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Breaking News: Goat House Renovations Commence

The Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation is pleased to thank all brothers who contributed to our charter fundraising campaign throughout fall 2005. With your assistance, we raised

over \$32,000, including matching contributions. In the Spring of 2005, Howie Schaffer '90 outlined on these pages the motivations for creating a foundation to support educationrelated operations and capital projects at 777 Stewart Avenue.

We are excited to announce we are in the planning and early construction stages of a substantial project to stabilize and refurbish the Goat House. In May of 2006, engineers visited the house with the assistance of Tony Biddle '07, and reviewed the existing conditions of the exterior of the Goat House and its internal facilities. While the building is not in danger of imminent collapse,

masonry of the interior and exterior including the extended entryway are in need of serious repair. The engineers are also developing a report on steps to strengthen and stabilize the roof, and providing preliminary suggestions for an improved climate control systems. With the results of the survey in hand, planning and construction will be commencing on critical projects to stabilize and prevent further structural deterioration.

Once the immediate structural repairs are completed, the exterior of the Goat House, including the tile frieze is to be fully restored to its 1903 glory. Site lighting will be added to showcase the structure and help deter vandalism that unfortunately has become common in recent years. The final phase of the project will be to restore and enhance the interior appointments of the Goat House.



Men of character seen at Homecoming 2005: Hunter Ryan '07, Tony Biddle '07, and David Ryan '67.



As the primary structural needs are addressed, the Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation will work with the Goat House committee of the board of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell to solicit active and alumni brother

input on the future plans for the Goat House. Working together, we will realize a structure worthy of the next hundred years of Alpha Delta Phi on the Cornell University campus.

Our \$32,000 is just a start. We expect the entire project to cost nearly \$150,000. The quicker we can raise the money, the lower our final costs will be, as we can lock in current materials and labor expenses. Please make a fully tax-deductible contribution to the Goat House renewal and improvement effort.

Address your contribution to:

Goat House Improvement Fund c/o Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation P.O. Box 876 Ithaca, NY 14851-0876

All gifts will be promptly and gratefully acknowledged in writing. As always, we welcome your questions and comments; I can be reached by e-mail at gwd6@cornell.edu.

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George W. Doerre '04 President, Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation

Reflecting On The Past To Prepare For The Future

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Back in 1869, just a year after our university opened its doors, a group of 12 young men, from places like St. Louis, Missouri, Elmira, New York and Des Moines, Iowa, became the first to be initiated into our ranks. They would go on to pursue careers in law, journalism and business.

Our fraternity was founded before Cornell had selected its school song, "Far Above Cayuga's Waters" and while Ithaca, with just 8,000 residents, had no paved streets. The university's enrollment hovered at 563 at this time.

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Phil Reilly '69 discusses his life in crime and DNA testing with the brotherhood and guests last October.

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The Presidential Report: A Bold Vision

s the ivy sprouting from the Phi's ramparts shifts from brilliant emerald to dignified bronze hues, I pause now to take stock of what the brotherhood has recently accomplished.

New and returning brothers quickly bonded as we trickled in from summers spent around the world with myriad stories and souvenirs to exchange. Myself having woken up on a crisp final morning in

Scotland and then settling in that very evening in my new room at the house, I felt an unbridled sense of anticipation and excitement for the year ahead. The mood in the house was electric.

One of our first big projects was the Alumni Thank-a-thon that we held on Sunday, September 11th. A diverse group of twelve brothers personally thanked via telephone 427 active alumni for their continued support of the fraternity. We also had a great time trading anecdotes with brothers of both the recent and distant past.

Needless to say, Alpha Delt parties are the toast of the town. However, we are building new dimensions in our public image to present the Alpha Delta Phi as an institution of timeless class. This initiative starts with the resurrection of a Faculty Speaker Series, currently headed up by our Literary Chair, Kevin Barmish '07. The

first installment of the series features Doctor William B. Provine, with the evening's topic centered on Evolution versus Intelligent Design. We invited students, faculty, administrators, and local government officials to the October 25th event, which will be followed directly by a coffee and hors d'oeurves reception. Both the presentation and reception will be held at the house, giving us an opportunity to showcase ourselves to the Cornell community. Kevin has invested much time and energy to ensure the success of the event, and I am sure that a good start now will fuel momentum for future installations of the series.

While we are still early in the academic year, students must now decide where they want to live in the future. I am happy to report that somewhere in the neighborhood of eight current juniors have decided to live in the chapter house next year as seniors. This development has several important implications, a few of which I would like to highlight.

Firstly, the house will be more crowded and, by extension, a more fun place to live. Secondly, house operations and newer brothers will benefit from the veteran leadership and consultation that comes from living in the house for three years. Thirdly, the house will become a more diverse environment with healthy numbers of sophomores, juniors, and seniors living-in.

The devastation that occurred in the Gulf Coast region brought many displaced students to Cornell, and Alpha Delta Phi was first in line to help. Shortly after the disaster we agreed to house Matthew Checki '08, a transfer student from Tulane University. By all accounts Matt has been having a great time, so much so that he is pursuing a permanent transfer to Cornell.

I would like to thank all my fellow brothers—and especially the officers—for their efforts so far this year. I have always thought that the success or failure of any group is tied intimately to each of its members. We, therefore, as Alpha Delts must personally identify with the success or failure of this house. We must *protect* this house. Vice President Tom Reilly '07 organized a masterful homecoming weekend and Victory Club. Scott Marret '08

has acquiesced well as house manager. Social chair Tobin Sullivan '07 has the girls thinking of us not as Greeks, but as Greek Gods deserving of no less than the sweetest of indulgent satisfactions. Rush Chair Sven Erik Karlsson '07 has given us a good head start for rush. Sometimes I wonder whether Pat Kavanagh '07 actually has time to sleep, considering the responsibility he shoulders as Treasurer and Steward.

