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Information from Joy Wagner, President Corson's office;

President Dale Corson did not take office with a formal inaugural ceremony, due primarily to the problems of the time period in which he moved from being Acting President to President.

In September or October of 1969 there was a small dinner (in Willard Straight Hall) for Trustees and friends to mark the event. Formal announcement came at the Cornell Commencement ceremonies held in June, 1970.

June, 1976 Elaine Harrington

Cornell University
Board of Trustees

Dinner
in honor of

Dale R. Corson

on the occasion of his investiture
as eighth President of Cornell University



Sunday, June 7, 1970, 7:15 p.m.

Memorial Room

Willard Straight Hall

Menu

Chilled Lobster, Crab, and Shrimp Plate

St. Julien 1966

Fillet Mignon aux Champignons

Stuffed Baked Potato

Broccoli Spears Hollandaise

Chef Salad

Melon Ball Coupe

Champagne

Presiding

Robert W. Purcell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees
of Cornell University

Honored Guests

Claude Bissell, President of the University of Toronto,
and Mrs. Bissell

Robert Brode, Professor Emeritus of physics at the
University of California at Berkeley, and Mrs. Brode
Harris Dates, Chairman of the Tompkins County Board
of Supervisors

Mrs. Edmund Ezra Day

John Sloan Dickey, President Emeritus of Dartmouth
College, and Mrs. Dickey

Howard Dillingham, President of Ithaca College, and
Mrs. Dillingham

Larkin H. Farinholt, Vice President and Trustee of the
Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

Samuel B. Gould, Chancellor of the State University of
New York, and Mrs. Gould

The Reverend Ralph Helverson and Mrs. Helverson

James M. Hester, President of New York University,
and Mrs. Hester

Deane W. Malott, President Emeritus of Cornell Uni-
versity, and Mrs. Malott

Floyd R. Newman, Presidential Councillor of Cornell
University, and Mrs. Newman

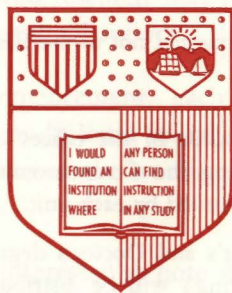
John M. Olin, Trustee Emeritus of Cornell University

Jacob Gould Schurman III and Mrs. Schurman

Julius A. Stratton, Chairman of the Board of the Ford
Foundation, President Emeritus of the Massachusetts
Institute of Technology, and Mrs. Stratton

Cornell University

Commencement Exercises and Investiture of the President



11 a. m., Monday, June 8, 1970
Barton Hall, Ithaca, New York

THE AUDIENCE is requested to remain seated until all the candidates for degrees have entered the auditorium and taken their places in sections reserved for them. At that point the audience will rise and remain standing during the procession of the faculty and trustees. All will be seated after the invocation.

PHOTOGRAPHERS are requested not to use flashbulb equipment in Barton Hall during the exercises.

DIPLOMAS will be distributed in the offices of the various colleges and schools immediately following the Commencement exercises, in accordance with information previously issued by each unit.

Diplomas for the Master's and Doctor's degrees in the Graduate School (except Master of Engineering) will be distributed in the Graduate School Office, Sage Graduate Center, after the Commencement exercises.

Diplomas for Bachelor's degrees in engineering and for Master of Engineering degrees will be distributed in the offices of the several schools and departments, as previously announced by each unit.

A special copy of the Commencement Program, containing the list of recipients of degrees, will be distributed with diplomas in the respective college and school offices.

Diplomas not called for on Commencement Day may be obtained at the Office of the Registrar, Day Hall, beginning Tuesday, June 9.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND COMMENCEMENT finds today's graduates and their University on the brink of possibilities undreamed of even by so prescient an individual as the founder, Ezra Cornell.

In 1869 when the first class was graduated, Cornell University was an innovative force, as it still is. One of the first secular universities, it added to the older disciplines such practical studies as agriculture and engineering, thus helping to meet that day's urgent economic and social needs.

Then a daring experiment, the Cornell example in university education has been followed by some of the most venerable institutions of higher learning in the Western world and by most of the new universities of developing nations everywhere.

The University today remains, as it was under the first President, Andrew Dickson White, and the Founder, an interesting combination of European scholarly attitudes and American educational ideas. Traditional studies—the humanities—still occupy a central place at Cornell, and during the period since the first Commencement the University has established modern areas of study and research that represent virtually the full range of man's intellectual inquiry and professional service.

