
Submitted to the officers of the DELTA CHI ASSOCIATION, INC., and to the representatives of DELTA KAPPA EPSILON FRATERNITY AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY, INC., present at the Annual Business Meeting to be convened on 7 June 2008 at the Deke House, 13 South Avenue, Ithaca NY 14850.

1. **Scope.** The Alumni Historian conducts activities aimed at recording the history of the Delta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and preserving the chapter's documentary and architectural artifacts.

2. **Fiscal Year 2007-08 Activities.** Efforts to support the organization during the past year are summarized below.

   - ΔΧ of ΔΚΕ Special Study #16, ΔΚΕ Lodge Refectory Chimes, was completed and released in [http://ecommons.library.cornell.edu/](http://ecommons.library.cornell.edu/). Cf. [http://hdl.handle.net/1813/10775](http://hdl.handle.net/1813/10775).
   - Archival materials, Collection #7, were shipped to the CU Libraries, Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections. See Appendix A for the catalog.
   - Brother Christopher Michael Scannell’s remembrance of his roommate at The Basic School, MCB Quantico VA, 1st Lt. Matthew R. Vandergrift USMC, was collected. See Appendix B.
   - A picture of those brothers attending the 5 April 2008 memorial service for Brother Donald Alford Weadon, Jr. ’67 in Washington DC was cataloged herewith.

3. **Correction of Errata in Previously Published Material.** Errata noted in “Report of the Alumni Historian, 2007,” have been corrected for the following two studies.

   - “ΔΧ of ΔΚΕ Special Study #07: Artifacts, Furnishings and Memorials.” [http://hdl.handle.net/1813/3313](http://hdl.handle.net/1813/3313)

Respectfully Submitted,

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Appendix A: Archival Materials Catalog #7

This section of the Alumni Historian Report is a continuation of ΔKE6-001, Catalogs of Photography, Documents and Artifacts: Delta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon ΔKE Depository. Ithaca NY: Delta Chi Association, 2004. Cf. http://hdl.handle.net/1813/3347. All material was packed in a single Light Impressions FlipTop™ Document Box (Product #5030) labeled “DEPO-F9” and shipped to the Cornell University Libraries, Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections, Carl A. Kroch Library, Ithaca NY 14853-5302, in May 2008.

DKE7-001. Catalog #7, Compact Disk.
  Description: Digital images and documents pertaining to “Report of the Alumni Historian, 2008.”

Delta Kappa Epsilon Publications

DKE7-002. Delta Kappa Epsilon Song Book (Apud Upsilon Editum, 1871, Fraternatatis Anno XXVII, Oliver Ditson & Co.).
  Description: Hardcover, 162 p. w/ indices, 26 cm.
Delta Chi Chapter Materials, Books and Pamphlets

Description: 13 ×21 cm, w/ envelope.
Source: gift of Brother Matt Todd Hyland ‘01.

DKE7-004. Record Book, Treasurer’s Accounts, ca. 1928-.
Description: Hardcover, three sections (148 pages, alphabetical listing of members, 141 pages). 27 cm.

DKE7-005. Pamphlet, “Delta Kappa Epsilon —Delta Chi Chapter, Cornell University.”
Description: 9 ×18 cm, 5 p.
Text:

IN THE official history of Cornell University, published in 1905, it is happily recorded that fraternity life on the Hill took added impetus in the second year of the existence of fraternities at the institution when "large, strong, and well-known Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity established a chapter."

Of all the Eastern Greek letter fraternities, DKE longest continued the policy all once followed . . . that of selecting institutions for new chapters before selecting the men to whom a charter should be entrusted; and the Delta Chi chapter at Cornell was thus instigated.

The 23rd convention of DKE in October 1869 had placed its approval on Cornell, established but two years earlier with great promise, and during the Christmas holidays of that year sent three members: Sweet and Clark of the Yale chapter, and Sloane of the Rochester chapter, to Ithaca to select the type of men who should compose the new group. After a week of "sounding" and making
acquaintances they invited a group of a dozen chosen students to meet with them at the old Clinton House where the plan of the new chapter was unfolded, and the new men enthusiastically accepted the mission set forth by the DKE ambassadors.

