerinos said. "It was a natural conclusion."

The Phi has long prided itself on its diversity of character, bringing in unique individuals from different walks of life. Brother Avgerinos certainly adds to this diverse culture. Born on March 15, 1952, in New York City to parents John and Stella, Brother Avgerinos attended the Barnard School for Boys (now Horace Mann) and later Tabor Academy in Marion, Massachusetts. He graduated in the class of 1970 before enrolling at Cornell. Following his graduation, Brother Avgerinos moved to Greece, where he worked in food processing and shipping until retiring in 2012, after which he moved to St. Augustine, Florida, where he currently resides with his wife Anna

and daughter Angelika. He is now pursuing his long-time hobby of light aircraft design.

Inducting a new brother is by no means a trivial event; ergo, we celebrated his induction properly at our annual homecoming dinner in typical Alpha Delt fashion: with cheers, songs, drinks, and an all-around lovely evening. During the midst of the celebration and mayhem that Homecoming formal brings at the Phi, Brother Avgerinos couldn't help but reflect on memories from his days as an undergraduate.

"The memories are intense," said brother Avgerinos. "I haven't been back for 30 years."

Dino was a "social brother" during his undergraduate days, which for him held no candle to the true nature of his relationship with brothers in the house. At the end of the day, Dino valued his relationship with brothers of the Phi deeply.

"They were real brothers," Brother Avgerinos said.

For this reason, the brothers of Alpha Delta Phi welcome brother Avgerinos with open arms, and look forward to his attendance at our various events to come.

## VOLUNTEERING FOR THE CAYUGA HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT

As my third semester at Cornell was coming to a close, I felt like I needed to give back to the community in some way. Although I have a keen interest and some experience in charity organizations and community service clubs, I wanted to experiment with doing service that was both physical and that had an immediate influence on people's lives. Once doing some research, I decided to join the Cayuga Heights Fire Department as an exterior firefighter. After multiple weeks of demanding training, which included search and rescue, forced entry, fire extinguishing, and emergency medicine techniques, as well as fire survival, in which recruits equipped with full fire gear were locked in a burning basement that rose to 1,500 degrees Fahrenheit, the time for actual service began.

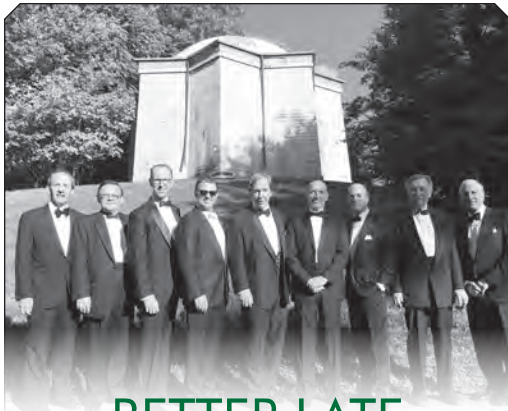
As an exterior firefighter, I am now on call at times. If I receive a call, whether I'm in class, at the library, or at 777, I am required to report to the department, quickly throw on my helmet, pants, and jacket, hop in one of three bright yellow fire engines, and prepare to effectively do my job at the scene of emergency with the rest of the CHFD. Calls range from house fires, car accidents, and medical- and alcohol/drug-related emergencies to many more situations all

across Tompkins County. Although taxing, this experience has certainly been some of the most rewarding service work I have been a part of. The combination of both the adrenaline rush when racing to a scene and dealing with an intense high-stakes situation and the ultimate satisfaction of putting yourself on the line to help people in serious need is unparalleled to anything I've ever done.

Although unparalleled, being a brother of Alpha Delta Phi has indeed made this new, unique experience feel slightly familiar. The fire department's philosophy and code should actually register quite well with any Alpha Delt, as both our and the department's values are very much aligned. Once joining CHFD, my appreciation and commitment to brotherhood, leadership, service, and sacrifice were significantly reinforced. At CHFD, our pillars are truly put to the test, and coveted qualities such as professionalism and excellence undoubtedly become assets at your disposal. With this, I encourage any Alpha Delt looking to serve his community to do something out of the box; you'll be surprised how well this fraternity has prepared you to succeed.

Gabriel Alexander Gutierrez '18





## BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

First, I would like to thank the returning alumni brothers who participated in the “better late than never” initiation of Dino Avgerinos ’74 over 2016 Homecoming Weekend. Dino, who lived in the ΑΔΦ house for two years, never got around to joining until now, although his tales and antics have been part of our lore for all these years. So we officially acknowledged what had been the case for over 40 years—Dino, you are a brother. As Suhail Saad ’75 so aptly stated at the board meeting, “No, we are not just honoring you; you, too, are honoring us.”

Special thanks to Howie Schaffer for making this happen. It required great coordination with the actives on their Homecoming and the returning alumni to pull it off.

A special round of clicks to the actives for hosting a sensational Homecoming banquet for 150 people. Clearly, it was the best Homecoming that I had ever been part of! Click. Click. Click.

The genesis of the idea for Dino to officially join began in March, when my family and Dino’s family got together in New York City for the first time since Dino had returned from Greece two years ago. I realized that this would give us all the excuse to get together at ΑΔΦ, renew friendships, have some old fashion fun, and see the house doing great.

After the initiation, another alumnus approached me to talk about what we had done, because he had someone in mind for a “better late than never” initiation. He wanted to know how to get it done. My answer was simply: if you want to get it done, you, yourself, are empowered to do it. Try to coordinate with Howie Schaffer and the alums of the same years to get a critical mass, and coordinate with the actives’ calendar to find a time when the house looks great, the brothers are hosting an event, and all are having fun.

My hope is that this renewed alumni attendance (and financial support) should also result in our giving future Cornell classes the same blank canvas of the magnificent ΑΔΦ house and a brotherhood to build out and create their own interpretation of ΑΔΦ. Remember, someone did for us.

Xaίρε,  
Todd Slotkin ’74

## Tribute Oration Given by Suhail Saad ’77 at the Initiation of Dino Averginos ’74 in the Library at Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell University on September 24, 2016.

Xaίρε, Brothers,

On behalf of the alumni that have gathered here this afternoon, ... I would like to thank the many brothers who have travelled so far to participate in this very special event, the initiation into our fraternity of our new brother, Dino Avgerinos, class of 1974.

Dino, we extend to you a very warm welcome to Alpha Delta Phi. Dino, Your decision to join the House at this stage of life came as a wonderful surprise to all of us who know you. Todd Slotkin ’74 took the lead and spread the word ... asking many of us who could ... to come here today to honor you, when in fact it is *you* that has honored us ...

Let me explain ... Please know that by embracing the brotherhood, you have: honored the value of lasting friendship; honored and underscored the ideal of strength of commitment ... a commitment to cause and purpose; honored us by reminding us of the importance of sincerity of intent and purpose ... key drivers of the universal notion of truth, strength, and brotherly friendship—in Greek, these three words represent our fraternity’s motto.

It was forty years ago that I too emerged from the sacred ceremony as a newly initiated brother ... exhausted, ... and yet joyous ... and feeling a confusing but exhilarating mixture of pride and humility.

Today, *your* initiation into our brotherhood, Dino, reminds me, ... as it does all of us present in this room, ... of this very special hour in our lives ... an hour that, for all generations of Alpha Deltas, has proven time and time again to have a lasting impact on the way we conduct ourselves in the world at large ... well, after we have left Cornell.

At Alpha Delta Phi, our initiation is more of a shared learning experience, than it is right of passage. It is the foundation of the powerful bond that unites us in friendship for the rest of our lives.

