DELTA KAPPA EPSILON FRATERNITY
Delta Chi Chapter at Cornell University
Office of the Alumni Historian


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 Saturday, 9 June 2012, 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 2011-12 Activities. Efforts to support the organization during the past year are summarized below.

- Publications. The following material was published in the Delta Kappa Epsilon History Collection of eCommons@Cornell. The index may be accessed at the following link.
  
  http://ecommons.library.cornell.edu/handle/1813/3223

  o Additions and New Studies.
    
    Chapter VII (1940-49) of The Deke House at Cornell —A Concise History of the Delta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon, was completed, appended to the 2011 edition, re-titled and re-published on 13 May 2012. http://hdl.handle.net/1813/3235
    
    ΔΧ of ΔΚΕ Special Study #08: Overt Mottos of the ΔΚΕ Fraternity and Chapters, 24 June 2011. http://hdl.handle.net/1813/23086

  o Revisions and New Editions.
    
    ΔΧ of ΔΚΕ Special Study #12: Registry of Distinguished Members, 3 October 2011. http://hdl.handle.net/1813/3257
    
    

- ΔΧ of ΔΚΕ Research Notes. This series of forty-five studies may be accessed at the following link using ID and password codes that the Alumni Historian will forward to any initiated member.
  
  https://skydrive.live.com/

The following new ΔΧ of ΔΚΕ Research Notes were created during the past year

  Note #33: Brother Edward Austin Rogers 1942 (1920 – 2003).

  Note #34: Books By and About Cornell Dekes.
Note #35: CBB Committee Notes and Message Log.
Note #36: Brother Tallmadge Hepburn Brereton 1900 (1878 – 1906).
Note #37: Aviators Memorial Committee Notes and Message Log.
Note #39: Wieser Photograph.
Note #40: George Lauriston Walsh, Jr., AΔΦ 1961.
Note #41: Rifle Fire in the Cornell Deke House.
Note #42: Transcribed Documents, 1870 – .
Note #43: Barnoski’s Fall.
Note #44: Charles Andrew Tang.
Note #45: Vintage Vendors, Inc.

- The Library of Congress, responding to a request by the Alumni Historian, made *Army Memoirs; World War II* by Brother William Bradford Whiting 1942 (1920– ) accessible as an online document in Adobe Portable Document Format:

  [http://lcweb2.loc.gov/natlib/afc2001001/service/05430/pd0001.pdf](http://lcweb2.loc.gov/natlib/afc2001001/service/05430/pd0001.pdf)

  Whiting, U. S. Army, Field Artillery, trained with the Cornell University Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (1938-1942), commenced active duty on 30 June 1942, completed the officer’s artillery train course at Ft. Bragg NC and Ft. Sill OK in December 1942, and was subsequently assigned to the 802nd Field Artillery Battalion. Whiting’s unit trained and assisted in training until it deployed for England in July 1944. There it was assigned to XII Corps, Third U. S. Army, and transported to France, entering the Continent via Utah Beach, Normandy. Artillery fire missions against German forces began on 23 August and continued until the war’s end.

- Dickson H. Spencer (Staunton VA), a descendent of Brother Clifton Beckwith Brown’s family, gave copies of his ancestral study, *The Deserter, The Crazy Aunt, and the No Good Bum: A Family History* (private printing, 2012) to the Cornell University Archives (CU catalog call number: Rare Books CT274.S64 S74 2012) and to the Delta Chi Association.

- The article, “Dek Aviation Fatalities,” prepared for the *Delta Chi Deke* was revised to add an account of the mishap that killed Brother Gwendell Barden Newman 1916, 1st Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps. See Appendix E. This writing is based on material in ΔX of ΔKE Research Note #25: Deke Aviation Losses.

- Ms. Beth VonGardey, Vantine Customer Service, Vantine Imaging (5000 Wings Way, P.O. Box 220, Hamilton, NY 13346, 1-888-639-9806 x704, csrep2@vantine.com) has reinstated our standing annual order for one 11x14 composite of the chapter, this to be shipped to the Alumni Historian (3237 E. Fox. St., Mesa AZ 85213-5520) for subsequent forwarding to the Cornell University Archives.
The Alumni Historian with concurrence of the Association Board offered a response to the University Administration’s effort to curtail fraternity pledge programs. See the following (available upon request from the AH).

- HWF letter to David J. Skorton, President, Cornell University, 17 April 2012, re “End of Pledging.”
- David J. Skorton, President, Cornell University, letter to HWF, 2 May 2012, re “End of Pledging.”

The Alumni Historian has proposed a joint response to the Cornell Administration’s program that is currently under consideration by the following fraternities: ZΨ, KA, ΧΦ, ΛΔΦ, ΧΨ, ΔKE, ΨY and ΔΦ. Some have joined in support and others have asked to stand aside.

The Alumni Historian has learned from Professor Michael Kammen, Cornell’s Newton C. Farr Professor of American History and Culture, that Glenn C. Altschuler, Dean of the School of Continuing Education and Summer Sessions, and Isaac Kramnick, Richard J. Schwartz Professor of Government, are working on a sequel to Morris Bishop’s *A History of Cornell* (1962). The AH has offered suggested topics for this history and is organizing a study of the Campaign to Abolish Student Government. Cf. ΔX of ΔKE Research Note #19: Maher-Weadon Student Campaign (1967-68).


Brother Daniel Normand Dube 1980, CAPT USN
Chairman, Aviators Memorial Committee

Last year, the Board of the Delta Chi Association passed a resolution to investigate “a suitable memorial for brothers lost in military aviation mishaps” and commissioned a committee of eleven brothers having post-Vietnam War military experience. The committee researched the circumstances of the servicemen’s deaths, with the assistance of the committee secretary. This committee recommends that a memorial to ten aviators (classes of 1916-1961) is warranted; proposes a physical remembrance in the form of a bronze plaque; and reports preliminary cost estimates starting at $495.

Details:

- The committee considered many changes in scope, e.g., the inclusion of non-aviators, future fatalities, etc. —but in the end, support of the original resolution was strong, with justifications outlined in ΔX of ΔKE Research Note #37: Aviators Memorial Committee Notes and Message Log.
- Although the wording of the plaque in not necessarily finalized, the context has changed from “military aviation mishaps” to “military aviators killed in the line of duty”.
- A location for the plaque is currently under review.

Further details can be found in:

1. Report of the Alumni Historian, 2011, Appendix B (Proposed Resolutions by the Alumni Historian), Formation of a Committee to Consider a Memorial to Those Brothers Lost in Military Aviation Mishaps, pp. 10-11. [http://hdl.handle.net/1813/22956](http://hdl.handle.net/1813/22956)
(2) ΔX of ΔKE Research Note #25: Deke Aviation Losses, Military.
(3) Appendix E (Delta Chi Deke Aviation Fatalities, Revised 9 April 2012) herewith.


The Office of the Dean, College of Architecture, Arts and Planning was unable to report status at the time this report was finalized.

