
potter club alumni

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE ALUMNI PRESIDENT

Another school year is rapidly coming to a close. It has been an eventful year on many fronts: Watergate, Nixon's resignation, a nonelected President Ford, New York's former governor now Vice President, Cambodia, Viet Nam, etc. On a more localized and personal level, it has also been eventful: SUNY Albany Alumni Conference Center, Alumni Pledges Surpassing Goals, rekindling of interest in Greeks and other fellowship groups, etc.

And now I would like to concentrate on the Potter Club Alumni and their relationship to the Alumni Conference Center.

In early spring of last year, former Alumni Director David Jenks addressed the Potter Alumni Board of Directors on the topic of an Albany Alumni Building. This kind of a facility had been in the thinking stage at least as far back as 1967 and probably before that. Dave's presentation and resulting discussion afterwards convinced the Potter Board that such a facility as an alumni conference center would be beneficial to the University, the community, and to Potter men--alumni and undergraduates alike. Subsequently, the Board voted to pledge the sum of \$10,000 toward this project.

Such a large pledge was not entirely altruistic. The \$10,000 pledge guaranteed that a room of the facility could be named after the group donating the pledge. The Potter Board decided that such a room in the center would very adequately and properly house the Potter memorabilia which have been accumulated in the 44 year history of the Club. More importantly perhaps, it also provided a unique place to present the items relating to Edward Eldred Potter--his life and times--to the University rather than just Potter men and to properly preserve such items.

A number of you have expressed concern that this room--tentatively designated as a Rathskeller--would not be an appropriate location for Edward Potter's belongings and/or other personal items. I believe that a description of the room which appears later will clarify the exact nature of our selection.

Up to this point, \$5,732 of the \$10,000 pledge has been contributed in 1973 and 1974 by our Potter Alumni leaving almost \$4,300 remaining on our pledge. This \$4,300 must still be raised or we will not be able to get exclusive rights for the designation of the name and display content of the room.

Many thanks go to those of you who have given in the past and will continue to support the SUNYA and Potter Alumni. I would also like to invite those who have not yet donated anything--come to Albany on Alumni Day, May 10 and see the plans and progress of the Conference Center--and I feel confident that you will support our \$10,000 pledge and help put us over the top.

Yours in Fellowship,

John Schneider

John Schneider '65

FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT

This year has been a good year for Potter Club. Bob Williams, Vice President; "Moons" Mullin, Treasurer; Jay Kianka, Clerk; and I have had a lot of assistance in making things go smoothly. Last semester we took in thirteen good men. This semester there are indications of another good pledge class.

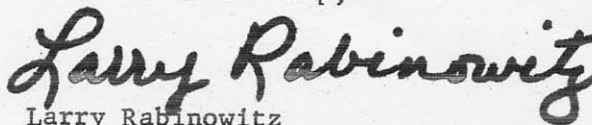
Currently there are about 45 members in the Club, of which about 30 are active. Twenty-eight men live in the section, still located in Hamilton Hall.

Club members are participating in extracurricular activities other than sports and drinking. One of our members, Dave Porter, is assistant editor of the yearbook. Arthur Reaulo and I have been active on the Colonial and Judicial Board. Several members are now student teaching in area high schools. Potter Club once again participated in Holiday Sing, but failed to get a trophy. We are also looking forward to Telethon and Dance-a-thon, which are both charity activities.

Potter men played a big part in fall sports last semester. Ten men played on the varsity football team, which had an impressive 9-0 record. Rudy Vido, who had an outstanding career at Albany, is looking forward to a career with the professionals. The varsity soccer team had six of our members playing. In intramural sports, League I football had its problems, but managed to finish in the middle of the pack. This winter, five members are wrestling for coach Garcia. Intramural basketball has two Potter Club teams participating, and as of now one team is undefeated. Intramural bowling is also doing well.

A few weeks ago was the annual Siena basketball game, and this year it was televised from Siena's new fieldhouse. Potter Club showed up in force only to see Albany fall in the second half after being tied up at half time.

