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Solinger '26 Combines Law Career With Service to the Fine Arts

In today's world of intense competition, it is difficult enough for a man to achieve recognition as an authority in his chosen field of endeavor. But when a man wins renown in two widely separated fields, the achievement must be regarded as truly unique. Such a man is David Solinger, Kappa '26.

David is well known in New York legal circles as one of the city's most successful and accomplished lawyers; he is equally well known in the world of art as a distinguished collector and patron of the fine arts. Without stretching the point unduly, David's area of prominence can even be taken to include the glittering world of television, for he has long been recognized as an authority on T.V. law.

Prominent in Legal Circles

As an attorney, David has worked for many years as a member of the firm of Solinger & Gordon, with offices in New York City at 250 Park Avenue. He was admitted to the New York Bar in 1929, the year he received his law degree from Columbia University, and currently belongs to numerous local and national bar associations.

Shortly after the war, when television was still in its relative infancy, David became interested in the field of T.V. law. The studies he made of television agreements and contracts have helped immeasurably in clarifying what has since become one of the most important aspects of the communications field.

Has Written on T.V. Law

He has written a number of articles on television law in such periodicals as *Fortune* and the *Columbia Law Review*; is the editor and co-author of a definitive book on the subject, *Television Agreements*; and has lectured at



Bar Associations and law schools, including Cornell.

At about the same time that David started his study of T.V. law, he and his wife, the former Hope Gimbel whom he married in 1937, began a serious collection of paintings. The collection has progressed to the point where it is now notable and extensive enough for the Solingers to lend their paintings to museums for public exhibition. Several years ago, in fact, the *New York Herald Tribune* devoted a half-page to the collection and to the accompanying problems of interior decoration an art collector inevitably encounters.

Nor has David been content simply to confine his love of paintings and sculpture to his home; rather, he has tried to encourage the fine arts, both in the public and in the artists themselves. He is a trustee and vice-president of the American Federation of Art, and is past president and director of the Friends of the Whitney Museum of American Art, which houses one of this country's finest collections.

It is chiefly in his role of art
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Spring Rushing Nets 25 Freshman Pledges

The ten-day spring rushing period ended early in February with 25 freshmen pledged to Zeta Beta Tau. The number of pledges was one of the largest on the Hill and represented approximately ten more than the average number reported by the other houses.

Mere size, of course, is no indication of a pledge class's worth, and we are happy to report that the 25 men chosen this year are of a quality equal to any which have pledged Kappa in recent years. They represent a wide range of academic and extra-curricular interests and come from many different geographical areas, both qualities being necessary to a fraternity's continued growth and strength.

Despite our success, rushing this year was somewhat more difficult than in past years. The main reason for this was the passage by the Interfraternity Council, shortly before the start of rushing, of a new ruling forbidding houses from pledging men on academic probation. Approximately 19 per cent of the freshman class was eliminated by this ruling. Further complicating our rushing effort was the fact that the list of ineligible rushees was not released until the night before the bids were to be handed out.

The new pledges are as follows:

Eric L. Aschaffenburg, New Orleans, La., Hotel; James D. Baer, Glencoe, Ill., Civ. E.; Arthur P. Birnkrant, Brooklyn, N.Y., Arts; Peter D. Bisgeier, Kenmore, N.Y., Agr.; Louis W. Blum, Cincinnati, Ohio, Arts; Harold R. Evensky, Mairie, La., Civ. E.; David J. Fischer, New York, N.Y., Arts; Yale L. Fisher, Glen Rock, N.J., Arts; Steven Goldman, Cincinnati, Ohio, Arts.

Russell P. Green, Levittown, N.Y., Arts; Steven L. Herr, De-

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patron that David's name has become a familiar one at Cornell. He has been a generous benefactor of the White Art Museum since it was founded in 1953, having either given or caused other patrons to give more than \$100,000 worth of paintings and sculptures to Cornell. Several years ago, David and his wife loaned their collection for exhibition at the White Art Museum.

Needless to say, David's actions have resulted in Cornell's having a nucleus of fine art around which can be built an outstanding collection.

During World War II, David served first as a captain and later as a major on the staff of the Commanding General of the Eastern Defense Command.

He and Mrs. Solinger have two daughters, Faith and Lynn, who are at Smith College. Home address for the Solingers is 33 East 70th Street, New York 21, N.Y.

Alumni Dues Program Does Well; Further Contributions Needed

The response to this winter's alumni dues mailings has been highly gratifying. As of press time, a total of 110 alumni (more than one-fourth of all Kappa alumni) have contributed to the alumni treasury.

Needless to say, although the response indicates that a good start has been made toward replenishing the Kappa Foundation's treasury, more money in the form of dues can always be used. The work carried on by the Kappa Foundation, through your financial support, is both widespread and varied, ranging in character from

scholarship aid to the undergraduate chapter to the regular publication of The Edgecliff News for all alumni.