5. Plans for Fiscal Year 2012-13 Activities.

- The Alumni Historian has submitted two Resolutions for a vote by the Board of the Delta Chi Association. See Appendix D.
- A collection of research papers will be sent to the Cornell University Library for inclusion in Collection 37-4-1535.
- Chapter VIII (1950 to 1959) of *The Deke House at Cornell — A Concise History of the Delta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon*, will be researched, composed and published.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Alumni Historian, ΔX of ΔKE
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**Chapter Officers, Delta Chi of Delta Kappa Epsilon, Effective 12 April 2012**

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Appendix B — Delta Chi Association Board and Meeting Minutes, June 2011

Board, Delta Chi Association (June 2011 to June 2012)

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Association Board Closed Meeting Minutes, 11 June 2011

Held in Ithaca, New York, June 11, 2011

Preamble

The formal Board of Directors meeting was preceded by a brief meeting with Dale Williams, Mike Aiken and Tim Anderson. The following items were discussed:

1) There is a need to spend the interest from the Jordan Lamb Fund and the Patterson Fund. Jordan Lamb stands at 75 K principal and $424 interest. Patterson stands at $205 K and $2,500 interest;

2) House operating losses have continued to be paid down since last year, when cash flows really improved. The Facilities Reserve account deficit has been paid down from a deficit of ($29,694) to a positive balance of $2,000; Boiler loan has been paid down to ($28,000) from ($31,744) last year.

3) There will be a full house this fall, nominally 31 residents, limited by Code. It is the Secretary’s understanding that the long used sleep/study arrangement has been superseded. Basically, the third floor rooms remain bedrooms. The four largest second floor rooms with exterior views at the vertex of the building El have become social lounges, while the remainder of second floor rooms function as bedrooms;

4) There is a water leak in the basement outside the kitchen entrance (observed). It is not clear at this point if this is the same leak noted in last year’s preamble minutes;
5) Dale had indicated in 2010 that we will be able to use outside contractors and that overhead fees will be removed from work done by University trades. Also, we will be able to examine work tickets before being billed for them. It’s not fully clear at this time whether this was an overly optimistic presentation. The current plan is to utilize the University trade shops but to schedule their work more efficiently, e.g., so that a full day’s time is not billed for a two hour job.

6) There are two major projects that must be funded this coming year, preferably this summer: 1) mandatory carbon monoxide detectors – current battery powered models must be tested and recorded weekly – not a good long term outlook on that. Estimated $15 K for a line powered, hard wire system run from the FACP. Need to determine whether FACP is addressable or zoned and/or whether available products are backward compatible if panel is zone type, and if zoning is acceptable, etc.; 2) third floor bathroom needs work – new showers, floors, reset toilets, etc. Stated estimated cost for this is $30K. Dale proposed that the CO alarm work come out of operating funds (Query - this would temporarily reduce the $7K/month paid into facilities reserve?) We can take $11K by pooling the Lamb and Patterson interest plus the $8K we have in the capital gift account, requiring financing of $19K.

Meeting

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:15 PM. Members present were:

William S. Houck
Franklin T. Pinter
Norman Linsley Davidson
Eugene Pierce
Mark St. Marie
Ryan Zimmerman
Jed Schaible
Robert Platt
Robert Halpin
Mike Curran
By teleconference:
George Nesterczuk
Homer Fogle
Jay Grzyb

General

Update on Ezra Zimmerman (brain trauma from fall from stairwell): Doing better than expected, showing strength and impatience; moved to less intensive care.

Discussion of the Zimmerman story brought up the subject of Kevin Jacobs, who already had concerns about directors’ insurance. More on this under nominations.
Treasurer’s Report (read aloud; no prepared report):

Association Accounts

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Secretary’s note: above numbers result in estimated balance of $34,000. There is no boiler payment shown but references have been made to the Association contributing to this.

Most of the expenses stated above were for program service.

Minutes from 2010 meeting were accepted.

Scholarships

Last year we distributed $28K to six brothers.

This year we have $23K available.

Jay Gryzb proposed a list based on his analyses. The list was augmented with two auxiliary awards

- Robert Trent Jones: Jeremy Fine
- William Simon: Andrew Li ‘12
- Daniel Rich: Chris Leyen ‘13
  Randy Ott
  Connor O’Gorman
- Faculty Fellow: Philip Skummer ‘13
  Damien Jackson Rickett ‘13

Motion was made to approve the recommended list of scholarship recipients. Seconded and carried.

Historian’s Report

Bill Fogle reported that he had added a chapter (in the History) regarding life in the Deke House in the 1930s. He also reminded the meeting of his written request to pass two resolutions:

1) Calling on the University to remount the Clifton Beckwith Brown tablet;
2) Calling on Delta Chi chapter to form a committee to honor Vietnam War veterans [sic].
Bob Platt reported that he met the University Archivist and saw the plaque displayed in Olin Library. The Archives people are looking for an appropriate site. It turns out that Brown was an architecture student and that an annual award in the College is given in his name (100+ years?). It seems that Sibley or Rand Hall might be suitable locations. Millstein Hall was mentioned, but the plaque might seem incongruous in a modernist setting.

The question was called on the resolutions. No motion was put forth on the first item since it was already under way. Motion was made and carried on the second.

**Miscellaneous Issues and Items**

Active chapter finances have been positive. The budget was blown in April and May – quite a bit of money was spent while the cook was ill. However, it appears that there is a surplus of $80 - $100K for the year.

Lin stated the need for a meeting with the House Treasurer,

Lin brought up the gracious letter sent by Brother George Hudler, complimenting the House for the way it pulled together in the wake of recent tragedies.

Lin described for the meeting the third floor bathroom discussion described in the preamble, with an estimated budget of $35K. He also described the carbon monoxide alarm requirement with its budget of $15K. The latter can probably be paid out of operating funds. The bathroom will require capital funds and/or financing.

Lin described a need to secure the potato room in the basement (icebox room). He estimates $2K for weldments, hopefully Code compliant.

Tom Borthwick is willing to refinish the furniture he designed and manufactured. Lin described the need for this and for better coordination of Delta Chi Association committee members with actives to better use and preserve our physical assets (work furniture into pledge program).

Lin expressed thanks to Willis T. King for his generous donation of a letter from Rutherford B. Hayes.

Discussion turned to stairway spindles and safety issues. Apparently there is a gap where the old phone booth used to be on the second floor landing (did not examine – just repeating statement at meeting). This led to the issue of liability, which was discussed in some detail, and would carry over (later) into discussion of nominations.

Jed Schaible - Communications Committee VP and actives monthly update forum for donations 109 members. Would like to have weekly email with monthly VP update, to evolve into donations forum. Bob Platt suggested that we keep traditional email as well as Linked-in for any networking.

Lin emphasized the need to maintain communications among all of us (this is a recurring theme in every organization I belong to)

Lin spoke about Virginia and Alabama, which were apparently able to raise very significant money by approaching the right donor candidates. Pennington Fund Raising was involved.
Nominations

George Nesterczuk presented a proposed slate of nominees, based on the bylaws, organized into three classes of five, with a new class to be elected each year.

3 year term, expiring June 2014
Lin Davidson ‘71
Bill Fogle ‘70
Jay Grzyb ‘81
Kevin Jacobs ‘94
Matt Hyland ‘01

2 year term, expiring June 2013
Gene Pierce ‘67
Bill Houck ‘70
Bob Platt ‘73
Ryan Zimmerman ‘97
Jed Schaible ‘01

1 year term, expiring June 2012
Bob Malatesta ‘55
George Nesterczuk ‘66
Frank Pinter ‘71
Mark St Marie ‘79
Bob Halpin ‘97
Emeritus status (non-voting member)
Tom Borthwick ‘51
Willis King ‘66

Bob Platt moved to put forth the slate at the General Meeting.

This proposal and motion generated several objections, and a great deal of discussion. The following points were brought forth:

Brothers Curran and Schaible were extremely concerned about D&O insurance, and stated that no one of significant means would be willing to serve on the Board without such insurance in substantial amount. Mark St. Marie indicated that member Kevin Jacobs ‘94 would not consider serving without this. Status of National Organization liability policy was unclear at this time.