Their charter was certified on January 10, 1870 and on February 11th, the first Delta Chi pin was worn on the campus. That evening was staged the new chapter's inaugural dinner. Since every man had been hand-picked for his abilities and leadership, that year's Cornellian showed her original membership, of but thirteen men in all four classes, to include the Senior Essayist, the Sophomore class secretary, orator and prophet; the adjutant of the Cadet Battalion; the secretary of Adelphi, one of the three debate societies; and the vice-president of Irving, another debate society, as well as its Essayist; one of the founders of the new sophomore society; the baseball president and two members of the first crew which Cornell had ever seen.

In that original chapter to mention a few were: James Julius Chambers, class orator who became internationally-famed as a journalist, traveller and author. He was the first editor of the Paris edition of the New York Herald, the managing editor of the New York World; the author of such well-known former day novels as "A Mad World," "On a Margin" and others; Millard Thorn Conklin, a manufacturer with the Detroit Car Wheel company; Frank D. Nash, who became one of the leading attorneys of the Northwestern and president of the Board of Trustees at the University of Washington, and last, but entitled to first place in any Delta Chi list, John DeWitt Warner, who was not only one of the leading undergraduates in his day and one of Cornell's staunchest alumni throughout life, but who also became one of New York's leading lawyers and civic leaders, a national president of Delta Kappa Epsilon, and who was prominent in every Delta Chi undertaking.

FROM the first, the chapter prospered and developed. The Annuals show that DKE men were dominating in campus affairs and taking a leading role in the development of Cornell and its student life. In 1871, Cornell opened its first gym with Dekes as president, secretary and treasurer of the Athletic Association. The Cornell Navy was founded with a Deke as its first Commodore. It was a DKE who wrote the Cornell Yell, and another composed the first Cornell song "1875."

The chapter started with a Lodge room over the old Morrison's Dry Good store in the heart of downtown Ithaca, but within four years realized its ambition to have both living and lodge quarters under one roof when it rented one of Cornell's finest fraternity houses of that time, a pretentious red brick mansion half way up the Hill at Osmun Place. When its present house, popularly known in former days as the Gray Stone Castle, was completed in 1895, it was known as one of the finest chapter houses in the country. The University provided the building site.

Four years after the house was built, Teddy Roosevelt, president of United States and a loyal Deke initiated at Harvard, made a special visit to the chapter house and commemorated the occasion by planting two trees, on either side of the front door, which now tower on the West Avenue side of the house.

Some years later in 1907 an extensive addition was made to the house and a broad veranda was built. A tennis court was created. Through the years, the house has been enhanced and kept up-to-date. Gifts to the house have been too numerous to mention, but some note should be recorded of some of its various memorials. In 1906 Alumni who had never lived in the new house, raised funds to commission the making and installation of two handsome, stained glass windows, illuminated each night, as a memorial to deceased classmates. Many members of the chapter had distinguished themselves through their enlistment for the Spanish American War, and when one of them, Clifton Beckwith Brown, was the first American killed in that war, his parents give the ornate fireplaces and the other fittings of the house library and dining room. In memory of Clayton C. Ingersoll, who lost his life as an aviator in the World War, a third elaborate fireplace was placed in the reception hall. The alumni guest room is a memorial to Fritz L. Mergenthaler.

ALL of the chapter's property is owned by the Delta Chi Alumni Association of which each initiate of the chapter automatically becomes a member upon his graduation. Loyal alumni officers of this association make regular and frequent visits to the chapter house, insuring that the property is kept up without special obligations to its undergraduate members. Treasurer of the Alumni Association is Douglas Gillette, a prominent Ithaca business man who makes a practice of visiting the house at least once a week. Members sign no building pledges, or notes, and the property is maintained alone through that part of each man's house bill known as room rent. The house bills are average with all other fraternities, and include all food and room costs and dues. Delta Kappa Epsilon members on
Cornell's faculty are frequent visitors at the chapter house. At the present time, these include: E. F. Bradford, registrar and director of admissions; Wilder D. Bancroft, professor of chemistry; Frank P. Bussel, professor of plant breeding; James Davis, instructor in forestry; Alexander M. Drummond, professor of public speaking; George C. Embody, professor of agriculture; Carl Stephenson, professor of history; and Captain Robb S. Mackie, director of the R.O.T.C. band who leaves next year to become director of the U.S. Army band at Washington, D.C.