So in closing and as I look to emerge from this rumination into the reality of another Ithaca Fall season, I say that we are indeed preserving the mystery and wonderment of the Alpha Delta Phi. I look forward to the future, and hope to see many of you in the spring when the emerald ivy once again creeps across these great stone walls.

Over the past decade, the number of seniors living in the house

Xaipe! Anthony Drexel Biddle '07 Fall 2005 Undergraduate President

Alpha Delta Phi Financial Update

As a result of an unusually large senior class graduating last spring, coupled with skyrocketing energy prices to heat 777 Stewart Avenue., we knew that finances would be tight this year. However, the executive board has embraced this challenge and continues to work vigilantly to streamline our costs wherever possible. We saw some of the fruits of our labor when our homecoming, social, and kitchen budgets came in right on target last semester. We used our rush budget effectively over the course of the fall semester to attract potential rushes with weekly Monday Night Football social gatherings and our traditional Turkey Fest event around Thanksgiving. We are all very pleased with our 16 new members and see tremendous leadership ability in them to make lasting contributions to the Phi.

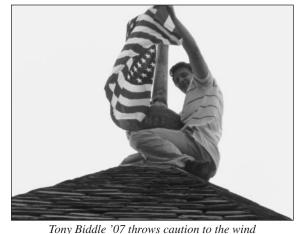
In recent years, lack of communication between executive officers and the brotherhood has often lead to overspending and resulted in running deficits. The executive board has made a conscious effort at the onset of each semester this year to ensure that each officer was well aware of their designated budget. Furthermore, the importance of engaging in semester long planning to minimize unforeseen costs was stressed. has gradually decreased to zero as a result of attractive living arrangements in Collegetown. This is especially troublesome since seniors should take advantage of their experience and leadership to play integral roles in the house, not to mention the empty rooms that result. Seeing this troublesome trend, Howie Schaffer '90 and the alumni board have generously created an incentive to encourage more senior leadership in the house. Beginning next year, seniors living in the house will not be billed for their spring room cost (\$3,375). There will be a minimum of 6 seniors living in the house next year, compared with zero over the past two years. With a fuller house next year and a renaissance in senior leadership, I am optimistic about our financial outlook. I hope to have the privilege

of continuing my duties as treasurer during my senior year and look forward to continued financial success. Patrick G. Kavanagh '07

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Treasurer

Tony Biddle '07 throws caution to the wind and unfurls a new banner at Alpha Delt Phi.



Ray Tuttle '48 Praises House History And Shares A Goat House Tale

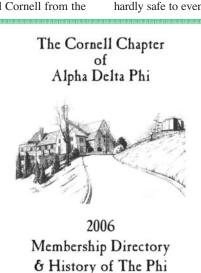
I extend my most enthusiastic congratulations to Howie Schaffer '90 and Marc Zawel '04 for the great job done with the new 2006 Membership Directory and History. It is wonderful. The much-improved communications from the Chapter over the past couple years has had a really positive effect on my interest in our chapter of the Alpha Delta Phi. This document is much more than just frosting on that cake—it is like a champagne toast!

First some background: I returned to the States and Cornell from the

Pacific Theater just in time for the Spring term beginning in February 1946. I was a second-term Junior in the five-year Chemical Engineering School program. Pre-war, I got to Cornell on New York State and McMillan Scholarships and a very tight budget which led me to live at the co-op on Stewart Avenue (Cayuga Student Residence Association). When I returned in 1946 with the scholarships plus the GI Bill, I did not go to CSRA but to a room in Sage Hall (which had been for girls pre-war). My roommate turned out to be Dave Klauder '46 from Buffalo, which was a strong area for Alpha Delt alumni (Woose Hooker '28, et al). The House rushed Dave and he told them to check me out as well. I had been on Cornell's Tennis team, would certainly bring the House's grade point average up, and Dave said I was a good guy-so they rushed me and we both pledged AD.

Now on to the Alpha Delta Phi stuff. The house was back in the fraternity's hands (it had

been requisitioned by the U.S. Department of War during World War II) by spring of 1946 (it may even have been in the fall of '45 but I don't remember). Discharged veterans had started coming back to Cornell in the Fall of 1945 and by Spring term there was a flood of veterans! The alumni and actives were anxious to fill the AD House so the pledges were encouraged to move in and we did (that made the University happy as well, because they had students waiting to fill the room we vacated—the top floor of Olin Hall of Chemical Engineering was even



turned into dorms!). The Alpha Delts also took in the Kappa Alpha brothers who were back in 1946, since their house on-campus was still occupied by midshipmen.

The Goat House had gone through the war years without heat or any attention at all, since the residence was occupied by midshipmen. We came to understand that pre-war it had a plastered ceiling; when I first saw it post-war, much of the ceiling plaster had fallen to the floor and it was hardly safe to even be in there. Accordingly, the big project for the pledge

class was to clean up the Goat House (Here my memory gets foggy as to the sequence of events our final initiation ceremony may have been in the Library and the cleanup in the weeks that followed—or we may have been initiated in the Goat House before or after the cleanup).

What I do remember very well was the process of cleanup! We knocked the remaining plaster down from the domed ceiling, filled wheelbarrows and ran the wheelbarrows down the steps, through the house, out the door, across the lower parking lot and dumped the plaster over the side of the hill. We had a single plank running down the center of the steps, tried to keep the wheel of the wheelbarrow on the plank, one of our feet on each side of the plank going down the steps, pulled into a trot by the wheelbarrow load on the sloping stairs! I remember it as a wild ride or rather many wild rides since there was a lot of stuff to remove! But we got it done and the Goat House resumed its

function before the term was over.

I am very glad to support the overdue renovation of the Goat House through my contribution to the Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation.

The above article was adapted from an enthusiastic note received from Raymond E. Tuttle '48. Brother Tuttle can be reached at: **RayTutt@aol.com**.