For those of you who have not yet sent in your alumni dues for 1960-61, a business reply envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Please make your check payable to Kappa Foundation, Inc.; and while you're at it, be sure and enclose a news note about yourself for the next issue of The Edgecliff News.

Listed alphabetically, the honor roll of alumni who have paid their dues is as follows:

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E. Lysle Aschaffenberg '13
Arthur S. Baker '22
Howard I. Baker '51
Bruno V. Bitker '21
Noland O. Blass, Jr. '41
Morton K. Blaustein '48
Louis Block '27
Philip M. Blume '27
Judge Abraham S. Bordon '14
Bernard F. Burgunder, Jr. '50
Irving S. Caplan '58
Leonard R. Casner '37
Jacques Coleman '26
Henry P. Cowen '30
John A. Dettelbach '59
Richard E. Diamond '53
John S. Efrogymson '49
Richard A. Eising '38
David A. Engel '59
Alvin R. Finkelstein '53
Ted V. Fisher '45
Richard C. Fleisch '29
James A. Frank '40
Thomas W. Frank '38
Marvin K. Frankle '31
Louis Friedenberg '28
Frederick M. Gans '58
G. Ury Gants '35
George F. Gershel, Jr. '52
Charles J. Goldstein '48
Walter Gompertz '29
Norman B. Goodman '47
Hubert F. Gordon '45
Harry S. Graham '11
Richard S. Graham '37
Merrill D. Gross '34

Richard B. Gutwillig '58
Jerome H. Hanover '49
S. Miller Harris '43
Robert H. Hartman '32
Joseph A. Heller '17
Richard S. Helstein '34
James G. Herman '58
M. Hubert Hilder '26
Eric D. Hirsch
Harvey L. Jacobs '47
Leslie L. Jacobs '43
Larry W. Jacobson '38
Richard S. Kaltenbacher '36
Richard L. Kaplin '50
Eugene M. Kaufmann, Jr. '26
John E. Kaufman '48
Robert I. Kully '58
Leon L. Landauer '27
Thomas L. Litwin '55
B. Herbert Lustberg '18
Richard H. Lustberg '49
Robert J. Manheimer '24
N. Bruce Mantell '34
Maxwell S. Marks '22
K. Kalman Marx '55
Walter B. Marx '20
Leonard M. Masius '20
Henry L. Mattin '49
Stanley J. Mayer '32
Eugene C. Merrill '26
Jerold S. Meyer '23
Mitchell S. Meyers '56
Myron J. Morgenroth '26
Frank L. Newburger, Jr. '29
Howard A. Newman '42
Marne Obernauer '41
James W. Oppenheimer '32

Richard L. Ottinger '50
Ralph Pappenheimer
Lawrence S. Pollack, Jr. '47
Milton J. Powell '14
Alan H. Raphael '38
Thomas J. Reis '34
Harold Reigelman '14
Alvin Rogal '45
Jeremy A. Rosenau '55
James R. Rosenfeld '15
George Roshkind '48
A. David Rossin '53
Samuel W. Salus '55
Merrill D. Sands '44
Alfred M. Saperston '19
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Jonas Weill '58
Mark H. Wotiz, Jr. '34
Stephen G. Yusem '58
Barry B. Zacks '58

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Kalb, Ill., Arts; Nathan R. Isikoff, Silver Spring, Md., Arts; Jared H. Jossem, Rochester, N.Y., I&LR; Michael V. Katz, New York, N.Y., Arts; Nelson C. Keshen, Hillside, N.J., Arts; William L. Klempner, Longmeadow, Mass., Arts; Roger L. Levy, New York, N.Y., Arts; David S. Litwin, Maplewood, N.J.,

Arts.

Ronald J. Maduro, Stony Point, N.Y., Arts; Steve Marcus, Brooklyn, N.Y., Arts; Aaron G. Reiss, University City, Mo., Arts; Jonathan B. Roth, Massapequa, N.Y., Agr.; Howard I. Schlezinger, Columbus, Ohio, M.E.; Michael E. Siegal, Tucson, Ariz., Arts; David H. Siepyan, Highland Park, Ill., Arts.

TREASURER REPORTS HOUSE IN "BLACK"

By Leland Davis '63

Having just taken office a month ago, I have little to report from the Treasury Department. The books were turned over to me in excellent condition by Michael Betten, the past treasurer. There were no arrears of any significance and the house was more than \$800 in the black for the year to date. At the end of February, the statement reported an equally sound condition.



At a house meeting held during October, the Brothers voted a three-dollar increase in board costs upon themselves in order to meet rising costs. Since then we have been able to enjoy good meals while the kitchen has kept costs below the budgeted income.