Dino, even 40 years after graduation, your initiation is a very special one, and is every bit as meaningful to the brotherhood as the one that I, as a young neophite, went through so long ago. You may be wondering what the traditional initiation entailed. Todd, will no doubt fill you in on the mystical multiday journey ... a journey filled with symbolism, ... a journey highly charged with emotion, self-doubt, fear of disappointment and of failure, and love of other ... a very human journey that lays bare ones weaknesses and temptations and confronts us with choices that challenge our notions of integrity ... but, a journey that ultimately culminates in joy and enlightenment ... and one, that in fact, we will make every day for the rest of our lives.

One in the pursuit of *truth* ... in the face of *falsehood*

One in pursuit of *strength* ... in the face of *adversity*, and ..

One in Pursuit of *love* ... in the *face* of *hate*, *bigotry*, and *intolerance*.

Xaίρε to ALL.



Left to right: Sylvain Palmer ’77, Todd Slotkin ’74, Suhail Saad ’77, Howie Schaffer ’90, Christophe Bergen ’76, Lance Davis ’76, Jeff Weiss ’79.



# Reunion 2016



# Homecoming 2016



# Alpha Delta Metamorphosis

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life. She eats potatoes with her knife. And once a year she takes a scrub, and leaves a ring around the tub—the dirty thing!”

**On Pranks:** “A truly sophomoric activity that I engaged in at the fraternity was to spread around nitrogen triiodide ( $\text{NI}_3$ ). It’s made by reacting solid iodine crystals with concentrated ammonia at room temperature. While wet, it’s not sensitive, but once it dries, it’s extremely unstable. It will explode with a satisfying *bang* at the touch of a feather. It amused me to put some on the seats of chairs or on the floor near someone’s bed. After a few weeks, however, the brothers tired of my efforts; the president came to me and said, ‘You better stop that. Bill Cole was seriously hurt when he sat on your stupid crap.’ It was a ploy to get me to stop; Bill wasn’t hurt at all. But I didn’t know that. I never made any more  $\text{NI}_3$ .”

**On our long history of no hazing:** “My formal initiation into the fraternity was in April, when the weather had finally turned pleasant. There was no paddling or other physical abuse; the anguish was nearly all mental.”

From pranks to parties, pledging to petting, the experience of living in Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell offers both new and familiar adventures to its residents across the decades. It is interesting to note Brother Smith’s feelings of unease in his early days. I know I felt the same way. Over time, for me, these feelings gave way to a strong sense of belonging, entitlement, and duty. Many of us are familiar with the parable of the faithful servant from the Book of Luke: “For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required.” This is always a powerful reminder to all of us of our obligation to continue to be good stewards of 777 Stewart Avenue and our unique traditions.

We are on the cusp of announcing a multi-million dollar capital campaign. More details are to come. I hope you will take the opportunity to send a contribution to Alpha Delta Phi today. And, begin to ask yourself if you will stand with your fellow brothers to make a significant gift to preserve and ensure that the metamorphosis we all experienced will exist for generations to come.

Xaίpe,  
Howie Schaffer ’90  
Alumni President

<sup>1</sup> Visit our website to download “A Brother’s Story” by Larry Wheeler ’40.

<sup>2</sup> Visit our Facebook page to find a link to a video of Brother Smith singing a mildly bawdy song with The Savage Club.



## WELCOME TO 24 NEW BROTHERS

Following an exceptionally successful rush week, during which we selected 24 potential new members to join our organization, the brotherhood once again contended with the task of completing the strictly imposed shorter new-member education period. To our pleasure, the new 147<sup>th</sup> member class took to learning about our long and storied traditions with uncommon curiosity and appeared to form meaningful bonds with one another unusually quickly. I recall being happily surprised when, on the day following our bid extension ceremony at the end of rush, all 24 of the new members met of their own accord to celebrate the birthday of one of their own.

As this year’s vice president, I am proud to announce the successful initiation of all 24 of our new members. It was my honor to coordinate and supervise the initiation weekend. However, the credit of success must go to the 19 dutiful alumni who returned to our chapter house the weekend of Saturday, February 27, to ensure the continued preservation of our time-honored traditions. It is the continued

annual pilgrimage of alumni, young and old, that upholds the sanctity of our organization, and I must extend my gratitude to all who have done so.

I want to personally thank Brothers Douglas Bond ’66, Peter Fifield ’74, Joseph Tucceri ’00, and Anthony Biddle ’07 for their contributions to the festivity. Their leadership provided the active brotherhood with a standard to strive toward, and their light-hearted humor and recounting of their own stories of their undergraduate experiences brought relief to an otherwise serious affair.

In my eyes, this tradition is by far our most important, and I am grateful to have been given the opportunity to have an impact on the brotherhood and its future. I look forward to next year’s celebration and encourage any and all alumni to participate in the rare opportunity to preserve our house’s past, while serving to develop its future.

Xaίpe,  
Jacques Sisteron ’17

## THARP ’92 AT THE JOHNSON MUSEUM

Storm Tharp ’92 (American, born 1970) is the youngest Cornell alumnus to have a monographic show of his work at the Johnson Museum. Previous alumni exhibitions have been dedicated to Margaret Bourke-White, Arthur Dove, Susan Rothenberg, Richard Artschwager, Gordon Matta-Clark, and James Siena. *Storm Tharp | Third Person* not only continues this tradition of exhibiting artist-graduates but also provides an opportunity to bring Tharp’s art to the attention of current students who aspire to be artists and to a greater public audience.

Tharp graduated from Cornell in 1992 with a BFA. Following the selection of his work for the 2010 Whitney Biennial, he has become widely known for enigmatic portraits that investigate the performance of identity

and abstraction. His unique drawing process is an integral part of his approach to portraiture: he often first draws contours on the paper with water and then applies mineral inks to the wet areas, causing pigments to bleed across the sheet. Through this element of chance, Tharp builds up his distinctive characters, inspired by a wide-ranging set of influences, including 1970s American cinema and Japanese portrait prints.



## ACEF SPONSORS KENYAN CATERING

Travelling to Nakuru, Kenya, this summer was an unforgettable experience. Funded by ACEF and various other Cornell institutions, five other Cornell students and I established a catering service with all profits going toward a local disability center. Our kitchen employed persons with disabilities and cooked with sustainable forms of energy, a truly revolutionary business model for Nakuru. Though starting a business in a foreign country was incredibly challenging in many respects, I'm proud to say that our kitchen was successfully built and continues to provide a healthy lunch service to many factory workers in the Nakuru community.

Our project, Peace by Pieces, was started by an ambitious graduate student named Gaurav Tour. Under his and another ILR graduate students' leadership, myself and three other Cornell undergraduates embarked on this incredible business venture.

Being an ILR student myself, my job on the project was to work with a recent

ILR graduate student to design the job structure of our kitchen, to identify, interview and hire persons with disabilities from Nakuru, to write employment contracts for every job category, and to monitor the flow of work to design

training programs that improved efficiency in our day-to-day operations. Yes, I was a little over my head. All the HR classes in the world couldn't have prepared me for the responsibility I would bare during those two months. However, with the help of my ILR mentor, I was able to learn how my classroom knowledge could be applied to our unique real-world business environment. By the end of our time working on the project, our kitchen ran like a well-oiled machine, and it was beautiful to see everyone I had interviewed and hired working in the job structure I designed.

This trip gave me the opportunity to explore a culture wholly different from my own. I can honestly say that my world view has shifted dramatically for the better. I know I wouldn't have had this opportunity without the help of various institutions that funded the project, so I am eternally grateful to IAD and ACEF for supporting our vision.

Samuel Hummel '18



## 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  
Awarded 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
- **Adelpthic 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  
Learn more about the ACEF's work at AdelpthicFund.org

CONGRATULATIONS TO Adam Daniel Lurie '17,  
Jarro Yuzon '17, Stephen Goodwin '17, Oliver Rosen '16,  
Sam Weidenkopf '17, Pablo Tamarin '18,  
Ellis Robert Wazeter '18, Oliver Rosen '16  
SPRING 2016 BOOTH/LEWIS ACADEMIC AWARD WINNERS



## Victory Club 2016



## IFC RECOGNIZES CORNELL CHAPTER

Governors and Fellow Brothers:

Please see the attached letter that I just received from the Cornell University IFC President recognizing our chapter at Cornell. It's nice to receive positive letters like this instead of disciplinary letters from our chapter's host institutions.