Reflecting On The Past To Prepare For The Future

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Over the years, much has changed, both at Cornell and within our fraternity. We've moved from Tioga Street to Buffalo Street to Stewart Avenue. We've also survived some of the biggest historical events that our country has ever faced: from the Great Depression, to the World Wars to September 11.

And while other fraternity brotherhoods have risen and fallen, ours has shown remarkable resilience. Through snowstorms and tragic fires, Alpha Delta Phi has continued to demonstrate excellence, churning out thousands of educated, ambitious and successful future leaders. But, how have we managed to do this? What is it about our fraternity—and its members—that have allowed us to survive, when so many others have failed? Some of Alpha Delt's oldest living members, from the 1930s and 1940s, might offer some insight.

While they might have been the first to live in our rebuilt home — and were undergrads when an idea for a fraternity newsletter, the *Cornell Alpha Delt*, was hatched—they lived during a time and political climate not too unlike what we live in today.

Not long before the attack of Peal Harbor in late 1941, Carl Becker, university historian, gave a lecture that still holds resonance. "Cornell has a character, a corporate personality, in this sense, an intellectual tradition by which it can be identified. The word which best symbolizes this is freedom," he said.

Similarly, as we grapple today with how best to address the threat of terrorism, so did our government in the face of communism.

This means the U.S.A. Patriot Act today—and 70 years ago, it meant the Ives Act of 1934, a heavily debated bill, that would require all teachers at Cornell to take an oath of allegiance to state and national constitutions. Through it all, Alpha Delta Phi has continued to provide its members not only a social outlet, but also an environment that fosters their intellectual, social, emotional, and leadership development.

When one member of our fraternity from the 1930s was asked to recall any memories of his time in Ithaca, he cited "the fellowship that the fraternity life offered and the high caliber of individuals in the House." But, at the same time, this brother said that he feared high academic achievement wasn't always encouraged, a criticism not unlikely to be heard today.

It's clear then that Alpha Delt is perennially a motley group of smart men seeking collaborators in living the good life. Sometimes book learning comes second to us at Cornell. But, learning about the world, leadership, negotiation and diversity—these are lessons that have endured long after we have forgotten all the symbols of the elements of the periodic table.

And, knowing just this—that it is the strength of our character and ideals that has allowed for our tremendous success—will be helpful in reminding us how to approach the challenges we are sure to face in the future.

Marc Zawel '04 Treasurer, Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation

Homecoming 2005 And Initiation 2006 ACEF Academic Award Winners

S ix undergraduate brothers were recognized at the most recent Homecoming Alumni Banquet for their outstanding academic achievements. The Adelphic Cornell Educational Fund (ACEF) presented \$500 academic awards to Kevin Barmish '07, Zachary Jones '06, David Chen '07, Derek Biederman '08, and Tobin Sullivan '07. A special honorable mention and a \$100 award was given to Gerald Yeung '08.

At the Spring 2006 Initiation Banquet another round of academic awards were eagerly bestowed by Thom Chirurg '64 and the trustees of the ACEF. Prizes of \$500 were presented to Sven Karlsson '07, Kevin Barmish '07, Derek Biederman '08, Aaron Beaudette '07, Zachary Jones '06, Ben Buchanan '06, and Justin Mao-Jones '08.

Spring 2006 was the ninth consecutive semester in which four or more brothers have won academic awards by being named to the Dean's List of their respective college.

The ACEF makes cash awards annually, at Homecoming and Initiation, to recognize exemplary scholarship. The awards are made in memory of Theodore H. Booth '25 and James T. Lewis '27. An additional award is made in the fall, to the newly initiated brother with the highest GPA earned while a pledge, in honor of R. Bruce Hart '84. More information on these awards can be found at: http://www.adphicornell.org/scholarships.asp

The fraternity extends its gratitude to trustees and the donors of the ACEF for their continued sponsorship of these academic awards that promote academic excellence in Alpha Delta Phi. Rewarding and celebrating the scholarship, intellectual merit, and hard work of deserving undergraduate brothers is a pleasure for all alumni brothers.

A Look Back to 1954: Alpha Delt Crimestoppers In Action!

On October 5, 1954, The Cornell Daily Sun reported that a group of Ithaca teenagers was apprehended after reportedly attempting to break into the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity house.

"[Peter] Baker and six other younger youths [were] discovered by Donald L. Berg '55 and John A. Brooke '57, Alpha Delta Phi members, as the gang was attempting to break open a dining room window. Berg managed to corner [the youth] against the wall of the house while Brooke captured two of the other fleeing juveniles.

"After informal questioning the three teenagers claimed they were seeking beer, ice cream and pop and admitted stealing some beer at the Chi Psi house earlier [that day.]

"A spokesman from this fraternity informed *The Sun* that 'a small amount of beer, less than a case' was taken sometime over the weekend."

A Musical Atmosphere Fills The Phi Lodge

There has been a revival in the past year of the musical side of Alpha Delta Phi. It is rare these days to walk through house without hearing the strumming of a guitar, the banging of a drum, or a jingle on the grand piano. A new band-room in the basement is equipped with multiple guitars, a bass, drums, and banjo. The house now boasts a fantastic rag-time piano player, Gerald Yeung '08. I congratulate the brothers on their musical excellence and for this revival of the arts throughout the house.

> Sven Karlsson '07 Songmaster

Preserving The Past At Alpha Delta Phi

The living history of our house is of the utmost importance to the undergraduate brotherhood. There is a strong interest in, and respect for, the great men that came through this fraternity in the many years before us. Just the other day, while standing together on the balcony overlooking the great hall, Thomas Reilly '07 mused to me, "Imagine the hundreds of brothers who have stood right here and all the unbelievable stories that have taken place under this roof. What a movie it would make!"