One project pending for this summer is a complete re-paving of our driveway, which is presently in poor condition. We should be able to accomplish this with the summer improvement fund, providing our financial condition for the next few months remains as good as it has been during previous months, and also providing that no other major improvements are needed.

"Mike" Masius '20 Dies

It is with sincere regret that the Chapter announces the death of Leonard Max Masius '20, January 8, at his home in Sunningdale, Berkshire, England.

Mike, as he was known to his friends, was chairman of the advertising agency of Masius & Ferguson in London and was one of the best known members of the American Community there.

After leaving Cornell, Mike worked in the New York and Chicago offices of the Lord & Thomas advertising agency for several years. He handled the advertising for the American Tobacco Co. In 1929, he went to London as vice-president of Lord & Thomas and managing director of its European business. He founded Masius & Ferguson in 1942.

Recent Campus Elections Point Up Kappa's Leadership on the Hill

Within a space of two days in March, three ZBT brothers were elected to important posts in student government organizations.

On March 21, Thomas A. Rothschild '62 won a two-to-one victory in the election for the presidency of the Executive Board of the Student Government, and George C. Gorman '63 was elected, with the highest vote of all candidates, to the post of fraternity representative on the Executive Board.

Two days earlier, Jules B. Kroll '63 was chosen treasurer of the Interfraternity Council.

Rothschild a Campus Leader

All three victorious candidates are students in the College of Arts & Sciences. Tom comes from Glen-coe, Ill., and has served as chairman of freshman orientation. He is a member of Aleph Samach, junior honorary society; Cornell United Religious Works; and Cayuga's Waiters, a campus singing group.

George, a Dean's List student from Scarsdale, N.Y., is active in the Cornell Orchestra and the Sherwoods, a singing group which has made several highly popular recordings. Jules is a member of the Cornell baseball team and comes from Bayside, N. Y.

House Shows Great Interest

The fine showing made by ZBT in these student elections is indicative of the great interest and participation all Kappas have in extra-curricular campus activities. A quick survey reveals that Kappas are active in no less than 44 separate campus organizations. Together with this, Kappa has managed to maintain a high scholastic average, placing third in the scholastic rankings of all fraternities last year and having a large number of men on the Dean's List.

To list all of the extra-curricular activities which include representatives of Kappa would obviously require far more space than we have available here. However, a few of the more important activities deserve some mention.

In varsity sports we have: Rick

Albin and Richard Fine, swimming; Don Spero and Mike Hoffman, crew; Hal Levin, Bill Weinberger, and, as mentioned earlier, Jules Kroll, baseball; Stu Levin, basketball; Neil Goldberger, squash; David Ruttenberg, football; Jerry Levin, tennis; and Jeff Joseph, rugby. Helping to cheer the teams on to victory is varsity cheerleader Jim Florsheim.

Many Kappas Aid Frosh

Serving with Tom Rothschild on the freshman orientation committee are Paul Levin, director; and counselors Richard Fine, Ed Pereles, Phil Ziporin, Rick Albin, Mark Landis, Jim Nachman, Dave Slovkin, Richard Mangi, and Mike Brimm.

Another campus activity with a large number of Kappas is the undergraduate secondary schools committee, which seeks to introduce Cornell to outstanding high school students. Serving on this committee are Paul Levin, Mike Hoffman, Ed Pereles, Larry Aaron, Stu Levin, Eric Nordlinger, Richard Fine, Herschel Segall, Dave Wachslar, Stan Pollack, Phil Ziporin, Bernie Kruger, Terry Baker, and Mike Betten.

Campus Honoraries Important

In the various campus honorary societies, we have Richard Stein and Paul Levin in Sphinx Head; Mike Hoffman and Don Spero, Quill & Dagger; Richard Fine, Mike Abrams, Stu Levin, Ed Pereles, Don Spero and Mike Hoffman, Red Key; and in addition to the aforementioned Tom Rothschild, members of Aleph Samach include Terry Baker, P. J. Mode and Jim Florsheim.

Two Kappas also hold positions as class officers. Hillel Swiller is treasurer of the Senior Class and Terry Baker is president of the Junior Class.

Obviously we could continue at considerable length; however, we think the above, partial listing is clearly indicative of the great importance we attach to extra-curricular activities as an integral part of the college experience.

Bordon '14 Receives High Judicial Post

A distinct honor has come to one of our most distinguished alumni with the appointment of A. S. "Bunk" Bordon '14 to the Supreme Court of Errors of Connecticut, the State's court of last resort.

The appointment, which was made by Governor John Dempsey, climaxes a career of three decades on the bench, which began when Judge Bordon was named to the Common Pleas Court in 1931. For the first 10 years of his judicial career, Judge Bordon served part-time. However, when the judicial post was made a full-time job, Judge Bordon turned over his lucrative law practice to his junior partner. That junior partner has already become distinguished in his own right. His name: Abraham A. Ribicoff, former Governor of Connecticut and now U.S. Secretary of Health, Education & Welfare in President Kennedy's cabinet.