At the University's first Commencement, each of the eight graduating students mounted the stage to receive a vellum diploma rolled and tied with a carnelian-colored silk ribbon. President White had composed the wording of the diplomas. Ezra Cornell himself had mailed the invitations.

Those present today may be interested to note that in 1869, according to the *Ithaca Journal*, among the huge crowd watching the Commencement procession were "the fairest ladies ever assembled for a college Commencement."

The ceremonies ended with the awarding of prizes and an address by President White. At the President's reception later that evening, strawberries, ice cream, cake, and lemonade were served.

Today, nearly 2,500 men and women will receive degrees. They face unprecedented challenges and opportunities in a world where their scholarship, skills, and thoughtful habits of mind are needed as never before.

Notes on Commencement

THE PROCESSION

The academic procession (in good weather) forms on the Arts College Quadrangle and marches in the following order: (1) candidates for degrees, those for advanced degrees leading; (2) members of the faculty; and (3) trustees, vice presidents, deans, the provost, and the President. The procession is led by the University marshal.

When the procession enters the auditorium, candidates for degrees are directed to their places in front of the platform. The faculty take places on the two wing platforms, and finally the trustees, the University officers, the deans, and the President mount the center platform for the ceremonies.

The University baton and the University mace are carried at such public events as the Commencement procession and exercises. The baton is carried by the University marshal as he forms and directs the academic procession. The mace symbolizes the authority of the University as exercised by its principal officers, especially its President. Both the baton and the mace were designed by Sir Eric Clements of the Goldsmiths' Guild of London. The baton is constructed of a rosewood shaft with a wrought-silver triangular knob, bearing a rendering of the University arms, and surrounded by a frieze of engraved ivy leaves. The mace consists of a tapered silver shaft surmounted by a golden terrestrial globe. The silver ribs surrounding the globe symbolize the universality of Cornell's interests and the world-wide associations of its faculty, students, and alumni.

Above the platform hang the banners of some of the ancient universities from which Cornell derives its tradition of learning and teaching. From left to right: Oxford, Cambridge, Edinburgh, Dublin, Heidelberg, and Paris.

ACADEMIC COSTUME

Academic costume in the United States usually conforms to an intercollegiate code established in 1895. The *gown* is commonly black, differing in design to accord with the level of the wearer's degree. The doctoral gown is paneled in velvet, with three matching velvet bars on the sleeves. The panels and bars may be of black or of the color indicating the general field of the degree conferred. For example, the velvet may be blue for the doctorate of philosophy, purple for the doctorate of laws, and gray for the doctorate of veterinary medicine. Black velvet is equally correct for all fields. Trustees wear doctoral gowns. The University marshal and the mace-bearer wear marshals' ceremonial gowns of solid carnelian. Recipients of the Cornell doctorate are authorized to wear gowns of carnelian if they prefer them to black.

The *tassel* on the academic cap or hat may be either black or the color indicating the field of the degree. Colors for Cornell degrees are: arts and sciences, white; agriculture, maize; business and public administration, olive; education, light blue; engineering, orange; fine arts and architecture, brown; human ecology, maroon; hotel administration, dark red; industrial and labor relations, orange-yellow; law, purple; medicine, green; veterinary medicine, gray. Doctors may wear gold tassels on their caps or hats. Cornell in some instances has modified the established color code in order to recognize different types of the Bachelor of Science degree, which is granted in several divisions.

The *hood* is the most distinctive feature of the academic costume. It still faintly suggests the medieval cowl from which it derives. Its velvet border, most visible from the front, indicates by its color the general field of the degree—just as the tassel may do. Its silk lining, seen at the back, is turned partly inside out, the better to display the color or colors of the institution that awarded the degree. The Cornell hood may be identified by its lining of carnelian, with two white chevrons.

Among other institutional colors frequently seen at Cornell Commencements are: Brown University, brown; California, gold, blue chevron; Chicago, maroon; Columbia, light blue, white chevron; Harvard, crimson; Illinois, dark blue, two orange chevrons; Indiana, crimson, white chevron; Iowa, old gold; Johns Hopkins, dark blue, gold chevron; Michigan, maize, azure-blue chevron; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, bright red, silver gray chevron; Pennsylvania, cardinal, blue chevron; Princeton, orange, black chevron; Stanford, cardinal; Wisconsin, bright red; Yale, dark blue.