The announcement made by Howie Schaffer'90 to the undergrads of a plan to restore the Goat House was warmly embraced by the brothers. The need for serious structural improvement and a redesigned interior is painfully evident to the active brotherhood. Yet, during the first committee meeting, while brainstorming restoration options, President Tony Biddle '07 intensely refuted the offhand suggestion of a total demolition and reconstruction of the G. He stated, "What has transpired within those hallowed walls is far more important to me and Alpha Delta Phi than any new structure could hope to be. When I return here in future years I do not want to see some false deity taking the place of that historic structure."

In the end, we all managed to come to a consensus that whatever the future of the Goat House, we must focus on the principles of: secrecy, security, cleanliness, safety, and ritual or meeting use only. Personally, I believe that in order to allow the G to come back into consistent use by the brothers, we must create a way to heat it. The use is currently prohibited in the colder months, and in Ithaca, that's most of them. Heating, of course, leads to the need to also increase

insulation and install sprinklers to keep it up to code.

As we discussed the various options, the magnitude of the project ahead of us continued to grow. However, with the strong interest of the brotherhood and continued alumni support, I am confident that the Goat House will soon be restored to its original glory, and more. I am proud to be part of a brotherhood that cares not just about ensuring the future of the house, but preserving its past as well.

> Sven Karlsson '07 Historian Spring 2006 Vice President



Sven Karlsson '07 and date at the Phi.

Homecoming 2005: Bringing Us All Back Home

Ur active brotherhood extends its thanks to those alums who returned to the Phi this October for Homecoming and Victory Club. It is a great sense of pride to have brothers from many different eras come back and show their support for the house and the brothers. To see that the welfare of the Phi is still on the minds of men who have far more pressing concerns is a testament to the character of Alpha Delts.

Generation gaps, as we are all aware, are very real. The exigencies and attitudes of our ever-shifting culture are not the same for any two generations of brothers. The details of life at 777 Stewart Avenue have been in constant flux since the day the first brothers moved in. Every aspect of the Phi is interpreted and acted upon differently each year. But during Homecoming this year I realized that despite these disparities, all Alpha Delts

know what it is to be a part of a brotherhood. We all know what it feels like to start a new school year and realize that the brotherhood is no longer the same as it was months before. It is an exciting prospect to have the future very much in your hands and know that it will only be what you make it. A love of fraternity is what has brought all of us to the Phi and the memories of the early years are what keep bringing us back.

Again, the brothers thank those of you who took time to visit and remind all of you that you are eternally welcome at 777 Stewart. Pledging is only a practice run; the true test of fraternity is brotherhood itself.

have such kind words written about us by someone who has had such lit-

tle exposure to us and still believes we are responsible young men, a

As members of the Alpha Delta Phi tradition we pride ourselves on

Thomas Reilly '07 Fall 2005 Vice President & Victory Club Co-Chairman

Undergraduates Offer "Thank Yous" To Generous Alumni Brothers

The Alpha Delta Phi alumni Thankathon took place on Sunday, September 11, 2005, and was a great success. Ten undergraduate brothers, led by President Biddle, took charge and the result was the most successful Thankathon in years. Because of

President Biddle's esteemed vision and guidance 420 phone calls were made to our vast pool of very generous alumni.

Undergrads spoke to just over 100 alumni, and over 50 spouses and family members. 180 messages were left on those alumni answering machines that did not pick up their phones and undergraduate brothers made sure to leave numbers they could be contacted at if alumni had any questions.

The Thankathon was such a success that the following day Mike Duesing of the Stewart Howe Alumni Service, which helps coordinate the Thankathon, sent an e-mail to alumni president Howie Schaffer '90 in which he writes, "Since I have had

personal experience with your undergraduates on several occasions in the past several years, I can say they are doing are doing quite well. Their more responsible, sincere approach should make you and the alumni proud." As undergraduates in the house we were very honored to

Ensuring Our Future Through RUSH

f there is one gift of lasting impact that I know my brothers and I can leave to Alpha Delt, it is in the careful choice of those young men we choose to succeed us as the undergraduate brotherhood. I am, of course, talking about Rush, the age-old tradition of strengthening our organization by attracting solid candidates to us. As Rush Chair, I can confidently say that this year will yield a very strong pledge class. Thanks to Social Chair Tobin Sullivan '07, we have been hosting some of the best parties on campus this semester. Our Victory Club during Homecoming was a great chance for freshmen to see the classier side that puts Alpha Delts "a cut above the rest." This, in turn, has created great prestige for our house and the inevitable interest that follows. Coupled with weekly social gatherings and a variety of other rush events throughout the semester, I see Alpha Delta Phi in a very favorable position going into rush week. The intelligent and magnetic "potential rushees," who we have already attracted, along with the many more we will meet during rush week, will go forward to lead this house effectively and prosperously far into the future.

Sven Karlsson '07, Rush Chair



Alpha Delts thank our alums at Thankathon 2005.

strengthen in the years to come.

seeming oxymoron this day and age.

stereotypes so easily associated with fraternities. The undergraduates as a whole took from our discussions with alumni a greater sense of responsibility towards the house and in our weekly Wednesday meeting Vice President Reilly shared with us an amusing story from an Alpha Delt in the 70s who told him a story which truly exemplified the Alpha Delt motto of working hard and playing hard.

being set apart from the mainstream

The undergraduate brothers would like to thank all alumni who took the time to answer our phone calls and support the house and we hope the ties between alumni brothers and undergraduate brothers will continue to

> Xaipe, Hunter Ryan '07 Spring 2006 President

Alpha Delt Elected To Cornell University Board of Trustees

n early April, Interim Cornell President Hunter Rawlings called Philip Reilly '69 to give him the good news that their fellow alumni had elected him to the University Board of Trustees.

The board's four year terms begin on July 1. Phil Reilly is the recent author of *The Strongest Boy in the World: How Genetic Information is Reshaping Our Lives* (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press.) Our many congratulations to Phil on this great honor and responsibility.

