

DELTA KAPPA EPSILON FRATERNITY

Delta Chi Chapter at Cornell University
Office of the Alumni Historian

Report of the Alumni Historian, 2009

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 6 June 2009 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 2008-09 Activities. Efforts to support the organization during the past year are summarized below.

- “Articles of Governance: Effective and in Force on 29 January 2009” was completed and released in <http://ecommons.library.cornell.edu/>. Cf. <http://hdl.handle.net/1813/11800>
- DX of DKE Special Study #08, “Overt Mottos of the ΔKE Fraternity and Chapters,” was substantially completed, but revision for issue will not be accomplished until later in CY2009.

Respectfully Submitted,

H. William Fogle, Jr.
Alumni Historian, ΔX of ΔKE

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Appendix A — eCommons@Cornell Document Holdings

Twenty-nine documents registered in the Cornell University eCommons website are listed by title and issue data. The site may be entered at <http://ecommons.cornell.edu/handle/1813/3223>

Articles of Governance: Effective and in Force on 29 January 2009, 7-Feb-09.

Articles of Governance: Effective and in Force on December 12, 1994, 12-Dec-94.

Catalogs of Photography, Documents and Artifacts: Delta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon DKE Depository, 5-Jan-04.

Chapter and Alumni Operations Handbook, 1988, 11-Nov-88.

Chapter and Alumni Operations Handbook, 1989, 4-Dec-89.

Chapter and Alumni Operations Handbook, 1994, 12-Feb-94.

Chapter and Alumni Operations Handbook, 1995, 11-Mar-95.

Chapter and Alumni Operations Handbook, 2006, 5-Dec-06.

Collected Reports of the Alumni Historian: Delta Chi Chapter Of Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1987 to 1996, 19-May-96.

The Deke House at Cornell: a concise history of the Delta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1870-1930, 25-Nov-05.

DX of DKE Special Study #01: Pledging in 1967, 1989.

DX of DKE Special Study #02: Delta Chi Chapter Cookbook, 1963-1987, 1989.

DX of DKE Special Study #03: Deke House Terms and Expressions, 1966-1970, 2-Jan-06.

DX of DKE Special Study #04: The Roosevelt Spruce Trees, 2-Jul-06.

DX of DKE Special Study #05: Memorial Stained Glass Windows, 8-Aug-06.

DX of DKE Special Study #06: Chapter Arms and Motto, 6-Jul-06.

DX of DKE Special Study #07: Artifacts, Furnishings and Memorials, 22-Jul-06.

DX of DKE Special Study #09: John DeWitt Warner '72, 3-Jul-06.

DX of DKE Special Study #10: Poems and Songs, 28-Jul-06.

DX of DKE Special Study #11: Architectural Drawings and Artistic Renderings of the Chapter's Lodge, 23-Jul-06.

DX of DKE Special Study #12: Registry of Distinguished Members, 4-Jul-06.

DX of DKE Special Study #13: The Cornell Deke House -A History of the 1893 Lodge, 14-Aug-06.

DX of DKE Special Study #15: Delta Chi Association Articles of Governance, 3-Aug-06.

DX of DKE Special Study #16: DKE Lodge Refectory Chimes, 10-May-08.

DX of DKE Special Study #18: Early Histories of the Chapter, 23-Jul-06.

DX of DKE Special Study #19: Pledge Class Research Tasks, 1987-88, 27-Aug-06.

Report of the Alumni Historian, 2006, 10-Jun-06.

Report of the Alumni Historian, 2007, 3-Jun-07.

Report of the Alumni Historian, 2008, 21-May-08.

Appendix B — Picture of Brown Family

The following image of Brother Clifton Beckwith Brown was furnished by Dick Spencer, Staunton, VA.¹



Written on the back by DS's Great Great Aunt Sallie Spencer Brown (wife of John Harness Brown and sister-in-law of Clifton) is the following:

John, William, Clifton & Jennie Brown, of Cleveland Ohio. Clifton was among the first to enlist in the Spanish War & one of the first to fall in the charge up San J, being shot by a sharp shooter in a tree.

