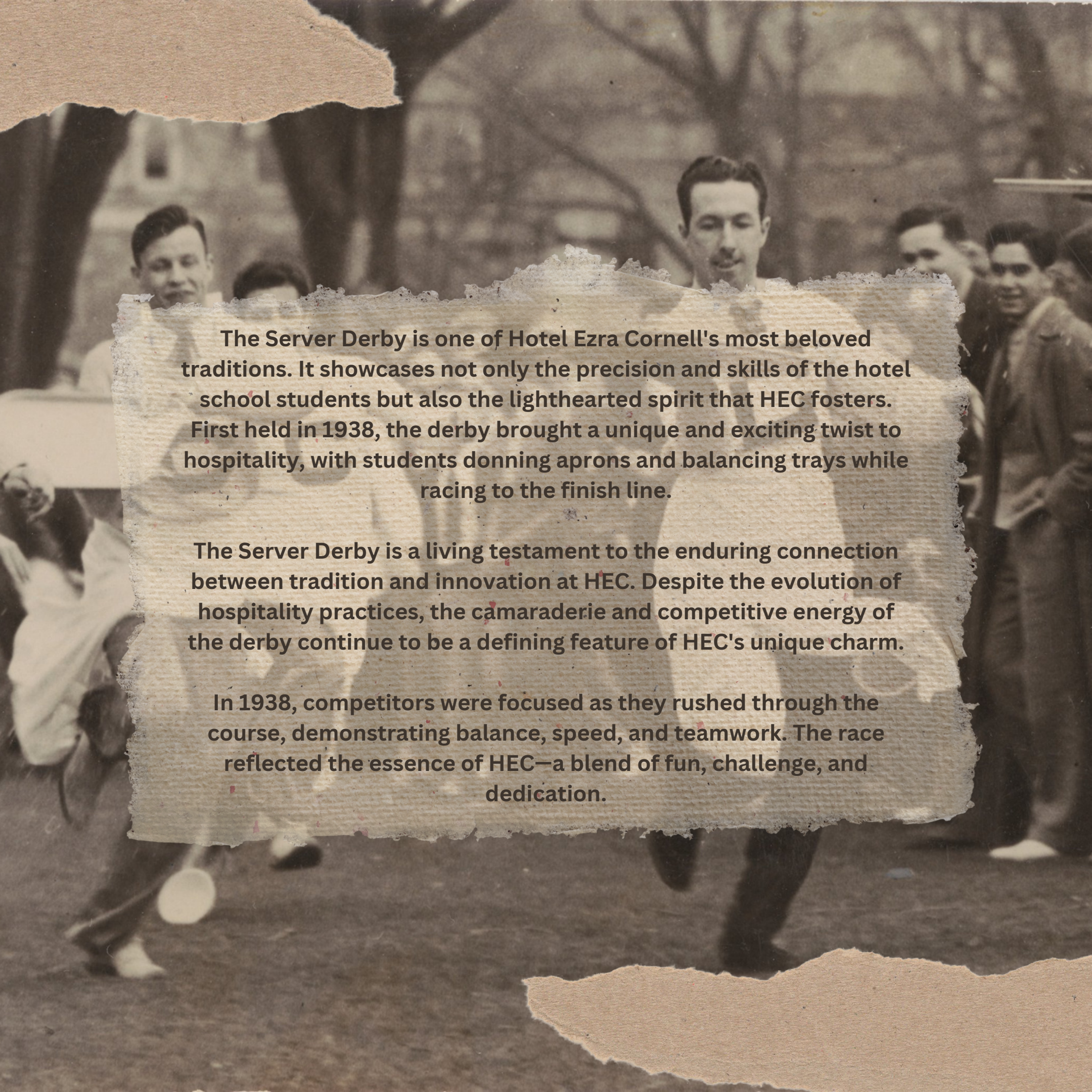
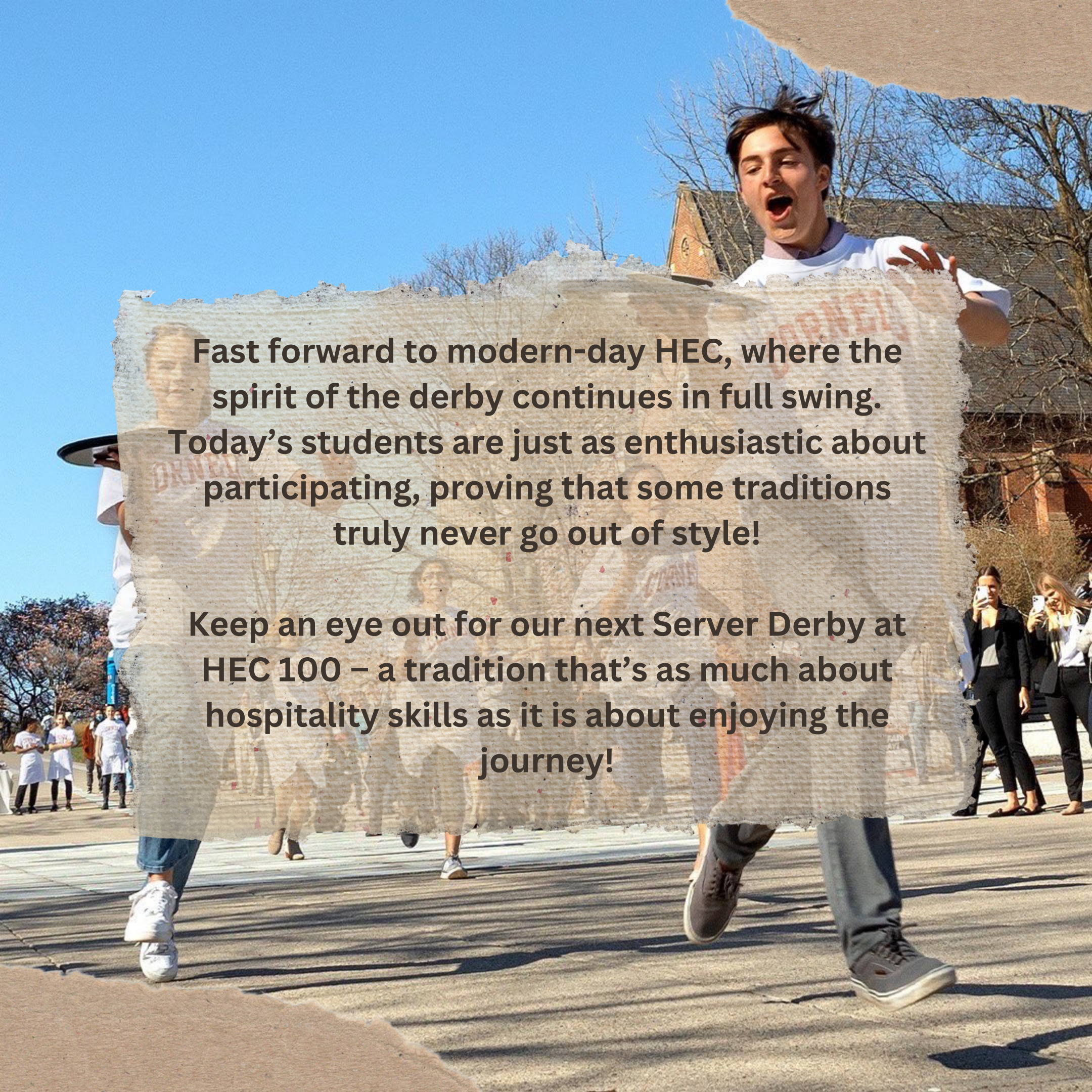