Phil joins other Alpha Delta Phi brothers on the board of trustees, including emeritus members John Dyson '65, J. Thomas Clark '63 and Howard P. Milstein '73.

W. Douglas Bond '66

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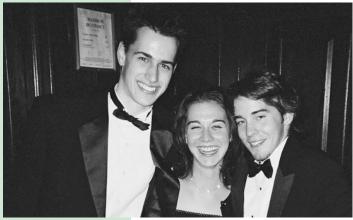
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To See And Be Seen At Phi Lodge At Homecoming 2005



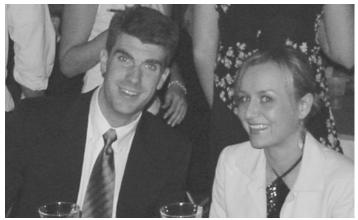
Pat Kavanagh '07 and Tom Reilly '07, with date, at Homecoming 2005.



Tom Chandy '03 and his date at Homecoming 2005.



George Kennedy '52 displays his Lifetime Alumni Service Award, bestowed at Homecoming 2005.



J. J. McCormick '05 and date at Homecoming 2005.



Aaron Beaudette '07 with his date, Genevieve.



Ron Schaefer '78 at the tailgate.



Steven Ritchey '81 at the tailgate.



George Kennedy '52 shares wisdom.



Joe Tucceri '00, grillmeister.



Hunter Ryan '07 with his date.



Alpha Delts Work Hard, Play Hard, And Sleep Soundly



Johnny Russo's Dixieland band entertains at Homecoming 2005.



Joe Welch '95 catches up on important business.



Many hands, one heart: brothers exult under the solarium lamp.



Derek Matuszczak '06 and Howie Schaffer '90 at Victory Club 2005.



James Widyn '05 and date at the Phi.



Colin Williams '92 and Gerald Yeung '08 at the game.



Kevin Barmish '07 and his date, Maia.



Kevin Barmish '07, Professor Strauss, and Hunter Ryan '07, at literary event in 2006.



Andrew Melvin '07 with his date, Julia.

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Literary Activities At 777 Stewart Avenue

n Sunday February 26, 2006, Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell University welcomed Professor Barry Strauss and his family for a Protocol dinner followed by a literary presentation in the Great Hall. Many brothers were in attendance, along with many Alpha Delta Phi pledges who were experiencing their first literary event led by a professor.

Barry Strauss is a Professor of History and Classics and has been recognized with such honors as Cornell's Clark Distinguished Teaching Award, a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities, and a fellowship at the American School of Classical Studies at Athens. In addition, Strauss' recent book *The Battle of Salamis, the Navel Encounter that Saved Greece – and Western Civilization* was named as one of the best books of 2004 by the Washington Post and is currently being translated into six languages.

Strauss displayed his wealth of his-

torical knowledge and his interest in Cornell sports, specifically the sport of rowing. He explained the story behind the first Cornell rowing coach Charley Courtney who was a resident of 218 Eddy Street in the late part of the 19th century and into the early 20th century. Courtney was a rowing icon, winning the 1876 international rowing championship, but he was also a figure of great controversy. Strauss explained that rowing in that time period could be compared to thoroughbred racing of this time period in that betting was an integral part of the sport.

In 1879, Courtney became synonymous with the biggest American sporting scandal until the Black Sox controversy of 1918. Courtney was

set to row against Ned Hanlon in what was believed to be a match-up of the two best in the world. But the night before the race, with \$6,000 on the line (an absurdly high amount for 1879), Courtney's two boats were sawed in half. Courtney refused to race without his boat and Hanlon won the race unopposed, but did not win the \$6,000 as the corporate

> sponsors pulled the prize money after controversy struck. Many people including a large portion of the American media believed that Courtney had his boats sawed out of pure cowardice.

> Just six years later, Cornell University offered Courtney a job as the coach of its rowing team, even though the editorial page of the New York Times strongly ridiculed the choice. Courtney proved that he had reformed himself though, as he took full control of the team and made it into what a college team is now thought of today. The coach had full decision making power, kicked off individuals who were lacked talent and were on the

team simply because of social connections, and insisted that women and disabled were also taught the basics of rowing. Courtney proved to be such a success as the coach that students called him "Pap" Courtney. Harvard University tried to steal Courtney away from Cornell but as an incentive to keep the "Dean of American Rowing," the university bought and built the house that still stands at 218 Eddy Street.

The brothers and pledges of Alpha Delta Phi greatly appreciate the presentation by Professor Strauss.

Alexander Justin Lebowitz '09

Brother Takes Semester Off To Pursue Entrepreneurial Endeavors

Bright and early on a Sunday morning, Brother Mathew Alexander Rakow '08 races down the chaotic Los Angeles Freeway while trying to tackle the constant tumult erupting from his Blackberry. "Matt, where is our chef? We have no pizzas and the customers are hungry," states his apprehensive colleague. "Don't sweat it, dog," replies Matthew in a very cool manner as he pulls up to the Taste of Encino festival holding 10 boxes of freshly-baked delectable pizza. Mathew and his company, Levin & JM LLC, introduce their new establishment, D'Amore's Pizza Connection, to the masses of Encino and instantly create rave reviews amongst their customers.

When asked what plans he has in the future with the pizza business, Mathew replies, "with the current success of this business, my company may consider expanding into other lucrative Californian markets. In the short term I am planning on returning to the Phi next semester and using this endeavor as a means to spark my future investments."

Rajiv Tatarao Yadlapalli '07

"Get strong men. Men of character, leaders in the university, officers of the student body. And of the classes, literary men, debaters, athletes of the right kind. But above all, GET MEN!"

> Benjamin Ide Wheeler, BR 1875, giving advice to the California Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi

Matt Rakow '08 hones his culinary skills.





Professor Barry Strauss lectures at the Phi.