There was discussion about whether the Board is ready to nominate five new people each year and whether we should skirt the bylaws (for this year), keep to the bylaws or amend the bylaws. It was pointed out that we really needed a thoughtful nominating committee, not an individual or hastily assembled group (i.e. the entire Board) working ad hoc over a period of a couple of days. Technically, we were legal because floor nominees are permitted. It was agreed that we would address this and convene a nominating committee in the coming year, one that would undertake a thoughtful process of evaluation, similar to that undertaken by Jay Gryzb for the scholarships.

Bob Platt amended his motion, to removing Kevin Jacobs for the time being, along with switching his (Bob’s) term with that of Mark St. Marie. The motion was amended again to leave off Jed Schaible until the extent of our insurance coverage is clarified.
Final slate, moved and voted affirmatively, was as follows:

3 year term, expiring June 2014
Lin Davidson ‘71  
Bill Fogle ‘70  
Jay Grzyb ‘81  
Matt Hyland ‘01  

2 year term, expiring June 2013
Gene Pierce ‘67  
Bill Houck ‘70  
Ryan Zimmerman ‘97  
Mark St Marie ‘79  

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Bob Halpin ‘97  

Emeritus status (non-voting member)
Tom Borthwick ‘51  
Willis King ‘66  

It was also agreed that nominations of officers to be presented to the general meeting would consist of the following:

President: Lin Davidson  
Treasurer: Frank Pinter  

Meeting adjourned 3:50 PM  

Respectfully submitted,  
William S. Houck,  
Secretary  

Association Open Meeting Minutes, 11 June 2011  
Held in Ithaca, New York, June 11, 2011  

The meeting was convened at 3:50 PM. Those in attendance consisted of the brothers listed for the Board of Directors meeting plus Sam Daria.  

Minutes from last year and Treasurer’s Report were waived. Business went straight to nominations. Brother Robert Platt "73 made the following nominations:  

3 year term, expiring June 2014  
Lin Davidson ‘71  
Bill Fogle ‘70  
Jay Grzyb ‘81  


Matt Hyland ‘01

2 year term, expiring June 2013
Gene Pierce ‘67
Bill Houck ‘70
Ryan Zimmerman ‘97
Mark St Marie ‘79

1 year term, expiring June 2012
Bob Malatesta ‘55
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Bob Platt ‘73
Bob Halpin ‘97

Emeritus status (non-voting member)
Tom Borthwick ‘51
Willis King ‘66

President: Lin Davidson
Treasurer: Frank Pinter

The Secretary cast one ballot.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:53 PM

Respectfully submitted,
William S. Houck ‘70, Secretary

Post Script: A brief summary of the boiler project

Dear Brothers:

The boiler project experienced a cost overrun of about 170+% (i.e. total cost was 270% of projected). There were several reasons for this, not all related to bad faith on the part of the University. I”m going into this painful subject because I believe there are lessons to be learned and applied to any future capital projects.

The original scope of the project contemplated replacing the 40+ year old single boiler with four tandem units pretty much in the same location, with the extra work of raising the sunken floor and putting the new units to the side (toward building exterior) to allow an egress passage from the bar. This latter item (egress) was to allow greater occupancy of the bar area. The estimates I prepared and which the University staff more or less accepted were based on use of the existing air intake under the front porch/walkway. My original estimates were approximately $100K.

Several things happened in fairly rapid sequence:

We met in April of 2007 to go over schematic design with the University staff. They believed that we needed forced air ducting to provide sufficient combustion air.

The university suggested the idea of moving the new boilers in the opposite direction from that previously proposed (new direction into coal bin), freeing up the entire old boiler room for active
use. This required sheetrock work to create a new fire rated wall to contain the boilers. It also necessitated forced air ducting regardless of whether it would have been needed for replacement in kind. This was a very attractive arrangement (get our egress corridor and create a new room) and we went for it. At this point the projected cost was in the $180’s K range, a reach but justifiable based on the advantages offered.

In order to get the work set up for completion during the immediate summer, we had to agree to start demolition with the University staff right away, so the site would be ready for the (public bid) outside HVAC contractor. This was a mistake, but the alternative was to wait another year and this was not acceptable in the eyes of all, but I should have pushed for it. When you do this (rush) you are pretty much bending over and grabbing your ankles, because you’ve burned your bridges and the contractors bidding on the new installation have you at their mercy.

The job finished up in the $270 K range (note: significant carpentry work was needed to redo the joists under the foyer floor. I do not know if this legitimate and necessary expense was included in the project total, but I believe it was).

If we had waited until the following year we could have tightened up the cost estimates to at least be forewarned, and, we would have had the option of rejecting all bids and rebidding, not building the job, or replacing in kind but raising the floor for egress, etc. This at least would have offered the theoretical possibility of more competitive pricing, especially in a sluggish economy.

So, we agreed to $70-80 K of extras, but the job came in $80 K higher still, partially because of bad cost projecting, partially because we chose to do the job right away rather than wait until winter was over, and partially because field stuff came up. My original estimate may have been crappy too. I don’t know. I did the best I could from an armchair 250 miles away, with the information I had.

We started out to buy a Chevy, tried to upgrade to a Buick and wound up with an Escalade, but paid full sticker price. University prices are high. They charged us $35 K in design fees and a comparable design job on LI, even with a higher priced labor pool, would have been no more, probably somewhat less, etc. One last point: There is a concept known as the construction triangle, with its three points labeled “good”, “fast”, and “cheap”: Pick any two – that’s the best you can expect. We picked fast and we did pretty good in terms of product.

‘Nuff said.

ITB,

Bill Houck
Appendix C — Historical Register Headcount & Legacy Report

The following estimate of chapter headcount is based on registrations by class year. The running 4-year sum for the i-th academic year is the sum of registration counts for brothers in class years i, i+1, i+2 and i+3. It is not corrected for dropouts or 5-year degree matriculates. Data is computed from the MS Excel database used to compose the Historical Register of the Delta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon at Cornell University.

New Members Initiated During 2011-2012 Academic Year

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A study of chapter legacies was conducted based on data from the *Historical Register of the Delta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon at Cornell University, Second Edition*, 6 February 2011: List Of Progenitors and Legacies, pp. 119-134. [http://hdl.handle.net/1813/22227](http://hdl.handle.net/1813/22227). Results are presented in the following histogram.

The above counts include the progenitor and all legacies thereby regardless of ΔKE chapter.

References:
Appendix D — Proposed Resolutions by the Alumni Historian

The following resolutions will be submitted for a vote to the Board of the Delta Chi Association at the 9 June 2012 business meeting in Ithaca NY.

**Call for Publication of a New Chapter and Alumni Operations Handbook**

WHEREAS, the last *Chapter and Alumni Operations Handbook* was published by the Delta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon in 2006 and is now substantially obsolete, and

WHEREAS, said Handbook has value as a turnover file for the Chapter’s undergraduate officers and as a statement of the Chapter’s affairs to the Cornell University administration, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of the Delta Chi Association representing the alumni of the Delta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon hereby calls upon the Alumni Historian to form and lead a committee to collect data for a new *Chapter and Alumni Operations Handbook* and to publish same on the Cornell University Library eCommons@Cornell internet website.

See the following links for the last two Handbooks.