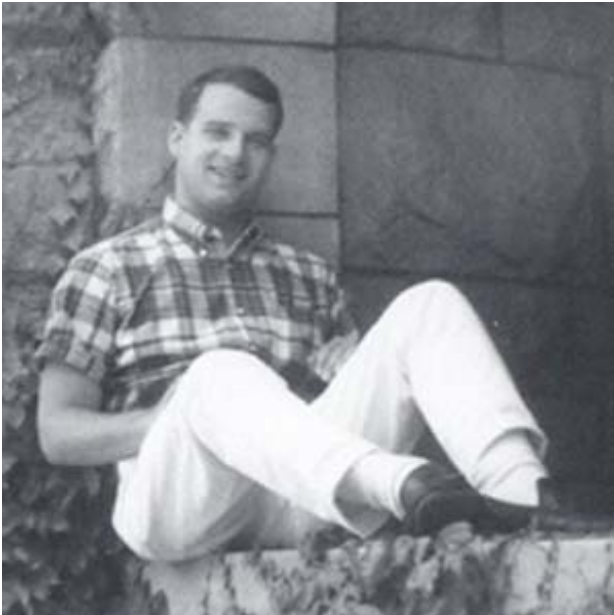
¹ DS email, Thursday, December 18, 2008 12:20 PM.

Appendix C — Hubbard Pictures, Deke House, Ithaca NY, Spring Weekend 1966



Left image, left-to-right: Brothers John Rast Hubbard '65, Erich Caruth "Rick" Kather '66, "Peaches" (future wife of ETD), and Eric Trench Dodge '65.

Right image: Brothers George Nesterczuk '66, Jesse Evans Brownbeck III '66 and Ruard Arthur Vanderploeg '67.



Left Image: Brother John Rast Hubbard '65.

Right Image: Rudolph Andrew "Rudy" Mateka '63, Nels Carman (Pi, '64), George Nesterczuk '66, John Rast Hubbard '65.



Fall 1963, from left to right: John Rast Hubbard, ΔX '65, Willard Wright Hubbard III (JRH's father), O '37 and William James Hubbard (JRH's brother), O '63. The rug was hooked by JRH's mother from a design drawn by JRH.²

² JRH email, Tuesday, May 05, 2009 4:21 AM.

Appendix D — Miscellaneous Items

Donald Weadon, attorney
The Weston Forum, May 1, 2008

Donald A. Weadon Jr. died March 23, 2008. He was 63.

Mr. Weadon was born in Brisbane, Australia, and grew up in Weston. He attended Hurlburt School and then graduated from the Loomis School in Windsor.

He received a degree in government in 1968 from Cornell University, where he sang in the Cornell Glee Club, managed the club's year-long world tour, and was the president of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He also served on the Cornell University Trustee Council.

Mr. Weadon received a degree from the University of California Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco in 1975 and a master's degree from the Harvard Business School Adjunct Program at the Iran Centre for Management Studies in Tehran in 1976.

In 1984, he opened a firm, Weadon and Associates, in Washington, although he occasionally joined larger firms interested in expanding their international trade portfolio. He was a consultant to international technology companies and the Commerce and Defense departments.

He opened law offices in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Beijing and Hanoi, and was the first attorney granted clearance by the U.S. Treasury Department to practice law in Vietnam. He also set up a foundation to support Vietnamese orphans.

Mr. Weadon was an adjunct professor of foreign trade law at George Mason University and Golden Gate University Law School and lectured at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on international high-tech ventures.

He also contributed articles to scholarly journals, newspapers and blogs, often on issues involving Iran and the Middle East.

Survivors include his wife of 13 years, Suzanne Hayden Cameron Weadon of Washington, D.C., and his sister, Priscilla S. Weadon, a marketing consultant in Westport.