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Winners Of $A\Delta \Phi$ Tradition Fellowship Announced

Since 1998, coveted Alpha Delta Phi Tradition Fellowships have been awarded to undergraduates who demonstrate leadership potential and hold a leadership position in the chapter. The financial award is a scholarship grant—awarded through the Cornell Financial Aid Office—designed to relieve all, or portions, of the recipients' work-study requirements. By relieving these obligations, brothers are expected to provide service and leadership to their chapter. These fellowships were created through Cornell's Scholarship Challenge Campaign, underwritten by John S. Dyson '65, and matched by generous Alpha Delt alumni donors.

The 2005-2006 award winners are Anthony Drexel Biddle IV '07, past undergraduate president, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Tobin Pierce Sullivan '07, former social chair and Victory Club chair, from Natick, Massachusetts. Both brothers were awarded scholarships ranging from \$2,200 to \$3,800.

In a letter to the board of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell, Inc., Brother Biddle wrote, "I am enormously grateful for the recognition and the award. This financial assistance in helping to pay for my college education is invaluable. This award has not only enabled me to study abroad, but has also helped me to channel additional energies into my service to the Phi. I look at this award as a temporary loan, as I seek to be able to repay it with donations to the Phi once I am established in my career and my college debts are fully paid."

The 2004-2005 award winners were Daniel Kaiser '07 and John VanArsdale '05.

History Of Alpha Delta Phi At Harvard University

he AD Club traces its origins back to the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity Chapter at Harvard, founded in 1837. The Harvard chapter ultimately surrendered its charter in 1860 and disbanded, supposedly after an internal disagreement over the course of the Civil War. Its members, for the most part, split into two organizations-the AD Club, a final club whose name stems from the first two words of the fraternity's name, "Alpha Delta," and the Fly Club, whose name was derived from the word "Phi," the third word of the fraternity's name. In 1896 the alumni and members of the AD Club raised money to buy the property on which the club still stands. Unlike the AD, the Fly Club did not become a final club immediately following the break-up of Alpha Delta Phi. Indeed, the name "Fly" wasn't selected until 1910, nearly 50 years after the original fraternity had broken up. Initially, the Fly was a waiting club, but it quickly lost that second-tier status and became a final club in its own right. Cornell's own Doug Bond '66 is nowleading an effort to recolonize the Harvard chapter. We wish him success in his efforts!

www.adphicornell.org

When you visit us at **www.adphicornell.org** you can locate your brothers, learn about upcoming events, read current and past issues of the newsletter, post messages in the discussion area, see dozens of photographs, make a gift to the house, and more! Take advantage of this easy way to reconnect with the Phi and strengthen the bonds of brotherhood.

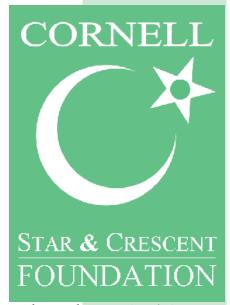
Peter Brown '82 Wins Logo Contest for Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation

The board of directors of the Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation is pleased to announce that Peter P. Brown '82 submitted the winning entry in the recent competition for a logo for the new foundation. "The new logo is vibrant, exciting, and forward looking, qualities that parallel the aims of the new foundation," announced George Doerre '04, the foundation's board president.

After graduating Cornell in 1982, Peter took his NROTC commission in the Navy and went to sea for a few years. He deployed to the Mediterranean, Caribbean and Atlantic operating areas, chasing (then) Soviet submarines. He later took an assignment ashore in Puerto Rico

where he reports perfecting his tan and drink-mixing talents while still holding a steady job in the Navy. Following the Navy, he moved to Boston and worked in several large Banks before joining his current company, Welch & Forbes LLC (founded in 1838). His firm manages investments, mostly for the well-to-do and he has now been an investment portfolio manager for 12 years. He became a partner at the firm four years ago. "I am likely to remain until they cart me off," he reports.

In addition to his investment responsibilities for more than \$300 million in assets, he directs the firm's marketing literature production.



The award-winning Star & Crescent logo design by Peter Brown '82.

Through that role he often works with graphic layouts and design. "When the opportunity arose to design a new logo for the foundation, I put that skill to work," he said. "The logo chosen was one of the first that came to mind, emphasizing the green and white of the fraternity's colors with a nod to Cornell's Big Red."

In 1999, Peter met Lauren Smith and they married in 1994 in



Peter Brown '82

Newport, RI, with a handful of Alpha Delt brothers attending. They have twin boys, Alex and Teddy, now eight years old, who Peter hopes someday will follow his footsteps to Cornell and Alpha Delta Phi. "To all of my brothers cast far and wide, as well as to those that we have lost over the last 20 years, I say Xaipe and God bless," said Peter. He can be reached by e-mail at **pbrown@welchforbes.com.**

The foundation board expresses its gratitude to Peter and the other brothers who took time to design logos and images for the new foundation. These contributions of time, energy, and creativity are extremely valuable for uniting brothers behind the goals of the new foundation.



Alpha Delt Brother Helps "Untangle The Ivy League"

as Animal House, that cult-classic movie that premiered in 1978 about the Delta fraternity at the fictitious Faber University, based on the Alpha Delta Phi chapter at Dart-

mouth College? Does Cornell-with its cloudless skies and looming suspension bridges-have the nation's highest suicide rate as many believe? These are just several of the questions answered in my recently published college guidebook, Untangling the Ivy League 2006. (For the record: Chris Miller, the writer of Animal draw House, did partly on his fraternity experience in writing the film's script, including the Alpha Delt tradition of naming pledges after animals. And, contrary to belief, the Big Red is not the Big Blue, as it ranked fourth out of 11 peer institutions in number of suicides, according to The Boston Globe.)