2006: [http://hdl.handle.net/1813/3931](http://hdl.handle.net/1813/3931)
1995: [http://hdl.handle.net/1813/3314](http://hdl.handle.net/1813/3314)

Cf. Christopher Lewis Leyen 2013 e-mail to HWF, Thu 3/8/2012 7:58 PM

**Call for Funding of Alumni Historian Activities**

WHEREAS the Alumni Historian has collected various documents and materials pertaining to the history of the Delta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon that are worthy of preservation, but are no longer required for immediate reference, and

WHEREAS the ΔKE Depository (Collection 37-4-1535) has been established in the Cornell University Libraries, Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections, Carl A. Kroch Library, Ithaca NY, for the purpose of preserving the papers and artifacts of the Chapter, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Delta Chi Association budget for a sum not to exceed $300 for the cataloging, preparation and shipping of selected documents and materials to said ΔKE Depository during the forthcoming fiscal year.

**Discussion of Photograph Cataloging Task**

During the course of preparing chapters for the Nineteen-thirties and -forties that will continue the narrative history of Delta Chi, the Alumni Historian investigated the circumstances surrounding the deaths of brothers lost during the nation’s wars of the last century. An unhappy pattern for the military aviators soon became apparent.

Most brothers who have lined up for dinner in the entry hall of the chapter’s lodge know that Brother Clayton Caskey Ingersoll 1918 lost his life in France during World War I; the memorial to him is the bronze plaque mounted in the mantle designed by Brother Charles Baskerville, Jr. 1919 who also served with distinction in that conflict. That plaque recalls the story of how Germany resumed unrestricted submarine warfare in the Atlantic during January of 1917 and the consequent April entry of the United States into the European conflict that had been raging since 1914. It was just one month later that Ingersoll cut short his studies and began military training that would lead to his commission as a First Lieutenant, U. S. Army Reserve (Signal Corps, Aviation Section). He completed training in the States, sailed for England in February 1918 with his unit, the 27th Aero Squadron, entered the continent at LaHavre a few weeks later, and reached the muddy aviation training center of Issodun, France, on 29 March 1918. Within a month Ingersoll was dead—killed in the crash of his Nieuport trainer aircraft at Flying Field #5 on 26 April and quickly buried at Flying Field #13. His funeral was observed by Brother Alton Fletcher Baker 1916 who was serving nearby in the Convoi d’Artillerie Automobile (Convoy of Motorised Artillery).

Exactly what happened to Ingersoll is unclear. Ten years later Baker wrote, “Clayton crashed early one morning when a fog rolled up suddenly without warning, catching him in it. He tried to make a blind landing against odds that proved insurmountable.” This contradicts the surviving accident report:

Pilot was finishing his fourth spiral with 1580 hp machine. He came out of the spiral at 500 maters, as ordered, and made for the back of the landing circle. He was apparently in fine position to turn a wide slow turn to the right and make the circle ascending to orders, but instead turned to the left, which necessitated a sharp turn to return to landing circle. On this turn, machine lost speed, stalled and went into a vrille [spin] at 150 to 200 feet altitude, making one turn, then going into a nose dive and crashing into the ground with terrible force.

Ingersoll probably had very few hours of solo flight time in the Nieuport (most likely the Model #21). He died, a fortnight shy of his 22nd birthday, never seeing the angry skies of the Western Front.

Less than two years later a U.S. Navy Department official, would inform the Cornell Dekes of another tragic mishap. An excerpt from that letter follows.

It is with greatest regret that I write to inform you that Lieutenant Gwendell Barden Newman, U.S.M.C., died Monday evening, February 2nd, 1920, at the Naval Hospital, Washington D.C., from blood poisoning, which set in after he had apparently recovered from injuries received in an airplane accident.

“Curley” Newman, as he was known to his friends at Cornell, was born on March 17th, 1894, at Springfield, Mass. He spent four years at Cornell University, College of Civil Engineering, entering with the Class of 1916. While there he was a member of Delta Kappa
Epsilon fraternity, Rod and Bob, and made the Varsity Track Team. Upon leaving Cornell, he immediately entered the flying game and was with the Dayton-Wright Company as engineer and test pilot for some time. He was one of the engineers on the board that designed the Liberty motor. Later, in 1917 he became an instructor in flying for the Army at Mineola, L.I., N.Y. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps at the Marine Flying Field, Miami, Fla., on July 25th, 1918. On January 29th, 1919, he was promoted to first lieutenant. Later he was assigned to the Bureau of Construction and Repair, Navy Department, Washington, D.C., as test pilot on all planes for the Navy. In October 1919 he participated in the Trans-Continental race, flying from New York to San Francisco, where he was forced out of the race on account of cracked engine cylinders.

On December 31st, 1919, he tested a small monoplane which was intended for shipboard use. What happened is best described in Lieutenant Newman’s statement made after the crash. He said in part:

“After the motor had been warmed up, I got into the plane, and had some difficulty in taxiing [sic] to the other end of the field on account of adverse wind conditions.

“When I gave her the gun, the tail went up immediately although I pulled the stick clear back. She took off in a very short distance and I leveled off a few feet above the ground. Then I tried climbing and turning, very slowly at first; then I tried some flipper turns. The controls worked easily, except that I noticed a sluggishness in the flipper controls.

“When I went into the spin, I was attempting to determine the stalling point. The plane snapped off into a left hand spin. The rudder answered nicely, but the flippers did not pull the nose up. I seemed to have better control with the motor on than off. I cut my motor once, but put it on again and kept it on.

“Seeing that I could not get the nose up in time to prevent the crash, I put one wing down to take the shock of the crash.”

Lieutenant Newman’s injuries as a result of the accident were a broken nose and a fractured foot. He apparently recovered and left the hospital, but blood poisoning set in and resulted in his death. It was rather a coincidence that on December 31st, 1918, exactly one year previous, and at the same hour, Lieutenant Newman had a crash at Miami, Fla.

The deaths of Ingersoll and Newman were tragic, but Brother Archibald Cyrus Edson Gregory 1919, Senior Lieutenant, Canadian Royal Flying Corps, would suffer worse following his August 1918 crash of an aircraft in England that would leave him hospitalized until September 1933, first abroad, then in Canada where surgeons excised all of his left ribs. That same year he returned to Cornell to study law, taking his meals at the Deke House. He graduated from the Law School with honors in June 1934, passed the New York State bar examination on the first go, and joined the White Plains NY practice of Kent, Hazzard and Jaeger. Within six months, he was dead, stricken with pneumonia attributed to his war-wounded constitution.

World War II would provide more opportunities for mishaps. Brother William Hunt Eisenman, Jr. 1943 did not let “defective vision” rejections from the Cornell R.O.T.C., the U. S. Army and the Canadian Air Corps authorities stop him. He equipped himself with primitive contact lenses, won his Commercial Pilot’s License from the Dallas Aviation School, and obtained a coveted Instrument Rating. This earned him a commission in the U. S. Air Transport Command and assignment to the 74th Ferrying Squadron. So it was that on the clear night of 28 May 1943 that Captain Robert E. McIntyre, pilot, and Second Lieutenant Eisenman, copilot, were on the last leg of a mission to ferry a C-46A Commando cargo aircraft from Buffalo NY to the West coast. They had very little sleep that day when the aircraft in level flight impacted a mountain near Conifer CO, killing both. The investigating board surmised that “after leaving Lincoln, Nebraska, the automatic pilot was
employed to fly the airplane; that the pilot and copilot were both asleep or dozing when the airplane passed Denver, the beacon line, and crashed.”