After nine more years on the Common Pleas bench, Judge Bordon was named to the Superior Court of Connecticut, where he became known as one of the State's most competent justices.

Judge Bordon's present appointment will run only five months, from May 5 to October 7, when he reaches the mandatory retirement age of 70. After the appointment was announced, "The Hartford Courant" ran an editorial praising Judge Bordon's career. The editorial closed with these words: "Now, for a brief period before the calendar forces retirement, Judge Bordon will serve on the highest court of the State he has already served well and long. It is as it should be."

Judge Bordon has lived for many years in the Hartford area. His present address is 869 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford 7, Conn.

"Still active as president of Max Marx Color & Chemical Co.," writes Walter "Brick" Marx '20 of 229 South Harrison, East Orange, N.J. "I manage to get enough exercise (golf) to keep in good shape, but am not as slim as in my undergraduate days when I was a coxswain for Courtney's crews."

NEWS FROM KAPPA BROTHERS

RICHARD L. OTTIYER '50 of 3803 Huntington Street, N.W., Washington 15, D.C., is presently an attorney for the International Cooperation Administration. Dick attended Harvard Law School after leaving Cornell, receiving his LLB in 1953. He is married to the former Betty Ann Schneider, an alumna of Connecticut College for Women, and they have three children: Ronald, 4; Randall, 3; and Lawrence, 1.

Working as a veterinarian in Columbus, Ohio, is DR. ALBERT A. "Bud" STROUSS '46. Bud is on the staff of Witter Animal Hospital, was graduated cum laude last year from the Ohio State School of Veterinary Medicine. Before deciding to become a veterinarian, Bud held jobs in several different fields. He was a department manager for Strouss-Hirshberg Co. in Youngstown, Ohio, from 1950-53; was with Canfield (Ohio) Tractor Sales from 1953-56; and from 1953-58 was owner-operator of Agricultural Finance Co. Bud married an Ithaca College girl, Lillian Cadiff, in 1949 and they now have three children: David, 5; Patricia, 8; and Sandra, 10. Bud's address is 2472 Dover Road, Columbus 9, Ohio.

HARVEY L. JACOBS '47 of 70 Remsen Street, Brooklyn 1, N.Y., is now a technical advisor-conferee with the Regional Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

"Felice, Jennifer and myself had a wonderful trip to Europe last August," writes HUGH F. GORDON '45. "We visited Holland, Switzerland, Paris, and England. Particularly enjoyed London, visiting friends we had met in Switzerland. Rented a car in London; toured Wales, the Midlands and the Shakespearean countryside. A tremendous experience. I hope everyone gets the chance, particularly as a family unit." Now back in the United States, Hugh and his family are residing at 30 Barberray Road, Lexington 73, Mass.

A new address is reported for JAMES G. HERMAN '59. Jim now lives at 16908 Van Aken Boulevard, Shaker Heights 20, Ohio. He and his wife, Carolyn Mindel Herman (Cornell '58) have a son, who was one year old this month.

ALVIN R. FINKELSTEIN '53 reports that he is working as a senior stress and vibration engineer at AiResearch in Phoenix, Ariz. Alvin, his wife and three children (David, 5, Carol, 3, and Robert, 1) make their home in Phoenix at 4712 East Palm Lane.

SAMUEL STRASBOURGER '33 of Sunnyside Road, Harrison, N. Y., is partner of Dreyfus & Co. and secretary-treasurer of the Dreyfus Fund. He is married to the former Gladys Hutchins and they have two children: Peter, 14, and Sam, Jr., 17.

IRVING S. CAPLAN '58 and his wife Marian (Syracuse '58) proudly announce the birth of a daughter, Randi Ellen, last fall. The Caplans live at 111 North Catherine Street, Plattsburgh, N.Y.

From Cleveland, Ohio, comes the news that Dr. STANLEY H. SHENSA '53 is presently a resident in internal medicine at the University Hospitals of Cleveland. Stan's address in Cleveland is 10606 Shaker Boulevard.

BARRY ZACKS '58 reports that he is a salesman for R. G. Barry Corp. of Columbus, Ohio, and that he now lives at 125 Cambon Drive, San Francisco, Calif. Barry and his wife Joyce (Levison) have two sons, Andy, 1, and Danny, 2.

"Visited Ithaca in January and was very impressed by the new Engineering Campus," writes A. DAVID ROSSIN '53. "Also enjoyed a visit with the members at Edgecliff. The place looked good." Dave lives at 323 South West Avenue, Elmhurst, Ill., and works as a nuclear engineer with the Argonne National Laboratories.