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A new book on the 16 September 1920 incident that took the life of Brother Franklin G. Miller '21 was published this year: *The Day Wall Street Exploded* by Beverly Gage (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009). It was reviewed in the *New York Times Book Review* by Kevin Baker (Sunday, 22 February 2009, p. 12).

Excerpt, *The Deke House at Cornell: A Concise History of the Delta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1870-1930*, p. 71.

On 16 September 1920, a substantial bomb secreted in a horse drawn wagon exploded in front of the J. P. Morgan Building located in New York's Wall Street district.³ The blast was lethal: thirty-three were killed and some three hundred were injured. Brother Franklin G. Miller '21, by then employed by the Elliott-Fisher

³"Wall Street Explosion Kills 30, Injures 300," *NYT*, 17 September 1920, p. 1, col. 1: "Frank Miller. 700 West 179th Street. Died in Broad Street Hospital." *Chronicle of the 20th Century* (Chronicle Publications, Mount Kisco NY, 1987): "Bomb Kills 30, Injures 300 on Wall Street."

Adding Machine Company, was among those slain.⁴ Back in Ithaca, the chapter was shocked and outraged. Somber resolutions were enacted and subsequently published in the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*.⁵ The perpetrator of this misdeed was never identified despite the frenzied efforts of the FBI.⁶

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Brother Brian Merrick O'Connor reported the following item.⁷



I received my March/April 2009 Cornell Alumni Magazine a couple days ago, and read the cover story about the takeover of the Straight in April 1969. I noticed that the last picture in the article was of an unnamed student who was protesting the agreement reached between the faculty and the Afro-American Society. This student did indeed have a name; it's my old roommate from the Deke House, Frank Boyle Burnside, Jr. (originally Class of '72, but took his show on the road back to Wilkes-Barre, PA. He goes by "Mike" now.)

Today, I received the following email, saying the issue is online. If you want to check out the article, follow the link listed below, click on Cover Story, and then Burnside's picture is on the last page. Just think, we Dekes are part of a "History Lesson," which is the subtitle of the article. Between this and my quote (by name) in the *New York Times* during the April 1969 Thrash and Flail, we have placed ourselves as important arbiters of this pivotal time in the history of Cornell, and, indeed, the nation, or some such rot.

⁴"Cornellian Killed in N. Y. Explosion," *Ithaca Journal*, 23 September 1920.

⁵*CMM*, 3 October 1920: Brother William Emil Kugeman, Jr. '22 reports "that resolutions regarding the death of Brother [Franklin G.] Miller '21 have been completed and sent." *DKEQ*, XXXVIII, 3 (October 1920), p. 355.

⁶James Truslow Adams, ed., *Dictionary of American History* (Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1940), V, p. 393: "Wall Street Explosion."

⁷ BMOG email, 03/17/2009 08:58 AM.

Appendix E
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Delta Chi Association
Held in Ithaca, New York, June 7, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM. Members present were:

William S. Houck
Franklin T. Pinter
Norman Linsley Davidson
George Nesterczuk
Eugene Pierce
Matthew Hyland
Jay Grzyb
Bob Malatesta
By teleconference: Tom Borthwick and Homer Fogle
By Proxy: Willis King

Also Present: Robert Platt and Eric Neuman

The Treasurer's report was distributed and approved. Our Cornell accounts are in the red because of the boiler project followed closely by the replacement of the flitch plate beams in the dining room. Dale Williams has arranged a transfer of \$55,000 from the Jordan Lamb account plus a 7 year, \$50,000 loan which gives us about \$4000.00 in positive account balances. The loan will be paid off from House revenues. Treasurer's report is attached. (Secy's note – may be discrepancy here – see attached email from FTP to Dale Williams). The Delta Chi Association has a balance of \$20,500 in the checking account and \$30,000 in a CD. Dues have shown a positive rend, up to \$33,385 from 21,000 last year.

Minutes of the June 9, 2007 meeting were presented to those who had not received electronic copies, and approved. Reading was waived.