Congratulations to the Cornell Chapter for all of their wonderful achievements this past year and their dedication to service and community.

Χαίρε!  
Steve Ehrfurth, MIN'06



June 2, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

I hope you are well. On behalf of the Interfraternity Council at Cornell University, I would like to commend the Cornell Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi on an extremely successful and productive year. The brothers of Alpha Delta Phi have continued to exhibit the best qualities of our diverse fraternity system in their scholastic, leadership, and service endeavors—and I view Alpha Delta Phi as a leader of our fraternity community.

Alpha Delta Phi's commitment to service is exceptional. This past academic year, the chapter hosted two major, campus-wide philanthropy events, raising more money than any other fraternity on campus. In October, the brothers partnered with six fraternities and sororities to host GOPiNK Gala, a fundraiser to benefit New York Presbyterian Hospital's breast cancer research, education, and support programs. Over one thousand Cornellians attended the event, collectively raising over \$50,000 for New York Presbyterian Hospital. As an annual attendee of the event, I am always amazed by the way in which the brotherhood unites around the cause and shows true commitment to breast cancer treatment.

Furthermore, in April, Alpha Deltas hosted their 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Victory Club, a celebration in honor of giving back to the Ithaca community, with all proceeds benefitting the Ithaca Public Education Initiative. As always, this philanthropic event was extremely well attended and made a tremendous impact on the Ithaca Public Education Initiative and our community at-large.

As the President of the Interfraternity Council, it has been a pleasure to serve Alpha Delta Phi and watch them grow as a brotherhood of Greek leaders and scholars. I especially commend President Eric Baker's commitment to his chapter and his ability to make responsible, impactful decisions that benefit the chapter and our greater fraternity community. I am humbled by Alpha Delta Phi's commitment to service, and I look forward to working with them in the future.

Best regards,

Blake Brown  
President  
Interfraternity Council  
Cornell University

## CUAIFC WELCOMES ALFONSE MUGLIA

Cornell University's Alumni Interfraternity Council welcomes Alfonse Muglia '14 to its oversight committee.

Alfonse is a law student at Georgetown and is a former editor-in-chief of *The Cornell Review*.

Hailing from the ILR School, he will be handy for the committee, which coordinates the final work on CUAIFC's position papers. Thanks to Alpha Delta Phi for nurturing Alfonse to the point where he can now return to the Cornell

men's fraternities the tradition of excellence that was gifted to him as an undergraduate by Alpha Delta Phi.

Dan Meyer (CU'87)  
CUAIFC President

# INTRODUCING THE NEW MEMBERS OF SPRING 2016

**Dani David Ben-Reuben '18** is from Aventura, Florida, and went to University School. He is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science in applied economics and management from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. "Professionally, I am undecided, but I would like to work abroad for a year or two. My life-changing event is my second car crash. Alpha Delta Phi, like clubs and teams that I have joined, has made Cornell smaller and more manageable, but more importantly, it has done so with a group of people whom I feel comfortable with at a deeper level and whom I can depend on. Interesting fact about me is that my family comes from four continents."

**Jaime Eduardo Lopez de Jesus '19** is from Manila, Philippines, and went to St. Paul's School. He is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science in hotel administration from the School of Hotel Administration. "My post-graduation goal is to combine music, fashion, and food into one brand concept. Life-changing event: representing my country in the largest youth soccer tournament in the world, Gothia Cup. It was my first time comprehending what it means to be a part of something bigger than myself. Why Alpha Delt? The immense commitment to brotherhood, the house, and tradition is unparalleled. The diversity of the brotherhood is also exceptional. Interesting fact about me is that I was the youngest Starbucks barista in the world (12 years old)."

**Joshua Lee Federer '19** is from New York, New York, and went to Horace Mann School. He is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science in hotel administration from the School of Hotel Administration. "My post-graduation goal is to work in the hospitality industry overseas. My life-changing event is when my high-school football team won our final game of the season, making us undefeated. Alpha Delt: because I love how the house has brothers from all over the world, and everyone has had different experiences in their lives. I also want to be a part of a second family where I know I can trust everyone around me and they can trust me in return. Interesting personal fact is that I have been learning Japanese for six years."

**Benjamin Garrett Fiedler '19** is from Boca Raton, Florida, and went to Pine Crest School. He is a candidate for a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from the College of Arts and Sciences. "My post-graduation goal is to attend medical school in New York City and ultimately to become an orthopedic surgeon. My life-changing event is when I tore my shoulder and had to quit playing baseball. Alpha Delt: because I hold all morals and ideals represented by this

fraternity in the highest esteem and love the brothers. Interesting personal fact is that I technically have a pet hedgehog."

**Alexander Patrick Flynn '19** is from New York, New York, and went to Trinity School. He is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science in hotel administration from the School of Hotel Administration. "My post-graduation goals are to travel and then to do something entrepreneurial in the hospitality industry or potentially in real estate. My life-changing event is leaving my school with a close-knit grade of 36 kids, where I was the top of the class, and going to the much larger Trinity, where I fell into the middle of the pack academically. After a freshman year of struggling, making friends, and doing poorly in school, I learned to balance both and succeed. Alpha Delt: because the unparalleled closeness of the brotherhood, regardless of age and rank, was evident to me very early. I could tell that, while the brothers liked to have fun, they were deeply committed to the traditions and history of the house. I also really liked the diversity of the brotherhood. An interesting personal fact is that I was a three-sport varsity athlete in high school."

**Wyatt Otis Goodwin '18** is from Hanover, New Hampshire, and went to Lebanon High School. He is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science in industrial labor relations from the School of Industrial and Labor Relations. "My post-graduation goal is to give back to my family and to all who have supported me through a successful career in finance. A life-changing event is when my closest friend and his family perished in a tragic house fire. For me, Alpha Delt was the one place where I really felt at home, despite only knowing a handful of brothers. Joining a house without knowing all of the brothers and pledge class was definitely a risk, but I haven't looked back. Interesting personal fact: I am the youngest of four boys."

**Bjorn Hessen-Schmidt '19** is from Palo Alto, California, and went to Henry M. Gunn High School. He is a candidate for a Bachelor of Arts in mathematics and economics from the College of Arts and Sciences. "My post-graduation goal is to have a job and live in New York City. Life changing event: when I moved to California. Alpha Delt: because I felt as though I could really connect with the brothers on a personal level. Interesting personal fact: I am passionate about aviation."

**Jack Phillip Hooker '19** is from Newton, Massachusetts, and went to Newton South High School. He is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science in hotel administration from the School

of Hotel Administration. His post-graduation goal is to experience different aspects of the hospitality industry and ultimately to own his own real-estate assets one day. "Life-changing event is getting my first job on a golf course when I was in ninth grade. Alpha Delt has a tight brotherhood that strives to be successful but also to have a great time. They also have great traditions and history that I hope to pass down one day. An interesting personal fact is that I have an identical twin brother."

**Spencer Hawkins Houston '19** is from Portland, Oregon, and went to Jesuit High School. He is a candidate for a Bachelor of Arts in economics from the College of Arts and Sciences. Post graduation, he hopes to travel Europe for a year and then to get a job in marketing. "A life-changing moment in my life was when my brother returned from Sweden. I chose Alpha Delta Phi because of the caring brotherhood and rich history. Interesting personal fact: I have always lived on a body of water since I was seven."