Two weeks later Brother George Frederick Hewitt III 1943, Ensign USNR, was killed when his F6F-3 Hellcat fighter aircraft was struck in mid-air by another F6F-3 piloted by his instructor, Lieutenant Junior Grade Foster Miller Fargo USNR. The Hellcats were practicing coordinated attacks on a flight of six TBF-1 Avenger torpedo bombers 13,500 feet above Moyock NC. According to the surviving Aircraft Trouble Analysis, “The squadron doctrine called for one section of two fighters to attack from the starboard beam, and the other section to make an attack from the port beam about 3 or 4 seconds later. Both sections were to recover on the opposite beam and repeat attack. Thus the sections would alternately attack from the starboard and port beams.” Apparently Fargo attacked a mite too soon on one pass; the collision at the cross-over point took his life as well. George Hewitt was a Deke legacy, son of Brother George Frederick Hewitt, Jr. 1910. Fargo was Yale 1940, member of Saint Anthony Hall and scion of a powerful New York family.

Three days before Japan’s surrender was announced, Pledge Brother John Talman Whiting, Jr. 1941, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Force, and a civilian, Roger Fred Wilson, perished in the crash of a two-seat PT-19 trainer aircraft at Thompson Field, San Marcos TX, shortly after take-off. No report of the accident investigation has survived for this 12 August 1945 tragedy and no cause may be surmised. ΔKE Brother William Bradford Whiting 1942 was serving in the U.S. Army Field Artillery in the ETO at the time of his sibling’s fatal accident.

Brother Edward Livingston Feakes 1949 enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Force, completed stateside training as a bombardier in January 1944 and reached England as a First Lieutenant by September of that year. We know nothing about his service in the war zone, but it must have been brief. His story continues at Cornell where he registered for the fall 1945 academic term, picked up the nickname “Lush,” affiliated with the famous Kappa Beta Phi drinking club, and became an initiated Deke on 4 May 1946. The Korean War broke out in 1951 and Feakes was called back to active duty to serve with the 728th Bomber Squadron. His fate is recorded in the following report from the U. S. Department of Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office.

Lieutenant Feakes was one of two navigators aboard a B-26B “Invader” that departed Pusan East Air Base late on August 25, 1951, flying an armed night reconnaissance mission over a major supply route between Peckchow (aka “Haeju”) and Chaeryong. The last radio contact received from the aircraft was a routine check-in radio transmission with the Tactical Air Control Center. The crew reported “situation normal” as they proceeded to the target area. At that time, Lieutenant Feakes’ aircraft was just south of Haeju. Once it was determined that his aircraft was overdue, Air-Sea Rescue conducted an extensive search over land and water. Other B-26s and fighter aircraft in the area were also diverted from returning to base to search for signs of the downed aircraft. Other aircraft operating in the area were instructed to monitor the emergency radio frequency in an effort to pick up a distress signal from a downed, but surviving crew member. All search efforts proved unsuccessful.

Feakes was declared lost on the following day and recorded as deceased, effective 31 December 1953.

Our first casualty of the Cold War was Brother St. Clair McKelway, Jr. 1952, son of the famous New Yorker writer of the same name, and himself the Editor-in-Chief of the Cornell Widow. He completed his studies at Cornell, obtained his commission as a First Lieutenant, U. S. Air Force, and trained to fly the H-19B Chickasaw rescue helicopter. McKelway was at the controls of such a
machine during a training flight from Bordeaux-Mérignac to the Arcachon-Casaux area in France on 3 June 1954 when a sudden mid-air structural failure occurred. Witnesses stated that, “A main rotor blade became detached; there were several explosions; smoke came from the aircraft; the tail rotor parted from the aircraft; the aircraft burned after impact with the ground.” McKelway, his co-pilot and two enlisted crew members died in the wreckage.

Back in Ithaca, the chapter voted to add McKelway’s name to the now lost George Harmon Coxe III 1953 Memorial Plaque for “the Brother most outstanding in Journalism on the hill.” In December, the editorial staff of the Cornell Widow dedicated the 60th anniversary edition of that journal in his honor.

Brother Frederick Ernest Weicker, Jr. 1955 obtained his commission in the Naval Reserve, completed flight training and was designated as a Naval Aviator on 18 December 1957. He accumulated 574 flight hours of which 350 hours were in jet aircraft—150 hours in the Douglas F4D Skyray fighter, and a total of eight carrier landings, all in the North American Aviation T-28 Trojan piston-engine trainer aircraft, but none in the F4D. The accident investigation report tells the story of his last flight.

On 1 December 1958 at 1210R, LTJG Frederick E. WEICKER was launched from the starboard catapult of the USS FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT (CVA-42) in F4D-1, BuNo 134901. Carrier landing qualifications was the purpose of this flight. The pilot had been instructed to make two touch-and-go landings prior to commencing arrestments. On his first pass, using the mirror approach system, the aircraft was given a wave-off because of insufficient straightaway in the groove. On his second approach, the pilot made a touch-and-go landing on which he landed short of #2 wire by about 15 feet. (#1 wire had been removed permanently). Flying downwind for his second touch-and-go landing the pilot reported an intermittent fire warning light. As the aircraft approached the 90° position, a steady fire warning light was reported, and he requested permission to drop the hook for an arrested landing. Permission was given to make an arrested landing by the Assistant Air Officer.

The pattern flown was considered normal until the aircraft started to settle below the desired glide slope. The LSO requested that power the added and the pilot responded properly. After the correction was taken, the pilot apparently reduced power, and the aircraft commenced to settle once more. The LSO transmitted by radio the words “add power” repeatedly and flashed the wave-off lights on the mirror. The aircraft continued its approach with no apparent application of power or attempt at waving off. The main landing gear, after fuselage, and tailhook struck the “round down” about 2½ feet below the flight deck. The tailhook and after portion of the fuselage separated from the aircraft immediately after contact. The aircraft continued up the deck in an attempt to become airborne. JP fuel and dense white smoke were noted pouring from the aft lower portion of the fuselage. The aircraft left the upwind end of the angle deck in a take-off attitude with left wing down. Some thrust was being delivered by the engine, since flight was continued for at least two hundred yards. The pilot flared the aircraft and made what looked like an ideal entry into the water. Upon contact with the water, with landing gear extended, the aircraft flipped tail over nose. As the vertical plane was reached, similar to a 90° dive, the aircraft exploded and sank. Portions of the pilot’s helmet (APH-5) and other small debris were recovered by the helicopter and plane-guard destroyer, enclosure (9). The pilot was not recovered.

KITTY HAWK (CVA-63) in an armed A6A Intruder to strike against a cave storage complex near Vinh, North Vietnam. The aircraft was lost, presumably to a surface-to-air missile. All recovery searches were futile.

The bodies of Feakes, Weicker and Perisho were never recovered, but the remains of the other ill-fated fliers have been traced. Ingersoll was disinterred from his resting place in France and returned to his home in Rockford IL for burial. Gregory is buried at Fairview Cemetery, Red Bank NJ. Eisenman’s remains were returned to his Cleveland OH family and interred in Knollwood Cemetery. The graves of Hewitt and McKelway can be found at Arlington National Cemetery VA. Whiting is buried in the family plot at Washington Memorial Chapel Cemetery in Valley Forge PA.

The grief of the families should never be forgotten. We know that Ingersoll left behind a fiancée, Mary Katherine Nelson, in his Illinois hometown. Eisenman’s plan to marry debutante Virginia Louise Fullinwider of Dallas TX, on 3 June 1943 was derailed by his death less than a week earlier. Whiting’s father had hoped that both of his Deke sons would survive the war only to lose the younger one just as Japan surrendered. Weicker and Perisho left behind recent brides, Jane Maverick Welsch of Corpus Christi TX and Miss Ruth Ann Bueter of Quincy MA, respectively, both expecting children whom the aviators would never see.