Untangling the Ivy League began initially as an independent study at Cornell my senior year under the guidance of Professor Isaac Kramnick. It quickly evolved into a much larger project with the help of College Prowler, my book's publishing company. Working with

editors there, the book expanded and grew over a two-year period, becoming the 550-page tomb now sitting on retail bookshelves nationwide. And, by having the book written only by Ivy students and alumni, it distinguished itself from the increasingly crowded college guidebook

AΔΦ Awards Seward Scholarship To Pat Kavanagh '07

This past summer, I was fortunate enough to be a winner of a \$600 Seward Scholarship awarded by the Samuel Eells Literary and Educational Foundation. This award is presented annually to members of Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity based upon their unique and exceptional contributions to the Fraternity and academic achievement. Scholarships are awarded to full-time students in order to provide financial assistance for direct educational expenses, such as room, board, tuition, and books. The names of the ten recipients of the scholarship for the 2005-2006 academic year were announced at the 173rd Alpha Delta Phi Annual Leadership and Training Conference held in Charlottesville, Virginia. I am pleased and proud to have been among the fortunate students chosen to receive this award.

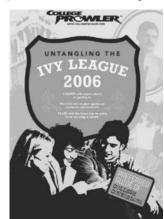
I am a junior enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences, double majoring in mathematics and economics. In addition to fulfilling my academic obligations, I am also a goalie on the Cornell Men's Club Hockey Team. Since being initiated in Spring 2004, I have held several offices at Alpha Delta Phi, including Assistant Treasurer, Treasurer, Assistant Steward, and Steward.

To apply for the Seward Scholarship, a brother must submit the two-page application (available online by selecting the "Scholarships" link under the "About Us" section at http://www.alphadeltaphi.org), and have his college submit an official transcript to the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity Headquarters in Morton Grove, Illinois. I would encourage all interested and qualified brothers to apply for this award next spring!

I am extremely grateful to the fraternity for this award, which will enable me to work less outside the house and focus more time and energy on my work as house treasurer. I am also grateful to the alumni board and alumni brothers who supported and seconded my nomination for this award. I saw first hand, at the Charlottesville convention, the difference that dedicated and involved alumni brothers make in maintaining the leadership, financial and social strength of undergraduate chapters. Thank you again to all brothers who played a role in designating me for this honor.

Patrick Kavanagh '07

field and became—at least in my opinion—the most authoritative and comprehensive guidebook on these eight schools. How?



Chapters on admissions cite experts and anonymous insiders. Chapters on affirmative action and legacy admission policy receive attention from university presidents and Supreme Court justices. A chapter on governance includes an interview with the executive director of the Ivy League. But when it comes to the real meat and potatoes of *Untangling the Ivy League*, comprehensive chapters on each school, we turned to those who knew best: the students. Thousands were surveyed across the eight Ivy schools, helping to provide insight into not only how good the food is at Harvard (it sucks) but also how attractive the student body is (go to Yale for the best-looking women). Alas, Cornell ranked a B+ in Greek Life, third behind Dartmouth and UPenn.

> *Untangling the Ivy League* is now available at Barnes & Noble and also directly from me, at http://www.marczawel.com. While the book would certainly prove to be a valuable resource for prospective Ivy-bound students

and their parents, I've also heard its praises sung from current students and nostalgic alumni, eager to relive those college years.

Marc Zawel '04

Oh, Those Glorious Days Of Summer ...

Live in the great opportunity last summer to stay in Ithaca and to live in the great castle of the Alpha Delta Phi. It was a fantastic experience that I would recommend to any young brother. The weather in Ithaca was abnormally dry, and the sun shone (almost) everyday. We wasted away the days laying in the waterfalls down in the gorge. One incident is particularly vivid. After a long day of 'swimming' in the gorge, Brother Kevin Barmish '07 decided to finally brave the high rock ledge and take the plunge.

We were in the gorge right behind Fiji, and the ledge is the high one up to the left. A friend down below helpfully pointed out where the rock ledge ended and yelled this up to Kevin. Over the roar of the waterfall Kevin discerned that his friend down below was pointing to where he should aim his jump. The outcome to be sure is predictable. Kevin ended up with a slightly cracked vertebra, a week in the hospital, several months in a back brace, a little bit shorter, taunting from his friends, a good lesson

learned, but alive and well.

Other than that, the summer was fairly incident free. Every night my fellow brothers and I would grill a wide variety of food on a small Weber we purchased just for that purpose. There is nothing quite like looking down on Cayuga Lake with the smell of grilled meat in the air, the sun on your face, your friends at your side, and not a care in the world.

> Sven Karlsson '07 Summer House Manager, Victory Club Co-Chair, Spring 2006 Vice President



News From Our Alumni

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ROBERT J. ENTENMAN '50 married Ann Winklepleck (Wells

JOHN M. FISHER JR. '57 writes, "Marianne and I made a 40th anniversary trip to Tuscany and Umbria. We discovered a new wine, a monster red, Sagrantino de Monte Falco. Armando Caprai seems to be the best producer. I gained 10 pounds during our stay, so now it's diet time. Plans are set for South Africa and Botswana in May 2006. It's my 70th birthday present to myself. Both sons are joining us for most of the trip. It is also celebrating my retirement. I'm folding up my consultancy at the end of April. We were sorry to miss John Post's mini-reunion on th



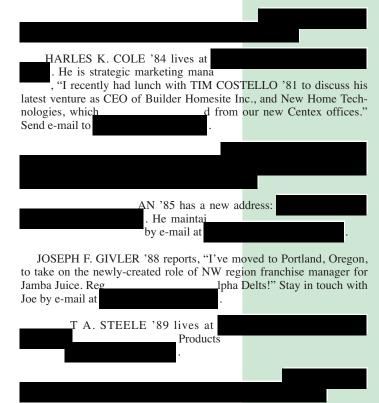
TED OLT '57 writes, "I have received my new Cornell Alpha Delt directory and the check is in the mail. I have had my magnifying glass out trying to figure out who my brother's dates are in the house party pictures. My wife and her parents, for that matter, are in there several times. As are many of her classmates from Wells. I have thought the website magnificent in building alumni interest—but this is even better as it picks up thos touch by e-mail at