**Edward James Hurowitz '19** is from Hollywood, Florida, and went to University School. He is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science in hotel administration from the School of Hotel Administration. "My post-graduation goal is to be in the real estate industry. My significant life event happened at the beginning of my junior year lacrosse season; I tore my ACL and had to get reconstructive surgery. Several weeks out, a minor fall led me to shatter my patellar (knee cap), which resulted in another, much more invasive surgery. I wanted nothing more than to play lacrosse in college because it was a huge part of my identity. This helped me realize how easily a minor catastrophe could change everything and that we need to live life to the fullest. Alpha Delt: because the brothers were by far the most outgoing. An interesting personal fact is that I took film classes for seven years."

**Achindra Krishna '19** is from Dubai, UAE, and went to Phillips Academy Andover. He is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science in applied economics and management from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. "My family and I lived in Egypt during the revolution. My dad worked for a government bank, so he had to quit his job and leave the country. He was unemployed for a couple years after, and it was incredibly hard on my family. Post-graduations goal: to work in financial services. Alpha Delt: because it's where I felt most comfortable, where I looked forward to the future. Interesting personal fact: I've been to 10 schools in my life, in six countries."

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**Payton Jared Levine '19** is from Armonk, New York, and went to Byram Hills. He is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science in applied economics and management from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. "My post-graduation goal is to work on Wall Street. My life-changing event was making it to the state championship for soccer by senior year of high school. I chose Alpha Delt because I believe that my values and beliefs are aligned with those of the house. An interesting personal fact is that I do not eat fruits or vegetables."

**Spencer Mark Liebowitz-Rothstein '19** is from New York, New York, and went to Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School. He is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science in hotel administration from the School of Hotel Administration. "Post-graduation goal: I would like to pursue my own form of success, whatever that might be (money, a strong family, a team). I do not yet know. Life-changing event: when I began to live with one parent, I learned how fragile family is and how much you should cherish it. Alpha Delt: because not only do I feel absolutely comfortable and true to myself when I am at Alpha Delta Phi, but I also find the literary philosophies, history, and ideals of the house to be fascinating and honorable. Interesting personal fact: I love art, clothing, and artistic expression."

**William Alexander Lopez '19** is from Miami, Florida, and went to Belen Jesuit Preparatory School. He is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science in operations research from the College of Engineering. "My post-graduation goal is to move back home and work as an analyst or a consultant. My life-changing event: being best man at my uncle's funeral. Alpha Delt: because I felt like I fit in from the first day I walked in. Interesting personal fact is that, my first language was Spanish.:"

**Ethan Jacob Nhaisi '18** is from East Hanover, New Jersey, and went to Hanover Park High School. He is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science in hotel administration from the School of Hotel Administration. "My post-graduation goal is to work in real estate and finance. A significant life event is when I moved from my hometown to Hawaii when I was 13. I went to half of middle school and high school there, and it is a big part of the person I am today. I chose Alpha Delt because of the brotherhood and tradition. An interesting personal fact is that I used to live in Hawaii."

**Nicholas Wood Penske '19** is from Los Angeles, California, and went to Harvard Westlake School. He is a candidate for a Bachelor of

Arts from the College of Arts and Sciences (undecided major). "Post-graduation goal: to take a year abroad before I start work so I can truly figure out what I want to do in terms of a career. Life-changing event: when someone who was like a mother to me left my life in an instant. To me, Alpha Delt embodies the idea of brotherhood. Every brother in the house would clearly do anything for any of the brothers around them. A strong sense of brotherhood and loyalty is something that I strongly believe in, and Alpha Delt truly shows just how important it is to always have brothers by your side. An interesting personal fact is that, even though I'm not the best cook, I enjoy cooking when I can."

**Brent Evan Romanow '19** is from New York, New York, and went to Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School. He is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science in hotel administration from the School of Hotel Administration. "Post-graduation goal: I would like to go into hotel development. Life changing event: being accepted to the School of Hotel Administration; I have wanted to go here since I was 12. Alpha Delt: because it is a brotherhood unlike any other, with rich history and traditions and a feeling of family I have never experience anywhere else. Interesting personal fact: I love to cook and have been cooking since I was four."

**Zachary Philip Rosenberg '19** is from Newton, Massachusetts, and went to Beaver Country Day School. He is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science in hotel administration from the School of Hotel Administration. "My post-graduation goal is that I would like to move to California, Nevada, or Florida, working in the nightlife/casino industry. My life-changing event is the divorce of my parents. It really impacted my life. Alpha Delt: because I'm pledging alongside some of my best friends in the world and could not foresee myself without them. My interesting personal fact is that, as a 19-year-old, I currently have a three-month-old baby brother."

**Aevin Sanjay '19** is from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and went to Pine Crest School. He is candidate for a Bachelor of Science in hotel administration from the School of Hotel Administration. "Post-graduations goal is that I hope to work in the hospitality industry for a couple of years and then attend graduate school. Learning that I had been accepted to Cornell University was a life-changing moment in my life, because it meant that I was the first person in my family to attend a university, let alone an Ivy League institution. I believe Alpha Delt is that best fit for me because it is a place where I am surrounded by those who genuinely care for each other and

hold themselves to the highest standards. As interesting personal fact is that I am the first person in my family, besides my sister, to be born in the United States."

**Willian Alkmin Silva '19** is from Sao Paulo, Brazil, and went to Lake Norman Charter School. He is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering from the College of Engineering. "My post-graduation goal is to travel the world as a petroleum engineer. A life-changing event is when my grandfather got into a car accident, which resulted in him losing his leg, and he was also minutes away from dying. Alpha Delt: because I want to be part of a brotherhood that values tradition and respect for one another. Interesting personal fact: I've been combating OCD since I was 10."

**Ryan Gregory Storms '19** is from Tewksbury, New Jersey, and went to Pingry School. He is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science in developmental sociology from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. "Post-graduation goal: to invest heavily in real estate and live life to the fullest. Life-changing event: finally getting accepted to Cornell after freshman year of college. Alpha Delt: because I love the close brotherhood and unification through individuality. Interesting personal fact: I like speed and going fast."

**Tyler Edward Tam '18** is from Brookville, New York, and went to Friends Academy. He is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science in hotel administration from the School of Hotel Administration. "My post-graduation goal is to work in a real estate development firm or an REIT. A life-changing event is starting school at Friends Academy in the fifth grade. They taught me to hold myself to a higher standard. Alpha Delt: because I know that I can walk into this house and any single kid can make me happy. Also, I love the cultural diversity in this house, because it allows you to be the person you really are. An interesting personal fact is that I am half Chinese and half Irish. My grandmother's side of my Chinese family lived in Mozambique, Africa, for many years."

**Maxwell Philip Weiss '19** is from Greenwich, Connecticut, and went to Brunswick School. He is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science in hotel administration from the School of Hotel Administration. "Post-graduation goal is to become an entrepreneur. A life-changing moment was living on my own in Switzerland for a month when I was 15. Alpha Delt: because of the focus on brotherhood and traditions. Furthermore, I am attracted to its diversity and inclusiveness. Something interesting about myself is that I can speak Russian."