The Alumni Historian will be pleased to send his complete study, “ΔX of ΔKE Research Note #25: Deke Aviation Losses, Military” (118 p. at present, with citations), to anyone who is interested in further data. Reply to bill.fogle@cox.net.


The names of the ten Cornell Dekes who lost their lives in military aviation accidents follow.

2. Clayton Caskey Ingersoll ‘18, 1st Lieutenant, U. S. Army Signal Corps (Aviation)
3. Archibald Cyrus Edson Gregory ‘19, Lieutenant, Royal Flying Corps (Canada)
9. Frederick Ernest Weicker, Jr. ‘55, Lieutenant (Junior Grade), U. S. Naval Reserve, SN: 526791

Available photographs follow.
Left to right: Ingersoll & Newman

Left to right: Feakes & Whiting

Left to right: Weicker & Eisenman (w/ parents)
Left to right: Hewitt & Eisenman
Appendix F — ΔKE Data in Cornell University Class of 1944 Web Page

The following data appeared in the Class of 1944 Web Page.

http://classof44.alumni.cornell.edu/Pages/glory_years/glory_years_002.html


Right: 1LT J. Russell Geib, USA -- Military Intel Officer with OSS and Chinese guerrillas in central China -- CBI -- 1942-45
http://classof44.alumni.cornell.edu/Pages/glory_years1/glory_years_002_cap.html
Appendix G — ΔX of ΔKE Research Notes (Unpublished)

A series of forty-five unpublished ΔX of ΔKE Research Notes have been prepared. These preliminary collections, frequently updated, include some copyright controlled material. Dates indicate the most recent revision of the note.

- Note #01: Brother Webb Cook Hayes ‘76 (1856-1934), 30 October 2006
- Note #02: William Henry Miller (1848-1922), Architect, 17 September 2006
- Note #03: Queen of the Woods, 19 August 2006
- Note #04: Kappa Beta Phi, 16 May 2011
- Note #05: Playboy Magazine and the Cornell Dekes, 20 June 2010
- Note #06: Anti-Coedism Philosophy and Mores, 7 May 2011
- Note #07: Brother Fred Baker ‘74 (1854-1938), 2 September 2006
- Note #08: Brother Jordan Honecker Lamb ‘39 Bequest, 15 July 2010
- Note #09: Restoration of Memorial Windows & LaBonte Dedication, 15 August 2006
- Note #10: Brother Clinton Eugene Strong ‘93 Memorial Window, 27 August 2006
- Note #12: Dinner for Two, 29 October 2006
- Note #13: Muskrat Ramblers, 28 October 2006
- Note #14: Anthology of Deke House Routines, 4 January 2011
- Note #15: Thievery by Sigma Phi, 12 January 2007
- Note #16: Deke House Study Name Plates, 03 October 2006
- Note #17: Howard Winchester Hawks ‘18 (1896-1977), 24 January 2011
- Note #18: Newspaper and Magazine Clippings (1930-1949), 11 May 2010
- Note #19: Maher-Weadon Student Campaign (1967-68), 21 June 2010
- Note #20: East Hill Supply Company, 2 August 2010
- Note #21: Gus the Greek, 8 June 2011
- Note #22: Communal Dining in the Cornell Deke House, 1966-70, 15 February 2011
- Note #23: Rush in the Nineteen-Sixties, 20 June 2010
- Note #24: World War II, 5 June 2011
- Note #25: Deke Aviation Losses, 8 June 2011
- Note #26: House Renovations of the Nineteen-Sixties, 18 December 2010
- Note #27: Cornelius Vanderbilt 3rd, 2 May 2011
- Note #28: Ingersoll 1918 Memorial Booklet, 17 November 2010
- Note #29: Tragic Early Deaths of Cornell Dekes, 30 May 2011
- Note #30: Celebrity Appearances at the Cornell Deke House, 16 December 2010
- Note #31: John L. Sheary, Mysterious Visitor, 4 January 2011
- Note #32: Brothers in the Armed Services, 1975 to Present, 13 May 2011
- Note #33: Brother Edward Austin Rogers 1942 (1920–2003), 13 July 2011
- Note #34: Books By and About Cornell Dekes, 18 May 2012
- Note #35: CBB Committee Notes and Message Log, 15 March 2012
- Note #36: Brother Tallmadge Hepburn Brereton 1900 (1878–1906), 9 Sept 2011
- Note #37: Aviators Memorial Committee Notes and Message Log, 7 June 2012
This series of studies may be accessed at the following link using ID and password codes that the Alumni Historian will forward to any initiated member.

https://skydrive.live.com/

These notes are also available upon e-mail request directed to the Association’s Alumni Historian: bill.fogle@cox.net.
Appendix H — Errata and Corrections to the *Historical Register, Second Edition*

Llewellyn Elsbree, Cornell 1873

The correct spelling of Llewellyn Elsbree 1873 (i. 11-Feb-1870 DX #10, d. 31-Mar-1887), RESIGNED, 22 February 1870, was determined by examination of Cornell University Alumni records.

Sigmund Meyer Lehman, Cornell 1879

b. 19-Feb-1859 at Montgomery AL,  
i. 8-Oct-1875 DX #57,  
d. 7-Apr-1930, age 71 at Paris, France  
Member, Lehman Bros. (Investment Bank), 1879-1908  

*New York Times*, April 8, 1930: S.M. LEHMAN DIES SUDDENLY IN PARIS; Retired International Banker and Brother of Lieutenant Governor Was 71. A GRADUATE OF CORNELL; Entered Family Business in 1879 and Remained Until 1908 —Traveled Much Since Then.

The Scottsdale Public Library was able to determine the birthdate of Brother Sigmund Mayer Lehman 1879.

- Passport Applications, 1795-1925  
  Name: Sigmund M Lehman  
  Birth Date: 19 Feb 1859  
  Birth Place: Montgomery, Alabama  
  Age: 50  
  Gender: Male  
  Residence: New York City, New York  
  Passport Issue Date: 5 Feb 1910  
  Spouse Name: Harriet  
  Passport Includes a Photo: No

Source Citation: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA); Washington D.C.; Passport Applications, January 2, 1906 - March 31, 1925; Collection Number: ARC Identifier 583830 / MLR Number A1 534; NARA Series: M1490; Roll #: 100.


David P. Rosenberg, M.P.A., Reference Services Librarian, Center for Jewish History (15 W 16th St., New York, NY 10011, 212 294 8301 ext. 1096, drosenberg@cjh.org) identified the following source material.

Jeffrey Sean Lehman (b. 1 August 1956), former president of Cornell University (2003-2005), confirmed that he is unrelated to ΔKE Brother Sigmund Meyer Lehman 1878, the New York City investment banker. Cf. Jeff Lehman e-mail to HWF, March 30, 2012 5:09 PM.

Leonard Herbert Swett, Cornell 1890

Attended CU from 1888 to 1903.


Swett, Leonard Herbert (Swett, Herbert) 89 Sp C Fort Collins Colo
Sp = special course
C = civil engineering course
Appendix I — Miscellaneous Data and Bibliography

New York Times Notice, 1888

THE DELTA CHI ASSOCIATION.
The Delta Chi Association has been incorporated. Its Directors are Julius Chambers, Sidney H. Soule, John De Witt Warner, Henry A. Montfort, Edwin Gillette, Emilus O. Randall, Frederick M. Stevens, Daniel J. Tompkins, W. J. Thompson, Daniel O. Barto, Sigmund M. Lehman, John F. Hamilton, James Ward Warner, Herbert D. Schenck, Rollin O. Horr. The articles of incorporation say that the objects of the association are social, the maintenance of a clubhouse, and the promotion of the interests of Cornell University.

