



THE OMICRON ORACLE

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THE LAST PAPER ORACLE

Brothers: This is the last issue of the *Omicron Oracle* to be produced on paper. Starting in the fall, the *Oracle* will be completely electronic. Therefore, to receive the *Oracle* in the future, we will need your e-mail address. If you have not done so already, please send your e-mail address to **OmicronOracle@gmail.com**. We look forward to the exciting possibilities afforded by an online version of the fraternity newsletter!

Homecoming to Focus on the 1980s, '40s, and '50s

For some years recently, Homecoming had fallen out of favor and attendance had dwindled. Then, two years ago, Omicron Zeta invited brothers from the 1960s to come to Homecoming and, thanks to the efforts of Sandy Gilbert '62 and others, a large number did, and had a fun-filled weekend. Encouraged by that turnout, the 1970s came back in full force last year to a program organized by Randy Rosenberg '74 and Bob Shaw '78. The returning alumni not only became reacquainted with each other, but were able to re-establish their relationships with 125 Edgemoor Lane, the undergraduate chapter, and certain Ithaca watering holes.

Building on these successful events, the alumni leadership has decided to continue with the decade approach and encourage the classes of the 1980s to come to Homecoming for the weekend of September 16–18. It was also decided that we wanted the earlier classes of the 1940s and 1950s to have a special wel-

come; therefore, those alumni are officially invited to return this fall, too. Of course, the more the merrier, and brothers from any and all years are encouraged to return and join in the festivities.

Tentative plans are to have separate Friday-night dinners somewhere off campus, and to join with all returning brothers for a Saturday barbecue at the house, given Cornell's probable move of the football game from afternoon to early evening. Following the game, we plan to return to the house for dessert, coffee, and whatever other refreshments and entertainment the night may bring.

We are still trying to reacquaint the undergrads with the Cornell and Lambda Chi songs of old, and it is hoped that a "concert" can be arranged for sometime

on Saturday. Details of all planned activities, housing options, and estimated costs will be forthcoming by e-mail and other ways to get the word out. The

earlier we know who may be interested in coming, the easier it will be to plan the event. So—put the date in your calendar—and let us know if you even THINK you might join us.

Dick Turner '46 and Bob McKinless '48 (bikerbob8@mac.com) will spearhead the '40s effort, and Joe Dwyer '50, Rockne Burns '54, and Bill Hauser '58 will work with the '50s. Mark Fernau '82 (mef29@cornell.edu) is working on rounding up the early '80s brothers and is actively

looking for partners to contact, convince, and cajole the late '80s folks. (Bill Casswell, Bob says you and Kyle and Ray WANT to do this!)



Mark your calendar ...



REUNION WEEKEND — June 10–13, 2011

HOMECOMING WEEKEND — September 16–18, 2011

Our Alumni Write

News from our alumni is always most welcome. Please send information about you, your classmates, or any brothers to OmicronOracle@gmail.com. You may also submit material by mail to Omicron Alumni Association, Alumni Records Office, P.O. Box 876, Ithaca, NY 14851-0876. Photographs are always welcome, too.

1944

Oscar Frick writes, "Retired [as a] full-time tenured professor of pediatrics in 1994, but I continued as a volunteer (as emeritus professor) at a pediatric allergy-asthma-immunology clinic at the University of California, San Francisco, one day a week. We still like to travel to Europe each year; family in Switzerland. Health still OK—no major problems, knock wood." (370 Parnassus Ave., San Francisco, CA 94117; oscarfrick@earthlink.net)

1949

George C. Christensen writes that he is retired, having previously been vice president of the University of Alaska statewide system. (2504 Bristol Dr., Ames, IA 50010-7118; grgchristensen3@gmail.com)

1950

Joe Dwyer writes, "Still practicing law after 58 years. Kids include one doctor, two nurses, three lawyers, one high-school teacher, two corporate executives, and one stay-at-home mom." (110 York St., Olean, NY 14760)

1954

A. Lawrence Meaker writes, "Retired: Golf in summer in New York, golf in winter in Arizona." (20 Harbournview Terrace, Westport, NY 12993)

1957

Ralph Deeds reports: "2010 was a momentous year in the Deeds family—a new grandson, three weddings, lots of sailing, work on two political campaigns (one successful, one unsuccessful), and Thanksgiving at Jeff and Kathy's in New Jersey. I'm still playing Perry Mason two or three times a month in unemployment-compensation hearings." (382 Pilgrim Rd., Birmingham, MI 48009; ralphdeeds@gmail.com)

1958

William Chater writes, "Enjoying kids,

grandkids, and work on my terms. Betsy and I live in a beautiful part of the world; look us up if you're in the area. I like the direction of the chapter and the Alumni Association. Keep it up." (33 Reymonds Dr., Asheville, NC 28803; bchater@blueridgebdg.com)