Frequent visitors to the chapter, too, are its alumni members. To them, the present active members owe a special regard for the brilliant heritage which they have created. Some widely known alumni of the chapter are: Mario Gracia Menocal, former president of the Republic of Cuba, who lavishly entertained a DKE national convention which was staged in Havana at his invitation; Winchester Fitch, retired New York lawyer who was prominent in civic affairs and long served as a member of the executive committee of the Y.M.C.A.; James W. McCulloh, Chicago grain broker; Alan G. Darling, executive with the General Electric company; Seth W. Shoemaker, executive of the International Text Book company; R. J. Thorne, executive of the Montgomery Ward and Company; T. J. Hennings, St. Louis, Member of Congress, and E. Vail Stebbins, New York broker who is a member of the executive committee for the International Cup races.

Chuck Barrett, mourned as a World War hero who lost his life and remembered as Cornell's greatest football star, is cited on the plaques at Schoellkopf Field as the first man to make a touchdown in that field.

An honorary, yet initiated member of the chapter, was Rutherford Birchard Hayes, president of the United States, who was elected to his membership due to his close concern for the chapter and relations with it especially while two of his sons were members of it.

DELTA KAPPA EPSILON is nationally-known as a leading college fraternity. Inspiration for its founding came largely from George Foot Chester, a student at Yale, who on June 22, 1844 gathered together fourteen of his friends among the student leaders at that institution to form a new type of student society. At that time, two junior societies existed at Yale but the selection for membership in them was almost automatic. If a man won a certain type of campus honors, it was a foregone conclusion that he would be chosen by one of the societies. As a consequence, these societies lacked close-knit friendships and the enthusiasm and fellowship which characterizes today's real fraternity and that which Chester was visualizing. As a result of the meeting called by Chester, Delta Kappa Epsilon was founded to recognize the value of genuine scholarship and campus attainments, but to this was coupled a recognition of the qualities of good fellowship in order that there might be that proper balance which forms the well-rounded, cultured and companionable gentleman.

The new society attracted enthusiastic petitions for branch chapters at many nearby institutions and the Delta Kappa Epsilon idea and organization developed rapidly in its early days, until it became represented in nearly every leading school in the country.

That its ideals were sound is indicated in part by the fact that Delta Kappa Epsilon can probably claim more distinguished members through the years than can perhaps any other national Greek letter society, and all of them have been intensely loyal members. When Admiral Robert E. Peary discovered the North Pole he planted there not only the U. S. Flag but the flag of his fraternity.

A roster of Dekes, living and dead, contains many of the nation's best known names in all lines of endeavor. To mention only a few of the present widely-known members, one would include: More than a dozen members of the present Congress including Senators Royal S. Copeland and James J. Wadsworth; twenty college presidents including James R. Angell of Yale, Ernest M. Hopkins of Dartmouth, Stanley King of Amherst and Clarence A. Barbour of Brown; many well known writers such as Donald Ogden Stewart, Corey Ford and George S. Chappell; a publisher such as William Randolph Hearst; an athlete such as Jack Torrence whose world's record in the shot put still stands; business leaders such as Harold H. Swift, the packer; and distinguished citizen such as Charles Francis Adams, former U.S. Secretary of the Navy; W. D. Mitchell, former U.S. attorney general; the late Nicholas Longworth, speaker of the House and the late Henry Cabot Lodge.

The open motto of the Fraternity is "From the heart forever friends," and this has developed into the real basis of Delta Kappa Epsilon. It has multiplied and intensified the delight of the individual in the things of the spirit and the mind, by teaching him to pursue them with his fellows.

Description: 9 × 18 cm, 5 p.
Text: same as DKE7-005 above.

Pictured below, left-to-right: DKE7-005 and -006.

DKE7-007. Rushing Date Book, “ΔKE.” c. 1946.
Description: Velvet cover, maroon w/ gold lettering, 8 p., 9 × 13 cm. Seniors: Glenn Breathed, John Cadwell ’47, Bob Izant ’44 and Bill Truesdell ’47.
HISTORY AND TRADITION

Our fraternity had its beginning at Yale in 1844 when George Foot Chester and fourteen other student leaders gathered together to form a new type of student society as a protest against the injustice of the existing society system of that university. At that time two Junior societies existed at Yale, but the selection for membership in them was automatic if a man won certain campus honors.