HONORARY DEGREES

Cornell does not award honorary degrees. Two exceptions were made in the early days when degrees were conferred simultaneously on Andrew D. White, the first President, and on David Starr Jordan, a graduate of Cornell's first four-year class who became the first president of Stanford University.

THE CORNELL PH.D.

Cornell first conferred the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1872, only four years after the University opened. The University was one of the first three institutions in America to grant this most advanced of all degrees and has conferred it on more than 9,000 men and women.

Candidates for the Ph.D. degree come to Cornell from many lands and engage themselves in intensive studies in a great variety of subjects. Their studies represent the breadth of the fields into which they have ventured and the depth to which their investigations have taken them. This range and variety clearly reveal that the horizons of man's knowledge of himself, the world in which he lives, and the larger universe are being pushed steadily forward, year by year, by men and women of scholarly purpose and attainment.

Investiture of the President

Presidents of the University traditionally have been inducted into office and presented to the academic community with appropriate exercises. Such observances tended to be highly elaborate in the spacious early days of Cornell, but they have steadily moved toward greater simplicity in modern times. Today's investiture of the eighth President is the first to be performed as part of a University commencement. It marks the formal and ceremonial recognition of the presidency of Dale R. Corson.

All the Presidents since the foundation of Cornell have been men of high qualifications and public eminence. None though, whatever their other distinctions, have brought to the position so long an association and so varied an experience with the University as does Dale Corson. Professor, departmental chairman, dean, and provost—teacher, research scholar, and administrator—the new President in today's brief ceremony receives from the trustees the University mace, symbolizing the authority and responsibility of his high office.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

CLAUDE BISSELL

President, University of Toronto

ROBERT BRODE

Professor Emeritus of physics, University of California

HARRIS DATES

Chairman, Tompkins County Board of Supervisors

Representing Tompkins County

MRS. EDMUND EZRA DAY

Wife of Edmund Ezra Day, former President of Cornell University

JOHN SLOAN DICKEY

President Emeritus, Dartmouth College
Representing the Ivy League colleges and universities

HOWARD DILLINGHAM

President, Ithaca College

LARKIN H. FARINHOLT

Vice President and Trustee, the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

SAMUEL B. GOULD

Chancellor, State University of New York

THE REVEREND RALPH HELVERSON

Former Unitarian Chaplain, Cornell University

JAMES M. HESTER

President, New York University

Representing the Association of Colleges and Universities of the State of New York

DEANE W. MALOTT

President Emeritus, Cornell University

DONALD McMASTER

Presidential Councillor, Cornell University

FLOYD R. NEWMAN

Presidential Councillor, Cornell University

EWALD B. NYQUIST

Commissioner of Education, State Education Department

Representing the Regents of the State of New York and the State Education Department

JOHN M. OLIN

Trustee Emeritus, Cornell University

JACOB GOULD SCHURMAN III

Grandson of Jacob Gould Schurman, former President of Cornell University

JULIUS A. STRATTON

Chairman of the Board, the Ford Foundation
President Emeritus, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Program

PRELUDE

The Cornell University Wind Ensemble, Professor MARICE W. STITH, Conductor

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Professor BLANCHARD L. RIDEOUT, University Marshal

Professor Emeritus MORRIS G. BISHOP, Macebearer

PRESENTATION OF THE ACADEMIC ASSEMBLY

Professor RIDEOUT

AMERICA

(to be sung by the assembly)

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,

Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From ev'ry mountain side
Let freedom ring.

Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,

To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God our king.

INVOCATION

The Reverend RICHARD S. GILBERT

Unitarian Chaplain, Cornell University

"Graduation: The Anguish and the Challenge"

The Reverend DAVID W. CONNOR

Catholic Chaplain, Cornell University

INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST SPEAKER

ROBERT W. PURCELL

Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Cornell University

"The President and His University, 1970"

JULIUS A. STRATTON

Chairman of the Board, the Ford Foundation

President Emeritus, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

INVESTITURE OF DALE R. CORSON AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

Mr. PURCELL

ANTHEM

Salute to the President

Charles Gounod

Domine salvum fac praesidem nostrum, et exaudi nos in die quâ invocaverimus te.