1974

Phil Terzian writes, "I'm still happy and healthy here in northern California. I'm semi-retired and spending a lot of time riding my motorcycle and skiing. I bought a place up in Bellingham, Washington, where I spend about 30 percent of my time." (7483 Moltzen Dr., Cupertino, CA 95014; ptertzian@pacbell.net)

1979

Jeff Peacock writes, "What a long, strange trip it's been! Moved to Long Island in 1981 and married Joanne Ryan, Cornell '80, in 1986. We have a 10-year-old daughter, and it's been the 'Greatest Story Ever Told.' I don't know, but it must have been the roses – although we've been down 'So Many Roads,' we're 'Built To Last' and I'm 'Standing On the Moon.' I've worked in pharmaceuticals and medical devices in various capacities, from research to quality to manufacturing, and I'm enjoying the ride." (2911 Chester St., Oceanside, NY 11572; jcubed@optonline.net)

1992

David Askov reports, "We just moved in May 2010. We went only about seven miles, though. Here's our new address: 113 Ehu Iki Place, Makawao, HI 96768." (dmail@digitalics.com)

2003

Ron Peck writes, "My Cornell sweetheart, Corinne, and I finally married on September 4, 2010. I was also recently promoted to general counsel and senior vice president of the Phia Group, LLC." (1000



Phil Terzian '74 and his motorcycle in San Juan Bautista, California.

Presidents Way, Apt. 1328, Dedham, MA 02026; rep117@gmail.com)

2004

In February, the Cornell Daily Sun had a feature article about Lew Sovocool. It began: "Combining a passion for the environment with a family tradition of military service, United States Army veteran Lew Sovocool '04 now spends his time training veterans to become wildland firefighters." The entire story can be found online at www.cornellsun.com.

OBITUARIES

The Omicron Oracle extends its sympathy to the family and friends of the following brothers, whose deaths were made known to us since the last issue:

Winthrop E. Mange Jr. '45
August 19, 2010

Tyler Todd '54
September 20, 2010

Donald B. Ross Jr. '65
June 2, 2010

House to Join in Gorge Cleanup

By STEVEN S. ROBERTSON '12,
High Alpha

The spring of 2011 is off to a great start at Omicron Zeta. All the new officers have transitioned into their new roles, and are continually working to keep up the high standards of Lambda Chi Alpha. We had another successful rush week, signing a total of 14 new Associate Members. One notable change during rush this year was the addition of a "dry day" of rush. Omicron also participated in this past fall's rush—signing four men, now brothers, in that process—bringing our new member total for the academic year to 18.

Under the leadership of High Kappa Marcus Sabolis '11, the AMs will learn what it takes to become true brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha and continue the strong tradition of our chapter.

In other news, the brothers of Omicron successfully hosted a philanthropy event at Buffalo Wild Wings this past semester. The event was held on a Monday night in October, and involved brothers showing up at the restaurant for dinner along with their invited guests. A portion of every guest's final bill was donated to the Testaverde Foundation for spinal-cord injuries.

Additionally, Omicron will be part of a major gorge-cleanup event later in the semester co-hosted by our neighbors down the street, Chi Phi. Lambda Chi Alpha and Chi Phi will team up with Cornell Plantations and Cornell Outdoor Education to send brothers down into the gorge to clean up trash that has accumulated there over the past few years. Afterward, Omicron plans to partner with the Friends of the Gorges and the "Adopt-a-Gorge" program to schedule more routine cleanups of the area. The cleanup is tentatively scheduled for April 16–17, with the main event scheduled for Saturday and team bonding activities on Sunday.

Two of Omicron Zeta's brothers were recently elected to the Executive Board of the Interfraternity Council. Dan Freshman '12 recently took over as IFC president, and Alan Workman '13 is the VP for communications—also the only sophomore on the IFC's executive board.

In academic news, in the past semester, our house was ranked 17th out of 44 fraternities on campus, with a house GPA of 3.340—above the average fraternity GPA of 3.283.

As always, spring is a great time to visit 125 Edgemoor Lane. If you are in the area, do not hesitate to contact me at (607) 280-6993 or ssr79@cornell.edu, and come back to visit the house!



Our IFC representation: At left, Alan Workman '13, the IFC's vice president of communication, and at right is Dan Freshman '12, IFC president. They are seen with their lady friends at a recent house dance.

Do You Know Good Cornell Men?

One of the best sources for new members of Omicron Zeta is alumni. Do you know of young men who are now, or soon will be, students at Cornell? In your opinion, would they be good brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha?

Don't keep your knowledge to yourself! Let the undergraduates know about good

membership prospects.

Please send all information about good Cornell men directly to High Delta Alan Workman '13. Alan's e-mail address is adw76@cornell.edu, and his phone number is (908) 249-2346.