As a result of the meeting, Delta Kappa Epsilon was founded to recognize the value of genuine scholarship, campus attainments, and good fellowship in the proper balance which forms the well-rounded and companionable gentleman.

In the past 116 years DKE has compiled a roster of fifty-two chapters in thirty-one States and Provinces in the United States and Canada.
Fifteen hundred and forty-two Dekes participated in the War between the States. Altogether, thirty-nine were generals and one hundred and twenty reached the rank of full colonel.

A Yale Deke was the first northern officer to lose his life in action, and a Princeton Deke was the last Southern Commander to surrender. Coincidentally, the first American officer to lose his life in the Spanish American War was a Rutgers Deke. Theodore Roosevelt, a Harvard Deke, and President of the United States, led the famous charge up San Juan Hill. For the second time in a quarter of a century the Deke crest reposed above the White House fireplace, as Rutherford B. Hayes, also a Deke, was the first member of a college fraternity to assume the honor of presidency.

Delta Kappa Epsilon can probably claim more distinguished members throughout the years than can perhaps any other national Greek letter society. Such men as: Nathaniel Hawthorne, William Randolph Hearst, Dr Harvey Gushing, Dean Acheson, Stuart Symington, Admiral Peary, and Chuck Barret, remembered as Cornell's greatest football star have, comprised the Deke roster.
Pictured below, left-to-right: DKE7-011 and -012.
Description: 10 × 21 cm, 34 p.

Description: 10 × 21 cm, 66 p.

Miscellaneous Publications

DKE7-013. Playboy, 42, #10 (October 1995), ISSN 0032-1478.
Description: 21 × 28 cm, 182 p.
Background:
At the behest of Brother Eric Edward Neumann ’96, Playboy photographer David Mecey conducted a 1995 shoot in the Deke House library that led to the publication of a picture of Ms. Lisa Bauer in the October issue of the magazine. This particular picture incited comment across the country.

Reference:

Disposition: DEPO-F9.
Catalogued: 26 April 2008.

Description: 18 × 22 cm, 12 p.
Here is the Negative to the Senior Dinner Picture hanging in the library. See, I told you that I would send it. It’s from May of 1993. I want to have the photo place do some magic work in developing to get a clear blowup w/o any fuzziness.

The thing is, since I’ve sent you this negative that I’ve (and in my possession for 8 yrs) you need to guarantee to me that this gets into the archives officially and catalogued — a Foglio style. I think this is a pretty significant photo like those ones from the 1930’s. It captures every single brother in the house in 1993—all in one single drunken photo.

So you gotta promise me that this thing won’t get lost or stolen or destroyed like everything else in the house. OK?

Also, all the way home on the plane from Italy, I thought what if I could improve what I saw on the video. Let me know if I can redo it.

Yours,

Eric Neumann
Pictured below, left-to-right: DKE7-015a and -015b.
The photo was taken following the annual senior dinner held at the start of finals week, May 1993.

Back row (standing up on the left): Theodore Emmanuelle Loizos '94, Daniel Lee Einhorn '94/95, Christian Douglas Cox '95, Christopher Scott Valli '93, Michael Thomas Adams II '93.

Middle row (on the railing, or standing just behind): Ricardo Ramon Delfin '96, Kevin Joseph Jacobs '94, Alan David Reba '93, Charles John Boguszewski '95, Adam Hayden '95, Andrew Charles Harte '96, Michael Imbesi '94, Eric Edward Neumann '96, Ryan Harwick Young '95, Robert Jeffrey Stevens '93, Andrew Udo Rinach '92/93, Alan Richard Gutzmer '93, Michael Edward Baughman '93, Christopher Rauber '95, Gregory Robert Swender '94, Nathan Lamont Iven '96, Jason Todd Tepper '95 (between legs), Brian Kannry '95, Stephen Phillip Reich '95, Karthik Nadesan '96, Jason Todd Lipman '96, Andrew Robert Schmidt '94, Dave Wagner (did not graduate), Michael Dukart '95, Mark Dubovy '96.