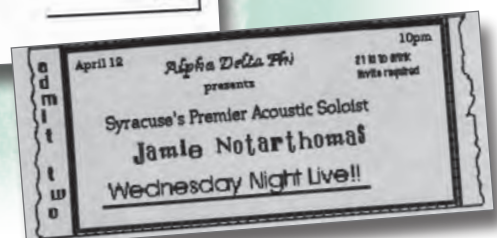
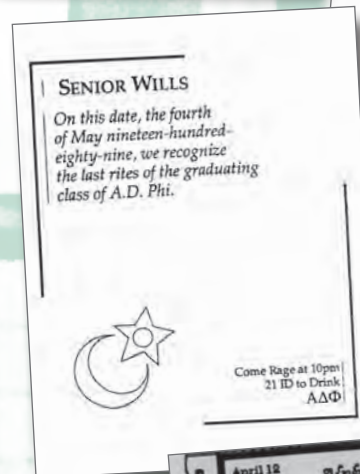
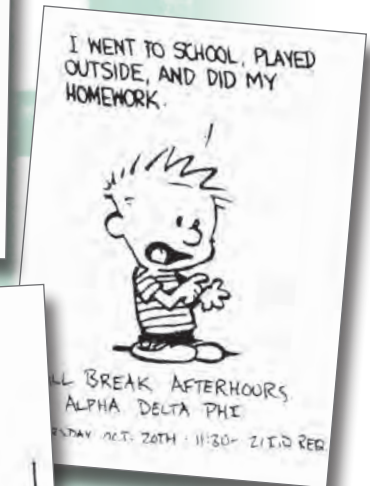
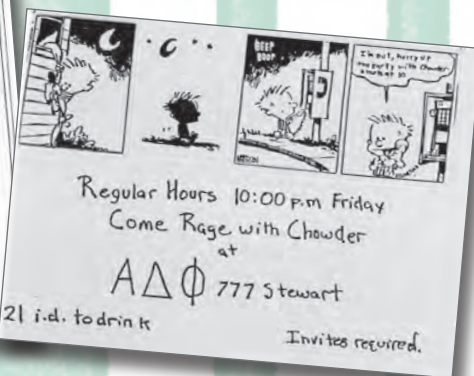
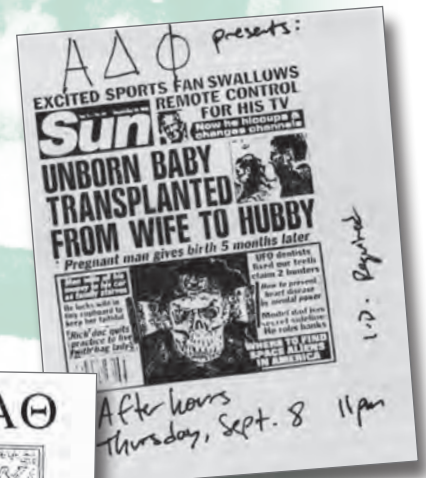
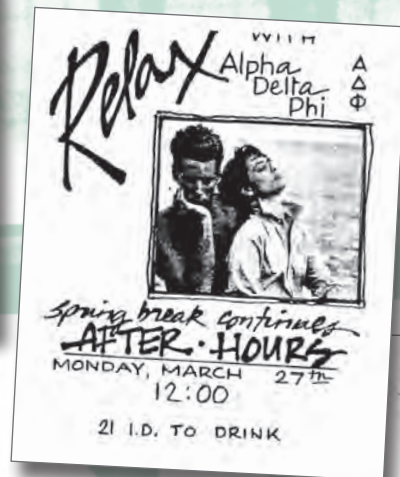
# I'VE GOT A GOLDEN TICKET

If you are a fan of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, you know that Charlie Bucket only gets to tour Willy Wonka's factory after finding a rare golden ticket. Cornell University social policy in the 1980s and 1990s required all fraternity party guests to have a printed invitation to get into a party. Depending on the party venue and host, it could feel like searching for a golden ticket. The invite policy

was a vain attempt to limit crowds. In the days before having a scanner on your mobile device, this strategy worked some of the time. Black and white invitations were often copied, so the social chair would individually sign up to 500 invites, depending on the scope of the party. John Mao '91 dug through his archives a retrieved some party invitations from his era. As you can see, fledgling artists had a change

to show their creative mettle. Storm Tharp '92 (featured on page 7) was frequently tapped to design invitations. Enjoy the window into a party culture before the age of security guards and university monitors.

Xaibe,  
Howie Schaffer '92





# NEWS FROM OUR ALUMNI

**Robert Entenman '50** received a copy of “A Brother’s Story” and writes that “it really rang a bell and brings back many wonderful memories. By now you’ve heard from my classmate **Bob Post '50**, and he couldn’t have hit many of the high spots better. Of special interest to me is on page 13, showing a picture of the chapter during 1938–1939. My brother, **Alfred Entenman '42** is in the back row (seventh from right)! Alfred graduated



in 1942 and went right into the Army as a second lieutenant (ROTC). He arrived at the Battle of the Bulge (winter 1944–1945) as a captain in the 99<sup>th</sup> infantry division. He came home to Grosse Point, Michigan, for a successful civil engineering career. Alfred passed on a few years ago, but his son is still alive. Would love to send him copy of this book. I will never forget the time we put **John Dusenbury's ('48)** car up on the patio. He was a sport about it. But it took him a bit of effort to get it back out.” Get in touch with Rob and share some of your memories: [REDACTED]

“What a treat to come home from a trip and find ‘A Brother’s Story’ waiting in our mail,” writes **Robert Post '50**. “It was simply charming and brought back many memories of my years of living in the Alpha Delt House. Not much really changed from what **Larry Wheeler '40** wrote about and what I experienced living in the house right after World War II (1946–1951). After all, it was only four years between when Larry graduated and we matriculated, albeit very different years for both the house and all of the returning veterans—I missed WW II, but caught the next one. Rosie and Reggie were still there. The solarium never got any furniture in it, the corner where they had the slot machine became a freezer with lots of Good Humor bars, and Frenchy still came bursting

in the front door with sandwiches. As far as I remember, no one had a pet, let alone a monkey. We never did get the tennis court playable, although there was an effort to do that. We did not have coffee upstairs after dinner; too many of us were engineers and had to hit the books, but others did linger to play bridge. There were no chapter meetings in the Goat House because the inside plaster was dangerously falling down. We finally hauled it out, one garbage can at a time down the tunnel. It was a huge project. I knew we had one initiation under the bare brick walls, and perhaps there were more.

“We sang a lot, especially on Friday night (apologies for the phonetic spelling):

*Another busy week is past,  
suis-da-li-dum-dum  
Friday night has come at last,  
suis-da-li-dum-dum  
So, brothers lay your studies by,  
suis-da-li-du-horis-eye  
Our hearts for Alpha Delta Phi,  
suis-da-lee-dum-dum*

“We still closed off the second floor hall for the girls at house parties and put goldfish in the urinals. We pretty much abandoned white tie for the formal dance in favor of black tie and tux. Although, a set of tails would occasionally appear. My parents chaperoned one house party, and I don’t believe they were too shocked at the goings on; after all, they were products of prohibition and the roaring ’20s.

“One of the memorable events of our era was the annual eggnog party for the faculty just before Christmas vacation. I can remember Louise Allen, the dean of women, saying

it was the best eggnog ever as she downed another well-laced concoction, courtesy of **Hendy Riggs '44**. One of the things that tempered the goings on in the house, as well as across the rest of campus, as I wrote in the recently published class of 1950 history, was the presence of returning veterans: ‘As far as going off the deep end and doing crazy things, they had been there and done that. Not that we didn’t have fun. We’d line five guys up on one side of the big living room table and five guys on the other, each with a beer, and have a crew race. The side that finished their beers in order first won. We would only do that once or twice; it was about having fun and being sociable, not binge drinking.’

“While we were not known as a ‘jock’ house, we had our share of athletes, a good portion of which were crew men. We also had soccer, lacrosse, and tennis players and a wrestler. Because we did not go off for spring vacation, the crew contingent had a penchant for having a little fun. A favorite trick of some of the heavyweight guys (I was a 150-pound crew, so to us, they were known as ‘fat boys’) was to find some poor unsuspecting owner of a Volkswagen, pick it up, and put it on that guy’s fraternity house’s porch. We also had a shtick of setting off short bursts of alarm clocks in different parts of the movie theater. Not too nice for the other patrons, but it drove the management nuts, which was the object.