Acting Chairman and President Lin Davidson asked various members to participate in a rundown of the year's events and activities:

Bill Houck described the boiler project and decisions made over the past year – fast track (April, 2007) increase scope by creating new room, level floor, improved egress from party area, hot water by end of August '07, heat by early October.

Matt Hyland offered that the gas bill appears to have decreased.

George Nesterczuk described the problem of the dining room flitch plate beams and indicated that there is a similar beam holding up the library. It will be exposed and inspected this summer. The dining room repair turned out very well. Some of the ceiling panels (a central block of them) hiding the new steel are lower, but this is almost unnoticeable.

The University's proposed sidewalk construction was discussed. It appears that it will be acceptable and should not impact the Roosevelt trees. The front steps show evidence of shifting and signs of undermining. This could be a broken pipe allowing soil to drain away or storm water piping out. There will be future expense on this item.

Purchase and installation of new washers and driers is stalled. Models have been selected. These will be paid for out of house account now. Action may have been delayed by our account situation,

which was only resolved on June 6.

Law School Garage Issue. This past Parents' Weekend George, Lin and Frank met with the University Planner, Mina Admunsen. The basic trend seems to be that the University parking Authority is teaming up with various academic departments and inserting a garage into the lower stories of a new building, basically giving the user group a free foundation. The law School garage will contain three stories of parking plus law school floors and will be taller than the previous proposal, but recessed. There is a goal of preserving the view through the law School Arch, and hopefully this will benefit us also. The addition, per George, will rise from the upper parking lot rather than the lower, as previously proposed.

Jay Grzyb – Scholarship Report. Nine candidates were nominated, all good. It was agreed to submit all nine to the University

Homecoming & Don Weadon Memorial. George Nesterczuk read the inscription on the fitch plate beam:

“As these beams support the upper reaches of our lodge, so did Donald Alford Weadon, '67 sustain our brotherhood throughout his tenure as Chairman of the Board and President of the Delta Chi Association of Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1997 – 2008. Dedicated this day of June 7, 2008 by his grateful friends in DKE.”

Memorial Ideas. George reported that Kent Hubbell suggested endowment of a fraternity/sorority assistant, for \$250 K.

Dedication of dining room;

Creation and dedication of chapter advisor endowment: cash flow of \$10K per year, of which \$2-3 K is stipend from Association, balance room and board value. Discussion on role of chapter advisor, how make sure he is engaged and looking out for issues that can severely impact the House.

Matt Hyland suggested a fund raiser in Don's name;

Dedication of a scholarship, such as Chairman's award: Frank stated that an endowment is not necessary. These funds are throwing off enough cash that the University, by law, will spend it if we don't.

Bill Fogle suggested that a Homecoming memorial service would be a good occasion on which to present an 1871 songbook (a very fine specimen) to the University.

Eric Neumann inquired about Suzie Weadon. George indicated that she would appreciate a plaque on the gong that was brought up from Don's effects. Eric will take care of the plaque and assembling a photograph and program signed by all the brothers who were in Washington on April 4. Lin suggested that area brothers call on her and inquire if she needs any assistance.

George Nesterczuk has obtained a large quantity (12 boxes) of documentary materials from Don's files. He will turn anything of historical interest over to Bill Fogle. Operational stuff will be turned over to Lin.

Matt suggested a point man for the memorial service. George will take this.

Appendix F
Report from Active Members Chris Bentley, Avi and Tom Hudson

Avi reported that TV is now secure via lockable cabinet. The audio system in the bar has been upgraded. Wood paneling has been installed in the weight room.

Upcoming “to do” items include the foyer tiles and the third floor and other toilets. Lin Davidson stated emphatically that the toilets are “unacceptable” and need to be a priority this summer.

Rush: 4 pledges in fall, plus 13 in spring. Spring retention was 10 for 13, with an 11th possibly returning (fall 2009) – left school.

Charities – Relay for Life, raised 17 K; also phoneathon, 15 K

Dryers: Make sure Martin Kelly acknowledges receipt of specs and okays.