DKE7-016. Thomas C. Hennings, Jr. —Late a Senator From Missouri; Memorial Addresses Delivered in Congress.
Postcards

DKE7-017a and -017b. Postcards (2), “Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity Lodge, Ithaca N.Y.”
Distinction: Ivy on stone walls, flag pole projecting from tower belfry, 1901 refectory
expansion in place, and titling: “Copyright 1905 by the Rotograph Co., 5189.”
Obverse titling: “The Rotograph Co., N. Y. City (Germany).” Both postcards are
uncolored.

Distinction: Ivy on stone walls, flag pole projecting from tower belfry, 1901 refectory
expansion in place, and titling: “Copyright 1905 by the Rotograph Co., 5189.”
Obverse titling: “The Rotograph Co., N. Y. City (Germany).” Both postcards are
colored.
Distinction: Ivy on stone walls, 1901 refectory and 1910 wing expansions in place.
Source: gift of Brother Thomas E. Lee ‘67.
Photographs of Chapter Charters

DKE7-020a and -020b. Photographs, B&W and color, of 1870 Charter.
   Description: CU Photographs #37/4/1535, N4279 and N4317, respectively, 8 × 10 in.
   References: “ΔX of ΔKE Special Study #07: Artifacts, Furnishings and Memorials.”
               http://hdl.handle.net/1813/3313
               “ΔX of ΔKE Research Note #15: Thievery by Sigma Phi.”
               Updated on 12 January 2007.

DKE7-021a and -021b. Photographs, B&W and color, of 1908 Replacement Charter.
   Description: CU Photographs #37/4/1535, N4280 and N4318, respectively, 8 × 10 in.
   References: “ΔX of ΔKE Special Study #07: Artifacts, Furnishings and Memorials.”
               http://hdl.handle.net/1813/3313
               “ΔX of ΔKE Research Note #15: Thievery by Sigma Phi.”
               Updated on 12 January 2007.
Miscellaneous Photographs (All Disposition DEPO-F9 and Catalogued: 6 May 2008).

DKE7-022. Photograph, Brother Robert Izant ’44 in Deke House Study.

DKE7-023. Photograph, Brother Jack Krieger ’49 Leading House Meeting.
DKE7-024. Photograph, Deke House Second Floor w/ Skins on Wall.

DKE7-025.

Tom Hupertz standing next to Hank Watson with his back to the picture, Joe Fanzone’s date from Cazenovia College, seated, and Donald Perry, wearing glasses in the far right.
DKE7-026.

Joseph Fanzone with his date from Cazenovia College, seated to his right.

DKE7-027.
DKE7-028.

DKE7-029.
DKE7-030. Lodge, West Façade

DKE7-032. Lodge, c. 1935.

DKE7-033. Lodge, Tower
Transcription:

Dear Brother Fogle:

I have a contribution to the Chronology of Delta Chi which will help remedy what you call the "otherwise dry pages of an institutional history." It is a letter from S. E. "Booty" Hunkin ’16, sent to me when I was Alumni Relations Chairman in 1979. Although I cannot verify the accuracy of its tales, the letter is nonetheless a valuable memoir because it represents one generation's perception of its noble fraternity.

You might also consider publishing the Big Brother Genealogy [sic] tree for 1972-1980. Lastly, I have enclosed a response from the Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame to my 1979 nomination of U.S. Olympian W. H. Fritz ’14. I sent the latter because you are the type who has the zeal to initiate a second lobbying effort for Fritz's election to the Hall, perhaps after you complete your other Herculan [sic] projects for Deke. Thanks for your work to date.

Booty's letter (punctuation and all):

To the Delta Chi Dekes of 1979. Attention Dan Dube:

Adolph Stuber "1912" and I, "1916" live here in Naples Florida. Now that [Coach] Bob Blackman is bringing Cornell back to recognition, we thought we should tell you about Cornell Football and the Deke House men who made it the recognized champion of 1915. Barrett's name is inscribed in the Football Hall of Fame at Canton Ohio. Cool who was placed in Walter Camp's All American team that year weighed only 160 lbs. He placed second to the All-American center from Pittsburg weighing 225 lbs. He played with no head gear and with his bare head, he kept the opposing guards away from him and his head was bloody after every game. No referee would listen to the complaints of those who got butted with his bare head, as without a head gear, it didn't seem possible. When we beat Harvard 10-0, it was the first time, including his years at Exeter that Mohon[?] ever played in a losing game. The Deke house also had Hill and Fritz on the varsity teams of 1914-15. We had two managers, Foster of Baseball and I of football. Gilman stroked the Cascadilla crew before he entered Cornell. He was Commodore of the champion 1914 crew while a