“A lot of that came out of the fertile brain of **Chuck VonWrangell '48**, but it was not all pranks. He also decided that the cheerleaders at the football and basketball

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There are three Alpha Delt in the group picture of the 1949 Cheerleaders: Jim Arthur '50 (middle of standing row), Dick Reid '50 (first squatting on left), and Bob Post '50 (second squatting on left).

# NEWS FROM OUR ALUMNI



*Impromptu Band (L-R): Jack Keenan, Bob Post, Bill Fergusn, Charlie Wider, Charlie Read (with flute?), and George Diehl (with Harmonica). Seated in fur coat: Charlie Watters.*

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games were a bunch of wimps, so he convinced the athletic department to let him reorganize the cheerleading squad. He did have some stripes to get this done, because he was commodore of the crew. He recruited athletes from various other sports besides football and basketball to give the squad some legitimacy as athletes. Not so ironically, a number came from crew and Alpha Delt. In that manner, I ended up as head cheerleader in 1950. We were not clever enough to try to send an exploding beer keg over Beeke Lake Falls, but one night on the way to Syracuse, where the football game was the next day, we found just the right stand of trees to paint one letter on each tree: 'Beat Syracuse.' We were just finishing at the far end when we saw the highway patrol stop at our car at the beginning. At first, we hightailed out into the adjoining field but then decided, because we were in our cheerleading uniforms and there was no cover out there, we might as well come back. The patrolman wanted to know rather gruffly what we were doing. 'A little beat Syracuse, Sir.' 'Well,' he said, 'If you are going to leave your car beside the road like that, you ought to leave your parking lights on.' And he left.

"And maybe I should mention the striptease we did in Palmer Stadium at the Princeton game! I would hate that to get lost in the mists of time, since no one recorded it. It took place at halftime at the Princeton-Cornell football game in 1950 when I was head cheerleader. We had this idea (I think it originated with **Chuck VonWrangell '48** at Navy a few years before), but were not sure how we were going to pull it off. Then I spotted a friend of mine, Marty Ill, in the Princeton band, waiting to go on after the Cornell band had played. I ran over and said, 'Marty, can you give us a couple of minutes before you guys go on?' And he said, 'Sure.'

We ran over in front of the Princeton stands, formed a 'T,' gave a little cheer, 'T-I-G-E-R. Yeh! Tiger!,' and left our megaphones. We moved over, formed an 'I,' repeated the cheer, and left our sweaters. We left our shirts with the 'G' and our shoes with the 'E.' We were down to our long white pants when we formed the 'R.' Up until then, nobody in the Princeton stands was paying much attention to us, but that began to change. We did get a pretty good gasp as we took off our pants to reveal bright red long underwear. I was always sorry that no one took a picture of us.

"So it was a time of making life-long friendships. Those of us from the class of 1950 have been having mini-reunions at various places around the country for the last 10 years or so, having decided that five-year get-togethers in Ithaca were not enough. We can only hope that those in Alpha Delt these days will experience the same type of bonding.

"Which reminds me: when did the term 'Alpha Delt,' by which the fraternity was known throughout the campus, become 'The Phi'? It's kind of grating to our old ears. Also, looking at the list of initiates you all recently sent out, it appears that the house in sow an adjunct of the hotel school (12 out of 23). I suppose you caould say that, in our day, we were a hous of engineers, although that represented a number of different schools: mechanical, chemical, civil, etc. Anyway, thanks for 'A Brother's Story.' It was a great trip down memory lane." Stay in touch with Bob at [REDACTED]



*Impromptu Kick Line during Junior Week of 1949 (L-R): unknown date, Wally Jansen, Al Brown, date, and Bob Post. It was before we painted the walls of the bar with Al Brown's weird design.*

"The Cornell Library informed me that Alpha Delt gave a book on Southeast Asia in honor of my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday," writes **Stanley O'Connor '51**. "I am greatly honored to be remembered in this way. I use the collection frequently. Aside from the Library of Congress, Cornell's Southeast Asia holdings are the largest in the U.S. I still have an office in the Kahin Center at 640 Stewart Avenue, just down from the Alpha Delt house." Write to Stan and find out what else he's up to: [REDACTED]

**George Kennedy '52** writes to us: "Gayle and I have enjoyed reading 'A Brother's Story' by **Larry Wheeler '40**. There were so many parts of his AΔΦ experience that were repeated in my years in the house. Rosie was the cook, and Reggie was still the houseman. Gayle was particularly taken by a story on page 15. This had to do with the pianist Egon Petri. Gayle's eventual piano teacher was Claire James, and Claire James was the principal assistant to Egon Petri. It was Claire James who later moved from Cornell University back to England to become the piano and music director for Badminton School, a private girls' school, in Bristol in 1947. From there, Claire invited Gayle to join the staff at Badminton as her assistant for a year. And the rest is history! Again, thanks to you and the Wheeler family."

**Richard Dyer '59** continues to enjoy good health after a bout with Lyme disease in 2014. He rows in the New Haven Rowing Club's competitive masters program in both sweeps and sculls and returns to AΔΦ Cornell almost every year. He also stays in touch with Brother **Bruce Hewitt '61**, who lives in Burlington, Vermont. Reconnect with Rick at [REDACTED]

**Stanley Watkins Jr. '60** is currently in practice in Annapolis, Maryland, and at Johns Hopkins, working in hematology and oncology. He is married to Gail Hillow Watkins and has two children: Elizabeth Nonth Chaves, a PhD in fishery science at the University of Maryland, and Stanley Watkins III, a cardiologist in Anchorage, Alaska. Find out what he is up to; write to him at [REDACTED]

Congratulations to **Nelson Spencer '61**, who was part of the inaugural class of inductees into the Texas Rugby Union Hall of Fame this year. Write to him to find out all the details: [REDACTED]

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# NEWS FROM OUR ALUMNI

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In 2012, **Jonathan Perry '63** and his wife moved from the Ithaca "suburb" of Freeville to Culpeper, Virginia, from dairy-cattle country to race-horse country. "We are still in full-time ministry with The Navigators. We help Cornell international alumni on their spiritual journeys back in their home countries.



*Alpha Delta Phi Cupcakes from a festive gathering for Duane Stiller '83.  
Long live the Goat House!*

Come visit us and watch the horse training, fox hunting, and polo matches." Get in touch with Jon to plan your visit: [REDACTED]

Congratulations to **Philip Reilly '69**, who just published his seventh book, *Orphan: The Quest to Save Children with Rare Genetic Disorders*. Phil continues to work on developing companies to treat genetic diseases. Write him a letter to catch up on all the details: [REDACTED]

Congratulations also to **Phil McCarthy '86**, who was married at St. James's Episcopal Church in New York City on February 7, 2015, to Jim Brodsky. **Ken Sakurai '86** attended, as did Marie-Louise Slocum Kirchner, the wife of **Karl S.F. Kirchner '85**. Send your well wishes to [REDACTED]

**Daniel "Rocco" DeCapite '02** is alive and well and living in Brooklyn, New York, with his wife, Meg, and their new baby, Denali. He invites brothers to visit his design company, Codi Studios, for any web-design needs. Get in touch with Rocco at [REDACTED].