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References to Delta Kappa Epsilon by F. Scott Fitzgerald (1896 – 1940)
The AH researched the meaning of the word “Buttons” that is used by F. Scott Fitzgerald in the short story, “Pat Hobby’s College Days,” published in Esquire (May 1941). The passage follows.

The door to the conference room opened and closed tentatively. No one came out but Pat sat up and readied himself. Representing the fourth biggest industry in America, or almost representing it, he must not let a bunch of highbrows stare him down. He was not without an inside view of higher education — in his early youth he had once been the ‘Buttons’ in the DKE House at the University of Pennsylvania. And with encouraging chauvinism he assured himself that Pennsylvania had it over this pioneer enterprise like a tent.

Dr. Michael J McCann e-mail to HWF, Thursday, February 23, 2012 4:34 AM
It seems obvious to me what “Buttons” means. You will find, in English Pantomime, a character, “Buttons” who is dressed in a uniform of a page boy with rows of buttons, hence the name. He is nominally a ‘gofer’ in American parlance though his access and inclinations give him a different role than that of a lowly serf. What he was doing the DKE house I can but conjecture. Cheers, Mike.
Buttons is the name of a character in the Cinderella pantomime. Buttons is the servant of Cinderella’s father, Baron Hardup, and is Cinderella’s friend. He is often in love with Cinderella and is constantly trying to express his feelings to her, only for her to remain unaware of his love for her or she simply replies she loves him only as the brother she never had. He is often dressed in a traditional red or blue bellboy’s costume with polished buttons down his front and a pillbox hat. Before he gained his set name, he was called Chips or Pedro. The name Buttons came from the nickname given to Victorian pageboys, whose costume the pantomime character wears.

Excerpts from “Presumption” by F. Scott Fitzgerald (Saturday Evening Post, 9 January 1926).

[The hero, San Juan Chandler, is pursuing the desirable Noel Garneau]

There was one girl, a sharp, pretty blonde named Holly Morgan, with whom he had spent some facetiously sentimental hours the day before, and in order to show Noel that he had been able to take care of himself before her return he made a point of talking aside to Holly Morgan. Holly was not responsive. Juan was Noel’s property, and though Holly liked him, she did not like him nearly well enough to annoy Noel.

“What time do you want me for dinner, Noel?” she asked.


Juan felt a twinge of disappointment. He had thought that he and Noel were to be alone for dinner; that afterward they would have a long talk on the dark verandah and he would kiss her lips as he had upon that never-to-be-forgotten Montana night, and give her his D.K.E. pin to wear. Perhaps the others would leave early—he had told Holly Morgan of his love for Noel; she should have sense enough to know.

The girls went upstairs. Juan and Billy Harper smoked.

“She certainly is attractive,” broke out Juan suddenly, his repression bursting into words.

“Who? Noel?”

“Yes.”

“She’s a nice girl,” agreed Harper gravely.

Juan fingered the D.K.E. pin in his pocket.

“She’s wonderful,” he said. “I like Holly Morgan pretty well—I was handing her a sort of line yesterday afternoon—but Noel’s really the most attractive girl I ever knew.”

Harper looked at him curiously, but Juan, released from the enforced and artificial smile of dinner, continued enthusiastically: “Of course it’s silly to fool with two girls. I mean, you’ve got to be careful not to get in too deep.”
“You must come to a prom at college,” he said suddenly. “Why don’t you? It’s a small college, but we have the best bunch in our house and the proms are fun.”
“I’d love it.”
“You’d only have to meet the people in our house.”
“What’s that?”
“D.K.E.” He drew the pin from his pocket. “See?”
Holly examined it, laughed and handed it back.

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Time passed. Holly played the piano. Noel took a ukulele from the top of the piano, strummed it and hummed. Billy Harper turned the pages of the music. Juan listened, restless, unamused. Then they sauntered out into the dark garden, and finding himself beside Noel at last, Juan walked her quickly ahead until they were alone.

“Noel,” he whispered, “here’s my Deke pin. I want you to have it.”
She looked at him expressionlessly.

“I saw you offering it to Holly Morgan,” she said.

“Noel,” he cried in alarm, “I wasn’t offering it to her. I just showed it to her. Why, Noel, do you think—”

“You invited her to the prom.”

“I didn’t. I was just being nice to her.”
The others were close behind. She took the Deke pin quickly and put her finger to his lips in a facile gesture of caress.
He did not realize that she had not been really angry about the pin or the prom, and that his unfortunate egotism was forfeiting her interest.

References to Delta Kappa Epsilon by Norman Kingsley Mailer (1923 – 2007)

“A Cornell man, a Deke, a perfect ass-hole. He was six feet two and weighed about a hundred and sixty pounds, with straight ash-blond hair cut close, ...”

Early usage of the term “Deke” meaning Delta Kappa Epsilon
This research was conducted for the Fraternity headquarters staff.
The Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly, Volume 4, Issue 2 (January 1886), p. 163: “In short, the DKE version of the Phi-Deke-Sig trouble is that the Phis were too moral, that the Sigs were too immoral,
and that the DKE’s were just moral enough.”


*New York Times*, 14 November 1908: BROTHERS IN D.K.E DINE AT WALDORF; Seven Hundred Members of the Fraternity Gather from All Over the Country. TAFT AND ROOSEVELT WRITE President Praises the Body of Which He Is a Member and Decries Attempts to Stir Class Hatred.

“...both of whom are ‘Dekes’.”

“...President Roosevelt, who is an Alpha Delta Phi as well as a ‘Deke’.”

*New York Times*, 19 December 1909: DISCOVERER PEARY HAILED BY D.K.E’S; Five Hundred Sing and Shout His Praises at a Welcome-Back Dinner SILVER LOVING CUP FOR HIM Everything About the Dinner Suggestive of the Polar Dash and the Arctic.”

“The occasion was a dinner served in the new grand ballroom of the Hotel Astor, bringing together more than 500 ‘dekes’ to the tables, and just as many D.K.E. sisters and cousins who looked on from the boxers above.”

“...without which no ‘Deke’ celebration is completed.”

“When it came to the songs, those 500 ‘Dekes’ made the ballroom ring.”

**Etymological Studies**

The words Hall, Refectory and Swing were considered. Source: Benjamin Homer Hall. *A Collection of College Words and Customs*. Revised And Enlarged Edition. 1856.

**HALL.** A college or large edifice belonging to a collegiate institution.—*Webster*. 2. A collegiate body in the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge. In the former institution a hall differs from a college, in that halls are not incorporated; consequently, whatever estate or other property they possess is held in trust by the University. In the latter, colleges and halls are synonymous.—*Cam. and Oxf. Calendars*. “In Cambridge,” says the author of the Collegian’s Guide, “the halls stand on the same footing as the colleges, but at Oxford they did not, in my time, hold by any means so high a place in general estimation. Certainly those halls which admit the outcasts of other colleges, and of those alone I am now speaking, used to be precisely what one would expect to find them; indeed, I had rather that a son of mine should forego a university education altogether, than that he should have so sorry a counterfeit of academic advantages as one of these halls affords.”—p. 172. “All the Colleges at Cambridge,” says Bristed, “have equal privileges and rights, with the solitary exception of King’s, and though some of them are called Halls, the difference is merely one of name. But the Halls at Oxford, of which there are five, are not incorporated bodies, and have no vote in University matters, indeed are but a sort of boarding-houses at which students may remain until it is time for them to take a degree. I dined at one of those establishments; it was very like an officers’ mess. The men had their own wine, and did not wear their gowns, and the only Don belonging to the Hall was
not present at table. There was a tradition of a chapel belonging to the concern, but no one present knew where it was. This Hall seemed to be a small Botany Bay of both Universities, its members made up of all sorts of incapables and incorrigibles.”—Five Years in an Eng. Univ., Ed. 2d, pp. 140, 141. 3. At Cambridge and Oxford, the public eating-room. I went into the public “hall” [so is called in Oxford the public eating-room].—De Quincey’s Life and Manners, p. 231. Dinner is, in all colleges, a public meal, taken in the refectory or “hall” of the society.—Ibid., p. 273. 4. At the University of Cambridge, Eng., dinner, the name of the place where the meal is taken being given to the meal itself. Hall lasts about three quarters of an hour.—Bristed’s Five Year in an Eng. Univ., Ed. 2d, p. 20. After Hall is emphatically lounging-time, it being the wise practice of Englishmen to attempt no hard exercise, physical or mental, immediately after a hearty meal.—Ibid., p. 21. It is not safe to read after Hall (i.e. after dinner).—Ibid., p. 331.