Thanks for doing your part to keep Omicron Zeta strong!

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High Alpha	Steven Robertson '12
High Beta	Brian Silver '13
High Theta	James Scheller '12
High Gamma	Connor Kennedy '13
High Tau	Derek Jeong '12
High Iota	Adam "Dugong" Stein '13
High Kappa	Marcus Sabolis '11
High Delta	Alan Workman '13
High Phi	Lionel Sims III '11
High Sigma	Gregory Becker '13
High Epsilons	Frank Rizzaro '13 and Kevin Tomera '12
High Rho	Matt Wicker '11
High Mu (House Manager)	Bill Morgan '13
Steward	Eddie Reynolds '12
Athletic Manager	Benjamin Rutkin-Becker '12
Sustainability Chair	David Shippee '12
High Pi	Jeff Barber '08 (Butler University)
President, Cornell Interfraternity Council	Daniel Freshman '12
Vice President of Communications, Cornell Interfraternity Council	Alan Workman '13

Current house GPA: 3.340

House website: www.iswza.org

E-mail all High Zeta officers at [\[office\]@iswza.org](mailto:[office]@iswza.org)



Some of the new Associate Members gather in the Hollengreen Room: Kyle Frank, Sam Daly, Tom Burke, Matt Clardy, Brian Barnes, Tarik Abdelqader, Brian Gordon, Dan Loeffler, Ravi Garcia, Stephen Love, Artur Covarrubias, and John Pertsch.

Here Are the New Associate Members Of Omicron Zeta

Here are the newly signed Associate Members of the chapter. Longer profiles of them will appear in the fall issue of the *Omicron Oracle*:

Tarik Abdelqader, Industrial and Labor Relations '12, from New City, New York; Thomas Burke, Hotel '13, from Paradise Valley, Arizona; Brian Barnes, Arts and Sciences '14, from Niskayuna, New York; Arturo Covarrubias, Arts '13, from Northlake, Illinois; Matthew Clardy, Engineering '14, from Oak Park, Illinois; and Samuel Daly, Agriculture and Life Sciences '13, from Madison, Wisconsin.

Also, Kyle Frank, CALS '14, from Corning, New York; Ravi Garcia, Engineering '14, from Los Gatos, California; Brian Gordon, ILR '14, from Rochester, New York; Daniel Loeffler, Arts '14, from Manlius, New York; and Carter Loftus, CALS '14, from Syracuse, New York.

Also, Stephen Love, Human Ecology '14, from Rogue River, Oregon; Gabriel Mahan, Arts '13, from Mahtomedi, Minnesota; and John Pertsch, Engineering '14, from San Francisco, California.

Congratulations to all!

Meet Our Newest Brothers

This past fall, four men were associated—and later initiated—into Omicron Zeta. Here are brief and somewhat accurate profiles of them:

David Cascione, Arts '13, from Naples, Florida, was originally in the spring 2010 AM class, but an ingrown toenail forced him to take a leave of absence before the semester really took off. That's OK, though, because he liked the AM process so much that he decided to do it again in the fall. Dave is a stud of the library, where he can be found studying for organic chemistry and hitting on pre-med girls (who, needless to say, are always gorgeous). Though he keeps busy, he remembers to keep a well-balanced life and often enjoys a good cigar with our chef, Etienne.

Frank Rizzaro, CALS '13, from Harrison, New York, transferred to Cornell in the fall of 2010 and is motivated about moving into a successful career in business. When Frank isn't busy balancing his heavy course load, he enjoys pursuing his main interests, which include doing "Zoolander" poses in the mirror. Frank was elected social chair this semester and is also pledging a business fraternity. He is currently in a long-distance relationship with a beautiful rocket scientist. Sometimes you can do it all.

Andres Solis, CALS '12, from North Plainfield, New Jersey, is an applied economics major whose interests include networking, interviewing, and we're not sure what else, because he's always busy with the other two. Together with fellow brother Frank Rizarro, he is in the Alpha

Kappa Psi business fraternity, which apparently is as prestigious as Skull & Bones and the New York Yacht Club combined. Needless to say, we will all be working for him in a few years. Andres is one of the more mature guys in the house, probably because he is already ancient history. He is somehow the oldest member of his lineage despite being a third-generation little brother.

Gregory Becker, ILR '13, from Rockland County, New York, is without a doubt the nicest guy in the house. Since his major only requires about 15 minutes of work a week (including class), he is able to spend most of his time shoveling sidewalks for old ladies, playing chess with blind people, collecting groceries for food pantries, and occasionally making a trip to Uganda to install a water pump in a drought-stricken village. Other hobbies include empathy and "just caring too damn much."

We welcome them all to our fellowship!

*Send your alumni
news to us at
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