*SvenErik Karlsson '07, Joshua Goldstein '05, and Marc Zawel '04 with their daughters, ages 12 to 18 months.*



## REUNION WEEKEND 2016

(left to right):

Keil Decker, GDF'92  
Howie Schaffer '90  
Doug Bond '66  
John Mao '91  
Sarge Gardiner '91  
Albert Joerger '89  
Marc Axelbaum '92  
Colin Williams '92

## HOMECOMING 2016

(left to right):

Doug Bond '66  
Thom Chirurg '64  
Syvain Palmer '77  
Todd Slotkin '74  
Dino Averginos '74  
Christophe Bergen '76



Professor Emeritus **Julian Cleveland Smith Jr., '41** died peacefully after a short illness, on August 30, 2015, at Kendal Ithaca, his home for the last fifteen years. Julian was born in Montreal, Canada, on March 10, 1919, the last of four children of American

parents, Julian C. Smith Sr. and Bertha Louise Alexander Smith. He was educated at Westmount High School and Phillips Exeter Academy before studying engineering at Cornell, taking the his Bachelor of Chemistry degree in 1941 and his master's degree in chemical engineer in 1942. At this point, he chose his American citizenship from his Canadian or American options. During the Second World War, he worked for the Dupont

Company in Wilmington, Delaware, on war work, including time on the Manhattan Project. He also met his future wife, Joan Dolores Elsen. They married in Wilmington on June 1, 1946. He was invited to take up the post of assistant professor in chemical engineering at Cornell in 1946. He and his new bride moved to Ithaca that year, where they remained for the rest of their lives. Joan Elsen Smith died in 2003 after a marriage of 57 years. Julian served as associate and then full professor in 1953. He became director of continuing education for the engineering college in 1965, and director of engineering in 1975, returning to teaching in 1983 and finally retiring in 1986. He was a joint author of the internationally important textbook, *Unit Operations in Chemical Engineering*, and made contributions to another five books, as well as authoring 50 technical articles. At the end of the last revision of the textbook, the publisher was pushing him to meet a deadline. "I am 85, you know," he said. They didn't! Prof. Lynden Archer, the current director of biomolecular and chemical engineering, said, "Julian was a giant among educators in our field. He was also a crucial, skillful force in shaping the department into the vibrant place it has become for teaching a rising number of undergraduate students the principles of chemical engineering and for discovery of new paradigms that are defining the frontiers of the field. He defined the strong foundation, during his period as director, for the school's balanced focus on graduate research and undergraduate teaching that frames its programs today." Julian was a Cornell man first and last. His parents were both Cornell graduates: father Julian senior in 1900 and mother Bertha in 1901. At least another ten



relatives from the 1860s to the present day have attended Cornell, including Julian's son, Brian Smith, and grandson, Daniel Smith. Smith was a valued consultant to DuPont for decades, and to various government agencies. In Ithaca, he has served in leadership roles

with the Ithaca Opera Association, the United Way, and the Cerebral Palsy Association, to name just a few; he also was an elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, where he sang in the choir for almost 50 years. In retirement, Julian was a member of many committees, academic, social, and charitable, including work on the redevelopment of the Reconstruction Home. He also engaged in a number of hobbies, taking many of them to semi-professional levels. His documented land-snail collection is now part of the research materials at the Paleontological Research Institution. His Canadian stamp collection won international prizes. He contributed another volume to the Smith family tradition of writing genealogical works and confirmed his early Puritan Smith ancestry by taking part in the Smith DNA project. He had a passion for golf, which continued with watching the professionals on television long after he was too unsteady to swing a club. He was almost certainly the oldest member of the Ithaca Country Club. He wrote and published their history, *Breaking Ninety: A history of the Country Club of Ithaca, 1900–1989*. He loved travelling and went on many worldwide adventures, his last being a European river cruise in the spring of this year. Julian was a very capable musician, playing classical piano, and he wrote more than just technical texts. He had a light-hearted side, being a member of the Savage Club while a student, rejoining in his 40s, and remaining a member to the end. His humorous compositions, both words and music, in the style of Flanders and Swann, were a feature of many a Savage Club performance.

**Benjamin Robinson Huske III '48** of Charlotte, North Carolina, passed away peacefully at age 91 on September 26, 2015. He was deeply loved by all and will be remembered for his numerous contributions to his family, church, profession, and community. He was born in Fayetteville, North Carolina, on May 9, 1924, and grew up on Hale Street. He graduated from Fayetteville High School in 1941. After two years of college at the Citadel and Cornell University, he

entered the U.S. Army as an officer, serving his country in World War II as a combat engineer in Germany. After the war, he continued to serve in Germany for another year, leading efforts to build housing for refugees and those who lost their homes in the war. Upon his discharge from the Army in 1946, he returned to Cornell to complete his engineering degree, graduating in 1948. That same year, he married Mary Lou Stack Huske. They lived in Charlotte and Greensboro before settling in Fayetteville in 1954. There, he co-founded Hercules Steel Company with his brother-in-law, Morehead Stack. From 1962 to 1970, he led the family hardware business, Huske Hardware House. In 1970, he returned full-time to structural engineering, founding Ben R. Huske & Associates PA (later Huske, Leggett, & Associates PA), where he designed structures large and complex, such as the agri-expo center in Fayetteville (now the Crown Complex), and schools, military buildings, and churches. He also enjoyed bringing his professional expertise to the restoration of historic buildings. He had a passion for engineering, for understanding the physics and mathematics of building integrity, and for designing structures that would be practical and sustainable. Throughout his life, he gave generously of his time, talent, skill, and energy to many community and Christian organizations. He held leadership positions in the Consulting Engineers Council, where he served as president (1977–1978). He advised on community building projects, such as the pedestrian bridge in Cross Creek Linear Park. He served as a deacon and elder at Highland Presbyterian Church, and founded the Operation Christmas Child shoe-box effort in southeast North Carolina. He and Mary Lou accompanied Franklin Graham on several mission trips with Operation Christmas Child. In his late 70s, he volunteered his engineering skills in Bosnia to rebuild housing after the civil war and in Fayetteville for the Hay-Branson Community Center. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

**Charles VonWrangell '48** passed away March 26, 2015, from infections received after surgery in Boston. Chuck was an outstanding Cornellian, commodore of a champion varsity crew (Seattle 1948), freshman camp counselor in 1946, friend, especially to all aspiring crew men, and counselor to all in our house at any time.

**Wallace Brooks Jansen '49** of St. Michaels, Maryland, known as Wally to his friends, died Friday, August 28, 2015, at Talbot Hospice.

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He was 87. Born December 1, 1927, he was the son of Edward Walter Jansen and Kathryn Kervin Jansen. Wally graduated from Edge-wood School in Greenwich, Connecticut, and went on to Cornell University. In September of 1946, he enlisted in the Army, serving in the ordinance at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. After returning to Cornell, he later went to work in sales for Byron Jackson Pumps. It was this job that brought Wally to South



Carolina, where he met and married Jane Amelia Rush of Spartanburg, South Carolina, and then later on to Washington, DC, where he specialized in pumps for the U.S. Navy. There, using his GI bill, he continued his education to graduate from George Washington University in 1960 with a Bachelor of Science in engineering, making the deans list and being elected to Sigma Tau, the engineering honor society. Wally liked to note that attaining his professional engineering license was an achievement his father (Cornell 1907 and also a PE) would have enjoyed seeing, because it took him 15 years to complete. His territory in Washington included all of Maryland and Virginia. Inevitably, he would call on Norman Shannahan of Shannanhan Artesian Well Drilling and be introduced to the town of St. Michaels. A providential sales call indeed. Wally continued his education, attending night school at the University of Chicago Executive Program while managing the Chicago office of Byron Jackson Pumps. His Coast Guard master's license study also took place after hours. Fortunately, sailing took place in the daytime. Always a sailor from his childhood along Long Island Sound, Wally took Jane on her first sail on their honeymoon in the Bahamas. Over the years, they participated in racing El Toros, Penguins, an Ensign (the first Salty Dog) and cruising from Maine to Florida on their Pearson 365. While managing the New York office and living in Old Greenwich, Connecticut, Wally and Jane

raised three children: Edward Rush Jansen, with whom he won the Ensign Nationals as well as the coveted Black Jack Trophy during Manhasset Bay Race Week (deceased), James Lindsey Jansen of Studio City, California, and Jane Jansen Seymour, of Darien, Connecticut, before retiring to that sailors' paradise, St. Michaels, Maryland.

