

STRAIGHT *Talk*

Willard Straight Hall at 100 years



WILLARD STRAIGHT HALL: designed to be the centre of the university's social recreation (From the Architect's Drawing)

THE CORNELL CLASS OF 1966 Invites the Cornell Sixties to Join Us!

WSH 100! • Honoring THE STRAIGHT

On November 18, 2025, Willard Straight Hall will mark its Centennial.

In celebration of its 60th Reunion Year and to honor the 100th Anniversary of The Straight, the Cornell Class of 1966 will collect stories, photographs, and memories that capture the “social history” of The Straight in our time, and will create a pdf book, **“STRAIGHT TALK,”** as a gift to Cornell and to the Kroch Library. We warmly invite the Cornell Classes of The Sixties to add their memories to our own.

Willard [Dickerman] Straight '01 always wanted to improve the student experience at Cornell... In his will, he directed his wife, Dorothy Whitney, to do “such thing or things for Cornell University as she may think most fitting and useful to make the same

‘a more human place.’”

Cornell Chronicle – March 18, 2015

In 1970, Cornell student life changed: a new student union — Noyes Community Center — opened to serve U-Halls at the bottom of Libe Slope. Robert Purcell (RPCC) opened soon after on North Campus, and Appel Commons followed.

But... in our shared years on the Hill, there was one, singular, gathering place for all.

The Straight. The center of everything.

Capturing and preserving the history of The Straight of our time falls to us.

Doing so now is not only timely for the 100th – it reflects the shortening time we have left to do so before our stories are lost.

Music changed along our decade; fashion changed along our decade, the world outside Cornell changed along our decade. But, across our shared 10 years, (and the decades long before us), the Ivy Room was the Ivy Room - and the nooks and crannies of The Straight were lit up from dawn into the wee hours of the night.

JOIN US with your memories! Preserve for Cornell's archives, and for generations of Cornellians to come, the stories of our time at The Straight. Celebrate its 100th!

• **ADD YOUR MEMORIES BY THE EASY FORM** •

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