Disciplinary issues: Spring 2008 culminated in a disciplinary hearing precipitated by an armed robbery in conjunction with alcohol violations and fire violations. Consequences were imposed. Matt Hyland asked for a summary of the University’s disciplinary measures:

- 1) Disciplinary probation – 2 years, expires spring 2010. Any (significant) infraction goes to a hearing board to evaluate shutting down the House. Has been appealed, requesting one year followed by evaluation to end or extend probation.
- 2) Social Probation – 7 weeks, starting in fall semester; one social event is allowed. Two alcohol seminars and one fire seminar are required. A retreat is required by August 30.

A Code of conduct will be drafted by the actives and finalized, to be presented at September 6 retreat.

George will forward the letter of decision

Association Matters

Nominations: Agreed, Lin Davidson will take over as chairman

George Nesterzuk proposed that the Board of Directors be expanded back to 15 members in order to spread the workload and achieve broader class representation. Recruiting will be needed.

Presentation of a bylaw amendment to the Association meeting was proposed by George, seconded and passed unanimously.

Nominees to be presented to the membership are:

Matt Hyland ‘01
Vin Bartomeau ‘95
Robert Halpin ‘97
Jay Grzyb ‘81
Mark St. Marie ‘79
Robert Platt ‘73
Lin Davidson ‘71

Frank Pinter '71
Bill Houck '70
Bill Fogle '70
Eugene F. Pierce '67
George Nesterzuk '66
Willis T. King '66
Tom Borthwick '51
Bob Malatesta '55

Bob Platt recommended committees, with a non-board member for each decade, with the idea that these people would become board members. Discussed informal term limits.

Matt Hyland raised the question of forming standing committees, chaired by board members but staffed with non-members, such as Ritual, fundraising, finance, facility, University relations.

No bylaw change needed for this.

Bob Malatesta stated a need for personal contact between committee chair and its members.

George stated that we need help from the actives to turn down the heat. University related problems consume incredible time and energy.

Meeting adjourned 3:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

William S. Houck
Secretary, Delta Chi Association

Appendix G
Report of the Delta Chi Association Treasurer
Presented at the Annual Meeting in Ithaca, New York on June 7, 2008



The Delta Chi Association, Inc.
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Since 1888, the alumni association of Delta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon

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Annual Treasurer's Report

BANK RECONCILIATION

June 1, 2007 balance		\$38,169.81
Deposits		
2007 Alumni Dues	\$12,110.00	
2008 Alumni Dues	<u>+ 21,275.00</u>	
Total Deposits	\$33,385.00	
Expenditures		
Bank Fees	\$157.71	
Accounting/Legal/Misc.	1,195.44	
Communication/Travel	3,798.20	
Scholarships	3,900.00	
Educational Support/Events	<u>+11,997.47</u>	
Total Expenditures	\$21,048.82	
Certificate of Deposit	\$30,000.00	
June 1, 2008 balance		\$20,505.99

Other DKE Assets

April 30, 2008	Cornell DKE Gifts acct# 277009	(\$1,422)
April 30, 2008	Cornell DKE Gift program acct.	(\$4,890)
April 30, 2008	Cornell DKE Facility Reserve	(\$9,113)
April 30, 2008	Cornell DKE House Operating	(\$93,394)
April 30, 2008	Jordan H. Lamb Endowment paid	\$55,189
June 2, 2008	R T Jones Scholarship acct# 107527: BV	\$539,967 MV \$704,333
June 30, 2007	Jordan H. Lamb Endowment fund: BV	\$183,140 MV \$216,984

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Historiography

Summary/Abstract

The Alumni Historian recounts activities for FY2008-09: (1) the Chapter Bylaws and House Rules were revised and republished at the direction of the undergraduate members, (2) an image of a picture of Clifton Beckwith Brown '00 was obtained, and (3) images provided by Brother John Rast Hubbard '65 were collected.

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