**Frederick Schaefer '51**, or "Mr. Lagoon" as he was known by most people, passed away on October 9, 2015, shortly before his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday. With his death, a distinctive entrepreneurial period in postwar Norway is over. He was awarded the King's Medal of Merit in gold in 1999, SRFs insignias in gold, and was, for many years, chairman and honorary member of the Grocery Manufacturers Association, which he co-founded. He was a director of a number of businesses, including AkzoNobel – Norbio, Suitell Grieg, and Bang & Olufsen Norway, for 10 years and was also the Icelandic consul. After a stay in the U.S. and London, an education at Cornell University, and a job as a PR man and seller in Houston, he was back as a PR manager in Freia Findus. In 1954, he came to Rieber & Søn AS / Toro. Frederick was an insightful and wise leader who had a great ability to get employees to work as a team. During the big, annual Christmas meetings of Toro, he spent most of the time talking to the workers in the factory, or was on stage with a microphone, entertaining the company with its own distinctive jazz-singing. He has been on holiday with President Bush senior and his wife, he had a sheep farm in Scotland and second home in Port Antonio on Jamaica. It is sad that such a great man is gone, and our thoughts are with his wife, Else, his children, and his grandchildren.

**Sheldon R. Severinghaus '62**, who spent most of his professional life in Asia, including nearly two decades of distinguished service to The Asia Foundation, passed away peacefully in San Francisco on Tuesday, December 15, 2015. Dr. Severinghaus joined The Asia Foundation in 1979, having previously taught English and French at Tunghai University in Taiwan. He served as the foundation's representative in Taiwan from 1980 through 1987, a period marked by substantial political reforms, the development of a vibrant civil society, and the island's transition from a largely agricultural to an industrial economy. During this period, Dr. Severinghaus and the foundation were strong supporters of fundamental governance restructuring efforts and the shift to a competitive electoral system. That support covered a wide spectrum, including aiding

the Chinese Comparative Law Society's legal reform programs, assisting local media in their efforts to improve political reporting and editorial commentary, and cooperating with selected government ministries engaged in constitutional reform. From 1990 to 1993, Dr. Severinghaus directed The Asia Foundation's nascent Mongolia Program from its San Francisco headquarters, traveling frequently to Mongolia. In September 1993, the Foundation opened its doors in a historic log cabin behind the Lenin Museum in Mongolia's capital, Ulaanbaatar. As one of the first NGOs to be invited to Mongolia, under Dr. Severinghaus' leadership, the Foundation supported Mongolia as it transitioned to a democracy and market economy, including bringing world renowned constitutional experts to Mongolia and sending Mongolian legislators to the United States as the country was drafting a new constitution. Dr. Severinghaus served as country representative in Ulaanbaatar until 1998, and formed a wide network of partnerships that led to programs to develop the new constitution and the new parliament. Foundation programs opened pathways for the emergence of civil society and the emerging women's movement. Dr. Severinghaus' outstanding contribution to Mongolia's democratic transition was widely recognized. In 1996, he was awarded Mongolia's Medal of Friendship by President P. Orchirbat. In 2003, he was awarded the Silver Star by the Mongolian Democratic Union for his "contribution to Mongolia's democracy, freedom, and progressive development, as well as his outstanding support to consolidating democratic values in Mongolia." In 2009, Dr. Severinghaus received Mongolia's Polar Star Award, presented by President Ts. Elbegdorj. This is the highest recognition the government of Mongolia can bestow on a foreign citizen. The Mongolian Liberal Women's Brain Pool (LEOS), one of the largest and most influential nongovernmental organizations in the country, presented him its first Man of the Year award. In the years following his return to California, Dr. Severinghaus remained an active friend of The Asia Foundation, including serving on the steering committee of The Asia Foundation Alumni Association and lending his time to conduct interviews related to his work in the field for a special 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Asia Foundation Online Timeline. Dr. Severinghaus was also active with The Asia Foundation's Luce Scholars Program. He was a member of the Luce family, his mother being the sister of Henry Luce, publisher of *Time*, *Life*, *Fortune*, and *Sports Illustrated* magazines, among other well-known publications.

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Dr. Severinghaus was also affiliated with the Institute of East Asian Studies at University of California, Berkeley, as a visiting scholar, speaking and writing about Mongolia's political transitions in the 1990s and Taiwan's environmental movement in the 1980s. The latter reflected his considerable accomplishments as an avid ornithologist and environmentalist who co-authored several books on the birds of Taiwan and other parts of Asia. Dr. Severinghaus studied at Cornell University, earning his MA in 1964 and his PhD in 1977. He and his wife met when he was at Tunghai University in Taiwan. Both he and Lucia received their PhDs in natural resources conservation from Cornell. Over the years, they went on numerous bird watching expeditions, often to remote parts of the world. Dr. Lucia Severinghaus is currently president of the International Ornithologists Union. With Dr. Severinghaus's passing, The Asia Foundation remembers the vital work he accomplished in both Taiwan and Mongolia in his lifetime during a period of great historic consequence.

**Dewey HongWoo Kim Jr. '76** of Honolulu, a retired attorney, died in California. He was born in Honolulu. Dewey had a huge heart and a generous spirit and was a dear and beloved friend of all who were fortunate enough to know him.




**Newman Talbott Guthrie Jr. '77**, of Louisville died April 5, 2016, following a brief illness. Born in Bardstown, Kentucky, September 8, 1938, to the late Newman and Sabina Kelley Guthrie, Newman graduated from St. Joseph's Preparatory Academy, Cornell University, Northwestern University, and the University of Michigan law school. He practiced law for many years and culminated his career at Kentucky Fried Chicken. Newman was a member and past president of Owl Creek Country Club, a member of The Big Chill Group, Broncos, and the Table of Knowledge. He was a voracious reader and enjoyed traveling, golf, and spending time with family and friends. Newman will be remembered, especially for his stories, wit, and worldly knowledge.

**Christopher E. Lee '88**, a prominent local businessman known for his dedicated community involvement, died in a car crash. Lee, the 49-year-old chief executive officer of R.E. Lee & Son, was active in community organizations throughout Central Virginia, including the United Way-Thomas Jefferson Area and the Charlottesville Regional Chamber of Commerce. Lee served as the chamber's president in 2008 and treasurer from 2005 to 2006. Under Lee's supervision as treasurer, the chamber's financial reserves grew enough to pay off the organization's line of credit. "He was a good leader and a great friend," said Timothy Hulbert, chamber president. "He was always available, always willing to help." Cathy Train,

United Way-Thomas Jefferson Area president, said Lee was an important part of the organization's board, especially in its effort to provide early education to area children. "Chris has been a stalwart supporter of early education and care for the children in our community," she said. "Chris understood that education was the great equalizer for children. He was committed to children having the chance to arrive at school ready to learn. As an employer, Chris knew the opportunities we provide to our youngest build strong employees of the future. Each person I have met has something to give and, whatever it is and however they serve, when we lose them, our community loses," Lee was the fourth generation of his family to work for R.E. Lee & Son, beginning his company career as a laborer during summer and winter breaks from college. He earned his degree in civil engineering from Cornell University. A graduate of Woodberry Forest School in Madison County, he worked in Pennsylvania and Maryland in the construction business after college graduation before returning to the family company as a project manager. He also led the reorganization of the company, expanding it to include additional services. Lee also served on the vestry of St. Paul's Memorial Church and was a past trustee of the St. Paul's endowment fund. He served on a variety of Albemarle County committees and commissions and was a board member and officer in the Kanawha-Gauley Coal and Coke Co. in West Virginia.



*Remembering Sheldon Severinghaus, pictured here among the attendees from the class of 1962 for their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion photo (left to right): Sheldon Severinghaus, Pedro Sanchez, Otto Doering, Robert Wood, and Russell Cherry.*



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