The Cornell University Glee Club, Professor THOMAS A. SOKOL, Director

The Cornell University Wind Ensemble

ADDRESS

President CORSON

ANTHEM

No Man Is an Island

Henry Leland Clarke

Text by John Donne

The Glee Club and Wind Ensemble

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

By PRESIDENT CORSON

Bachelors of Arts: Presented by the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Professor ALFRED E. KAHN.

Bachelors of Science (Agriculture): Presented by the Dean of the New York State College of Agriculture at Cornell University, Professor CHARLES E. PALM.

Bachelors of Science (Human Ecology): Presented by the Dean of the New York State College of Human Ecology at Cornell University, Professor DAVID C. KNAPP.

Bachelors of Science (Hotel Administration): Presented by the Dean of the School of Hotel Administration, Professor ROBERT A. BECK.

Bachelors of Science (Industrial and Labor Relations): Presented by the Dean of the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University, Professor DAVID G. MOORE.

Bachelors of Architecture: Presented by the Dean of the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning, Professor BURNHAM KELLY.

Bachelors of Fine Arts: Presented by Dean KELLY.

Bachelors of Science (Engineering) and Masters of Engineering (Aerospace): Presented by the Dean of the College of Engineering, Professor ANDREW SCHULTZ, JR.

Doctors of Veterinary Medicine: Presented by the Dean of the New York State Veterinary College at Cornell University, Professor GEORGE C. POPPENSIEK.

Masters of Business Administration and Masters of Public Administration: Presented by the Dean of the Graduate School of Business and Public Administration, Professor H. JUSTIN DAVIDSON.

Masters of Arts, Masters of Science, and Other Masters' Degrees: Presented by the Dean of the Graduate School, Professor W. DONALD COOKE.

Doctors of Philosophy and Other Doctoral Degrees: Presented by Dean COOKE.

ALMA MATER

(to be sung by the assembly)

Far above Cayuga's waters,
With its waves of blue,
Stands our noble Alma Mater,
Glorious to view.

Far above the busy humming
Of the bustling town,
Reared against the arch of heaven,
Looks she proudly down.

Refrain:

Lift the chorus, speed it onward,
Loud her praises tell;
Hail to thee, our Alma Mater!
Hail, all hail, Cornell!

EVENING SONG

The Glee Club

BENEDICTION

The Reverend MR. GILBERT

RECESSIONAL

[The members of the graduating class and audience will remain standing in place during the Alma Mater, the Evening Song, and the Benediction, and until the President, the trustees, and the faculty have left the hall. They will then disband.]

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

University Marshal

BLANCHARD L. RIDEOUT

Macebearer

MORRIS G. BISHOP

Marshal's Aides

RODNEY E. DENNIS

FREDERICK R. HODGSON

WALLACE B. ROGERS

Faculty Marshals

W. DAVID CURTISS

HERBERT L. EVERETT

GEORGE A. KIERSCH

PAUL J. LEURGANS

SIMPSON LINKE

JOHN W. MACDONALD

FRANK B. MILLER

JOSEPH L. ROSSON

FRANCIS B. SAUL

JULIAN C. SMITH

CLASS MARSHALS

JAMES E. BAADEN

MARK E. WIENER

FIRST AND GROUP MARSHALS

A.B.

JOHN ROGER STANLEY

JONATHAN I. KATZ

B. Arch.

JAMES ANDREW CARR

JOEL LORD BOSTWICK

B.S. (Agriculture)

DON PAUL DEPREZ

PATRICIA MARY STANLEY

B.F.A.

CONSTANCE KAMENS

KIM DUBIN

B.S. (Engineering)

RICHARD B. MARCHASE

ROBERT EARLE GROVE

D.V.M.

LAWRENCE ALAN KAHN

DAVID A. STRINGFELLOW

B.S. (Hotel Administration)

DAVID EUGENE LEMON

WILLIAM ROY SEABURG

M.B.A., M.P.A.

CLEMENT ROGER COSTERS

LAWRENCE ARTHUR TERKEL

B.S. (Human Ecology)

PATRICIA ANN KANE

ANNE LOUISE CRANDALL

B.S. (Industrial and Labor Relations)

DOUGLAS HOWARD GINSBURG

SIMEON GOLD

Master's Degrees

EDWARD JAMES MCGLYNN

CHARLOTTE H. GOLD

COMMITTEE ON COMMENCEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

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