1 Brother Samuel Everett Hunkin ’16 (b. 21 February 1893, initiated 12 October 1912).
2 Brother William Howard Fritz, Jr. ’14 (b. 22 March 1892, initiated 12 November 1910, d. 28 December 1941).
3 Brother Aldolph E. Stuber ’12 (initiated 24 October 1908).
5 Brother Williard Cameron Cool ’16 (b. 18 August 1891, initiated 10 December 1912). Brother Walter Chauncey Camp, Hopkins Grammar School 1876, Yale University 1880, ΔΚΕ Φ (b. 7 April 1859, d. 14 March 1925).
6 Brother Edward Albert Hill ’14 (b. 10 March 1891, initiated 21 November 1910, d. 5 January 1950).
7 Brother Richard John Foster, Jr. (b. 12 March 1892, initiated 10 December 1912).
8 Brother Arthur Reynolds Gilman (b. 16 March 1894, i. 10 December 1912).
sophomore. He would have been one of the greatest oarsman of the time, according to Coach Courtney had he stayed. He disappeared in his junior year and was never heard of again. "Curly" Newman of the track team was killed in World War I. Benton of the tennis team, still living, was one of the top players in the U.S., along with Hunter who was doubles partner with Tilden, and world champions for several years. The Cornell bear was my contribution to the traditional leader of the band to this day. He was a tame one and traveled in the car with the team. His successor the next year was a wild one and not safe to handle and that ended the live bears in the future. The Dekes of 1914-16 were the athletes of their day. I will say however that their scholastic rating among the fraternities was near the bottom. So put these two [year] books in your library so the youngsters yet to come, will know what was what, way back when.

Yours in DKE, S. E. "Booty" Hunkin [hope these submissions are useful. Fraternally yours, (signed).

Description: letter with return annotations by Ms. Millan confirming the authenticity of the following passage appearing in “Big Grab for Graduates,” Newsweek, XLVII, #25 (18 June 1956), pp. 93-95.

Industry’s flesh merchants shy off from “the bookwormy,” “the man who lacks forcefulness,” “the author of ‘shotgun’ [vaguely worded] applications,” and “the odd-ball.” “We’d rather have a Deke than a Phi Beta Kappa,” they repeat. “Let the freaks go into research.”

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9 Brother Charles Otis Benton (d. 10 January 1981).
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Appendix B: Remembrance of 1st Lt. Matthew R. Vandergrift USMC


**DoD Identifies Marine Casualty**

The Department of Defense announced today the death of a Marine who was supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

1st Lt. Matthew R. Vandergrift, 28 of Littleton, Colo., died April 21 from wounds he suffered while conducting combat operations in Basrah, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

1st Lt. Vandergrift was the close friend of ΔKE Brother Christopher Michael Scannell ’05. They were roommates during the six-month Basic School (TBS) course that all U.S. Marine Corps officers complete at Marine Corps Base Quantico VA.\footnote{Lieutenants Scannell and Vandergrift were in TBS, Fox Company (Sept 2005 - March 2006). Their Military Occupational Specialty codes are 1302 (combat engineering officer) and 0802 (artillery officer), respectively. Mailing address: 1st Lt. Christopher M. Scannell USMCR, BTT 4224/1-5-2, Detachment C, Unit 40681, FPO AP 96426-0681.} Brother Scannell is currently serving with U.S. forces in Iraq near the Syrian border.\footnote{Mailing address: 1st Lt. Christopher M. Scannell USMCR, BTT 4224/1-5-2, Detachment C, Unit 40681, FPO AP 96426-0681.}

1st Lt. Matthew R. Vandergrift USMC (left) and with Brother Scannell during a training exercise at MCB Quantico VA, January 2006.
Brother Scannell’s Rememberance

Upon arrival at The Basic School, US Marine Corps, Quantico VA, my initial evaluation of my roommate, then 2nd Lt. Matthew R. Vandergrift, echoed that of my many ΔKE brothers: professionally competent but with a keen penchant for cynical wit, and an after-hours propensity for debaucherous buffoonery. Through the course of the six-month program, ‘Vandy’ would prove not only his depth of character but capacity for friendship as well.