Yours in fellowship,


Larry Rabinowitz

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ANNUAL POTTER CLUB ALUMNI MEETING

The annual meeting of the Edward Eldred Potter Club Alumni Association will be held Alumni Day 1975 on Saturday, May 10 at 10:30 a.m. in the Potter Club Lounge of Hamilton Hall, Colonial Quadrangle. The primary items of business will be the election of three members to the Alumni Board. The terms of two members expires this year and there is also a vacancy created by the resignation of Franz Zwicklebauer '62. Robert Coan '55 and George Van Riper '72 have consented to run again for the four year term. Also, Gary Moore '65 desires to fill the unexpired two year term of Franz.

Another major item to be discussed will be the Potter Alumni Pledge of \$10,000 toward the Alumni Conference Center.

We hope all of you who are planning to visit the campus on May 10 will stop by for this meeting.

LETTER FROM EDWARD ELDRED POTTER'S SISTER

In January, the Club received a letter from Edward Eldred Potter's sister living in Oregon. Her comments on Edward still give us a direct relationship to the namesake of the Club. Here are her remarks:

To the Edward Eldred Potter Club,

This will be a letter of details and scraps and bits that maybe I haven't written before. I am now 85 and the only living relative of my brother Edward.

I've been twice married, as you know, and twice widowed. I have two children (son and daughter) both with families. But they were born long after Edward died.

Now I've decided to gather up and send you the last few remaining mementoes of Edward. I find there isn't much. I'm sorting out everything that might interest Potter men and keeping purely family items and my copies of the memoirs. I'm sending a tiny notebook diary written by Mother Potter of her trip to Edward's grave in Suresnes, France in 1930 which I thought you'd enjoy. She wrote it in pencil and the writing is so faded--it's almost unreadable--that I am spending many hours and days tracing over the important things in ink. I've eliminated some irrelevant pages and the whole is rather disjointed. She never knew anyone would keep it.

I'm not very well--have to lie down several times a day. Too many years on my head!!

My nephew, Edward Potter, son of my deceased brother, Carl Potter, is lost to his family, it seems. A college graduate, he left home several years ago--may not be living.

I've had, all these years, a picture of Edward like the one I gave you. The frame is now trying to fall apart, so I'm going to take out and send you the picture only.

My mother and father separated when we four children were small--Ed was the youngest, I was next oldest; we two lived with Mother Potter and she taught school to support the three of us. Her maiden name was Rose Eldred.

You will be glad to know that I am comfortable and content (15 years now) in a fine retirement home on the banks of the Wilamette River. We are a friendly, happy family of over 400 men and women--lots of couples. Our grounds are 22 acres. I look out from my 6th floor windows onto lawns that are always green--Oregon's mild winters have no snow except for occasional flurries--and I see the big, wide, quiet river with its islands and wooded banks.

As to money, thank the Lord I have enough to last. We have a big hospital on the grounds.

You may know that I am a graduate of Simmons College, Boston. Worked to earn most of my college money, also had a scholarship--and then taught for some years. I met my first husband while he was at Harvard getting his MBA. I lost him after 33 years of marriage. My second husband and I traveled over much of the world.

For many years, I lectured and gave book reviews--for money--in women's clubs all over Chicago. I did the same here at the Manor--no fees--for about 12 years. Now I've retired from most jobs.

Among my hobbies have been conchology (shell collecting). I recently gave most of my collection--over 3000 shells from all over the world--to the museum of Natural History at the University of Oregon in Eugene. I have 15 study books on shells. I've been asked to talk to science classes in many schools--I go with about 50 shells--but now they've put me on their school television and I'm being shown in over 30 schools and many classes.

Well, I've chatted on long enough and maybe you're bored.

I'm glad I wrote the memoirs for you. That was 40 years ago.

Love to all you Pottermen,

Cordella Potter Roberts

P.S. I visited Edward's grave in 1958. I know a number of Potter Club men have been there.

I'm sure that Mrs. Roberts would like to receive mail from Potter men. If any of you are interested in sending her a card or letter, her address is:

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POTTER CLUB ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Below is a list of the current Board members and their term of office:

	<u>Term Expires</u>
Michael Camarata '61	1976
Roy McEnerney '65	1976
Bob Umholtz '51	1977
Franz Zwicklebauer '62 (resigned)	1977
Bob Fairbanks '64	1978
John Schneider '65	1978
Bob Coan '55	1975
George Van Riper '72	1975