The Server Derby is one of Hotel Ezra Cornell's most beloved traditions. It showcases not only the precision and skills of the hotel school students but also the lighthearted spirit that HEC fosters. First held in 1938, the derby brought a unique and exciting twist to hospitality, with students donning aprons and balancing trays while racing to the finish line.

The Server Derby is a living testament to the enduring connection between tradition and innovation at HEC. Despite the evolution of hospitality practices, the camaraderie and competitive energy of the derby continue to be a defining feature of HEC's unique charm.

In 1938, competitors were focused as they rushed through the course, demonstrating balance, speed, and teamwork. The race reflected the essence of HEC—a blend of fun, challenge, and dedication.

A young man with dark hair is running towards the camera, wearing a white t-shirt and blue jeans. He has a large, rectangular cardboard box over his head, which is decorated with the word "CORNELL" in red. His mouth is open in a shout or cheer. In the background, other students in white t-shirts are running, and two women in black blouses are standing on the right, holding up their phones to take pictures. The scene is outdoors on a paved area with trees and a building in the background under a clear blue sky.

Fast forward to modern-day HEC, where the spirit of the derby continues in full swing. Today's students are just as enthusiastic about participating, proving that some traditions truly never go out of style!

Keep an eye out for our next Server Derby at HEC 100 – a tradition that's as much about hospitality skills as it is about enjoying the journey!