I vividly recall a cold Virginia night in January of 2006, as our platoon of lieutenants-in-training conducted a night assault upon a red cell platoon on the opposite side of a wide valley. A poor leader’s recon resulted in our platoon placed squarely in the enemy’s flanking enfilade fire. Without batting an eye, Lt. Vandergrift took charge and formed everyone up for an assault through the attack-turned ambush and led the way to a safe position.

A born leader with a cool mind and sense of duty, he nevertheless continually provided comic relief during our stressful training. During our Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) training, Vandy decided to re-create a scene from the popular movie Anchorman by storming randomly through a mob of civilians with a training grenade extended at full reach while demonstrating his capacity for a ‘war cry.’ Our Captain instructors lacking a sense of humor wanted to revoke his commission, but those who recognized the reference found it hard to discipline him with a straight face.

There was also our trip to Washington D.C. towards the end of our training, where upon donning his Class A uniform in the morning 2nd Lt. Vandergrift discovered he had grown a few sizes during the training period. His appearance was hardly befitting of a recruiting poster, but the laugh we enjoyed allowed us to overlook his un-officer-like behavior.

1st Lt. Vandergrift was killed by a road side bomb in Basra, Iraq on April 21, 2008 while serving on a military adviser team like my own. He was a man of exemplary character, and an outstanding officer whose life was cut short by his dedication to the protection of this country. May we pray for his family, and take consolation in one of my favorite quotes, by Robert A Heinlein: “The noblest fate that a man can endure is to place his own mortal body between his loved home and the war's desolation.”

C. M. Scannell, 1st Lt, USMC
ΔX of ΔKE, Cornell University ‘05

13 Robert Anson Heinlein (1907 – 1988) was an American novelist and science fiction writer.
Appendix C: Brothers Attending Don Weadon’s Memorial Service, 5 April 2008


Back row (left-to-right): Frank Pinter, Mike Furman, Bill Houck, Pete Bachrach, Ben Jackal, Eric Gunther, Robert Chuddy, Christopher Bentley, Kyle Hansen, Damien Kudela and Steve Chestnut.

Second row from back: Avraham Aisenberg, Midn 4/C Brian Pinter (in uniform), Chris DeAlmagro, Clinton Tepper, Stephan Spilkowitz, Stephen Spagnola, Nicholas Schunk, Mark St. Marie, Kamaljeet Singh, Tudor Mustata and Jamie Duong.

Third row from back (above Neumann's left shoulder): Ankit Patel.

Front row: Ranjeev Mahtani, Eric Neumann, Alex Faber and Jake Wu.
Attendees, Alphabetically

Avraham Aisenberg
Pete Bachrach
Christopher Bentley
Steve Chestnut
Robert Chuddy
Lin Davidson
Chris DeAlmagro
John Dubeck
Jamie Duong
Alex Faber
Bill Forbes
Ryan Frazier
Mike Furman
Joe Grzyb
Eric Gunther
Kyle Hansen
Terron Hill
Bill Houck
Matt Hyland
Ben Jackal
Leo Krusius
Damien Kudela
Ranjeev Mahtani
Tudor Mustata
George Nesterczuk
Eric Neumann
Brendan O’Gorman
Jim Papa

Ankit Patel
MIDN 4/C Brian Pinter (in uniform)
Frank Pinter
Bob Platt
Mark St. Marie
Nicholas Schunk
Kamaljeet Singh
Stephen Spagnola
Stephan Spilkowitz
Clinton Tepper
Jake Wu

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Summary/Abstract
The Alumni Historian recounts activities for FY2007-08: (1) publication of DKE Special Study #16, “DKE Lodge Refectory Chimes,” (2) shipment of archival materials (Collection #7) to the Cornell University Libraries Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections, (3) publication of Brother Christopher Michael Scannell’s remembrance of his MCB Quantico VA roommate, 1st Lt. Matthew R. Vandergrift USMC, (4) cataloging a picture of those brothers attending the 5 April 2008 memorial service for Brother Donald Alford Weadon, Jr. ’67, and (5) correction of errata in two previously released historical works.

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