REFECTORY. At Oxford, Eng., the place where the members of each college or hall dine. This word was originally applied to an apartment in convents and monasteries, where a moderate repast was taken.—Brande. In Oxford there are nineteen colleges and five halls, containing dwelling-rooms for the students, and a distinct refectory or dining-hall, library, and chapel to each college and hall.—Oxf. Guide, 1847, p. xvi. At Princeton College, this name is given to the hall where the students eat together in common.—Abbreviated REFEC.

SWING. At several American colleges, the word swing is used for coming out with a secret society badge; 1st, of the society, to swing out the new men; and, 2d, of the men, intransitively, to swing, or to swing out, i.e. to appear with the badge of a secret society. Generally, to swing out signifies to appear in something new. The new members have “swung out,” and all again is harmony.—Sophomore Independent, Union College, Nov. 1854.

Bibliography


“Animal House” endures, I think, because this spirit is so antithetical to Wormer’s heirs, the moral regulators on the left and right who run America’s institutions of higher education and want to choose for everyone what is supposed to be valuable or appropriate to their college experience. An unregulated group like a fraternity is a threat to their control —even as the reality, in my view, is that the people who don’t take college so seriously go on to much better things than the ones holed up making grades. Anyhow, it’s hard not to pity the underprivileged who obey and will never remember what might have been the
greatest night of their lives.


*The Cornellian*, 1871-72, pp. 9 and 20

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Deke House Clock Restoration

Brother Stephen Philip Spagnola e-mail to HWF, Sun 4/29/2012 5:30 PM

Brother Avraham Aisenberg ‘09 was in charge of the restoration and used the following firm in Syracuse: The Clock Doctor, 54 Washington Avenue, Endicott, New York 13760

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Appendix J — Chapter Kitchen/Dining Operations

1. Dining Capacity.
   a. Refectory: Four tables with chairs seating forty, total.
   b. Kitchen: One table seating one.

2. Meals Served and Customs.

   Breakfast, weekdays: none.
   Breakfast, weekends: none.

   Lunch, weekdays (Monday-Thursday), 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
   Lunch, weekends: none.

   Dinner, weekdays (Monday-Thursday), 6:00 PM.
   Dinner, weekends (Sunday only), 6:00 PM.

   Fare, Lunches: A soup and a main dish. Main dishes typically include buffalo chicken wraps on Tuesdays and calzones on Thursdays. Mondays and Wednesdays are usually different. Other dishes include gyros, macaroni and cheese, and pad Thai. Every lunch, a breakfast burrito or hamburger can be obtained by request.

   Fare, Dinners: Italian dishes on Mondays, Mexican on Tuesdays, Asian on Wednesdays.

   Beverages, all meals: milk, fruit juices (orange & apple), iced tea and carbonated soft drinks.

   Dress code for brothers dining: No hats.
   Customs: No swearing or cell phone allowed.

3. Staffing (full time and casual).
   a. One cook: Travis Ferrell
   b. Two dishwashers: Brothers Joshua Loya Sweet ‘14 and Collin Cameron Peters ‘14

4. Appliances Located in Pantry, 1st Floor Level.

   **Beverage Dispenser.**
   SERVEND (Manitowoc Beverage Systems, Sellersburg, IN) Post-mix Countertop Electric/Juice Dispenser, Model CEV-301, s/n 03KT0340741.

   **Bread Toaster.**
   TOASTMASTER (McGraw Electric, Boonville, MO) Bread Toaster, 4-Slice, Model D1050B, s/n 442A.
Dishwasher.
JACKSON MSC, INC. (Enodis, Barbourville KY), Electrically Heated Round Dishmachine, Model 10AB, s/n 43416.

Ice Maker.
MANITOWOC (Sellersburg IN) Undercounter Ice Cube Machine, Model QY0214A, s/n 991062455.

Microwave Oven.
SHARP ELECTRONICS CORP. (Mahwah NJ), Countertop Microwave Oven, Model R-230KW Carousel (800 W), s/n 615199.

Microwave Oven.
GENERAL ELECTRIC CO. (Louisville KY), Countertop Microwave Oven, .7 Cu. Ft. Capacity, Model JES737WM02 (700 w), S/N ZR398581U.

Milk Dispenser.
NORRIS DISPENSERS, INC. (Plymouth MN), Refrigerated Milk Dispenser, Model N-15-5M Super Manhattan, s/n 14685R.

Refrigerator.
ARCTIC AIR (Broich Enterprises, Inc., Eden Prairie, MN), 22 cu. ft., One-section Reach-in Refrigerator, Model R22CWF6, s/n WA12101690.
info@arcticairco.com

Salad/Sandwich Cold Service Unit.
TURBO AIR (Carson CA) 48” Sandwich Salad Prep Cooler, Model MST-48, s/n MST-48M54T611041.
5. Appliances Located in Kitchen, Basement Floor Level.

   **Coffee Maker.**
   BUNN-O-MATIC CORPORATION (Springfield IL) Low Profile Pourover Coffee Brewer with 3 Lower Warmers, Model VP17-3, s/n VP17158617.

   **Convection Oven.**
   SOUTHBEND (Middleby Corp., Fuquay-Varina, NC). Nameplate illegible.

   **Freezer.**
   McCALL REFRIGERATION (Manitowoc, Parsons TN), Model MCCF25-5, s/n 1008152001076.

   **Freezer.**
   MANITOWOC Koolaire. Nameplate may be behind unit.

   **Fryer, Deep Fat.**
   FRYMASTER/DEAN (Manitowoc, Shreveport, LA) 43 lb., Tube-type Gas-fired Fryer, Model SR42GN, s/n 1110MA0513.

   **Grill.**
   STAR MANUFACTURING INTERNATIONAL INC. (St. Louis MO) Gas-fired Charbroiler Grill, Model STAR-MAX 6036CBB, s/n 6L360224.

   **Milk Dispenser.**
   SILVER KING (Minneapolis MN) Imperial Bulk Milk Dispenser, Model SK2IMP, s/n SRB39657M.

   **Mixer.**
   HOBART CORP. (Troy OH) Mixer, Model A200, s/n 11-271-254.

   **Range/oven.**
   SOUTHBEND (Middleby Corp., Fuquay-Varina, NC). Nameplate may be behind unit.
Refrigerator.
MANITOWOC 2-door stainless reach-in roll-in refrigerator, Model AV2S, s/n 990670038.

Refrigerator.
U/I. Nameplate may be behind unit.


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