SHELDON R. SEVERINGHAUS '62 reports, "After 12 years as a permanent resident living and working in Mongolia, I returned to San Francisco in October 2005. I will continue to work on my book on Mongolia's transition from communism to democracy in the '90s. In a broader sense, my return to San Francisco marks the end of 41 years working in Asia, but not my involvement with Asia. My wife, Lucia, (PhD, Cornell '83) continues to wor



GREGORY T. BOHAN '76 moved to Florida in 2004 and opened a hospitality consulting practice for Pinnacle Advisory Group (company founded in Boston by Rachel Roginsky, Cornell Hotel '81) after 13 years as owner/operator of the "Inn at HighView" in Andover, Vermont. He remains in clos

RICHARD C. CREASE '79 has, over the last year, directed an English-language learning program in England and have taught a grad-



JOHN VAROLI '90 writes: "I'm in St Petersburg, Russia. Been working here as a journalist since 1996, and before that in Moscow since 1992. I was writing freelance for the New York Times for 5 years, but currently I am the Arts correspondent for Bloomberg News, as well as a British paper, 'The Art Newspaper.' And author guidebooks, and work as a consultant for UNICEF in Russia. I hope to return to the U.S. some day soon, however, but no concreteplans at the moment. ather of a young son." To reach John write to:

SEAN E. WILL

GREG BLOOM '91 writes from the Philippines as a newly married man. He writes, "Karin Schelzig and I did the deed in Lake Wales, Central Florida, and Alpha Delts in attendance included H. SETHI '91, RAND HOPKINS '93, WILLIE PRATHER '91, DARREN STARR '92, JOHN DUFFY '92, DEREK BLOOM '94, AND TED RUSSELL '91. There was plenty of vice on hand to keep the restless masses under control!" Greg also writes that JASON CONWAY '93 and his wife, Tiffany, have recently relocated to the Phil

PETER J. BILFIELD '95 writes, "Pam, Hayden, and I moved in July 2005 to Weston, Connecticut. Last fall we saw BILL MARSH '95, WILL CARSLEY '95, MIKE GREEBY '95, TYCHO PETERSON '94, JOHN ANDERSON '95, MARC LEVIN '95 and ROBERT HOOKER '95,

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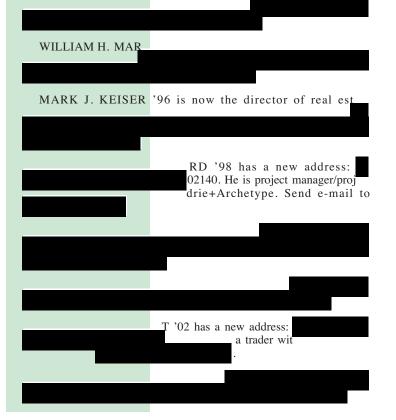


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and their wives and children at our 10th-year Reunion. In October, I joined the offices of Withers Bergman LLP, a United Kingdom-based law firm. I look forward to hearing from an



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NECROLOGY

We regret to report the death of the following alumni:

WILLIAM S. ROCKWELL '38, died on April 25, 2005. A resident of Alexandria, Louisiana, formerly of Menlo Park, California, William was an engineering sales manager for Varian Associates. He was also active in community affairs.

ROBERT G. CONWAY '44 of Delmar, New York, died of natural causes on July 30, 2005, at age 83. His son, Robert Jr., reports that Robert Sr., throughout his life, esteemed his membership in Alpha Delta Phi and held the Cornell Chapter and his fraternity brothers in high regard. Robert was an attorney. He served as assistant attorney general of the Claims and Litigation Bureau of the New York State Attorney General's office. He was a veteran who was very active in community and religious affairs.

JOHN H. RASCH '46, BME '45, of Carmel California, died on September 22, 2005. John was a mechanical engineer and was active in alumni affairs.

EDWIN L. BRASHEARS JR. 48, of Wilmette, IL, died March 21, 2005. He was president of National Realty & Investment Company. A veteran, he was active in civic and professional affairs.

ROGER D. BROWN '50, of Columbus, Ohio, died April 25, 2004. He was a civil engineer, retired executive vice president of Central National Bank, a veteran, and active in community affairs.

JOSEPH WALTER LAUTENBERGER JR. '54, of Lafayette and Walnut Creek, California, died on September 10, 2005, after a brief battle with cancer. A mechanical engineer, he worked for Shell Oil, the United States Air Force, California Savings and Loan, the United States Postal Service, and as a consultant to Touche Ross. He was an enthusiastic leader in community service efforts and served as an active member in the Episcopal Church.

JAMES P. MAHER III '66, aged 59, formerly of Miami, is missing and presumed dead after his plane was lost while he was on a business trip to Central America in early August 2005. He was the owner and president of Morgan Price & Company Inc., exporters of paper products to Central and South America. He began his career as founder of Vintage Vendors, one of the first companies to import Argentinian wine to the United States. He also served as a legislative aide to several U.S. congressmen. A graduate of Cornell University, Ithaca, New York., Mr. Maher was a member of Alpha Delta Phi and the Quill and Dagger Club honorary society. He served in the Army during peacetime and was a captain in the Army Reserves. Born in Summit, Mr. Maher lived in Short Hills before moving to Florida.

THOMAS A. BODDEN '68, of Wailuku, Hawaii, an attorney, died February 29, 2004.

James Hunt '64 Lives!

Dear Alpha Delts, It has come to my attention that I am listed as deceased in the 2006 membership directory. In fact, I am alive and well in Singapore. I would appreciate your printing a retraction in Alpha Delt's next newsletter. I have residences in Singapore, Phuket, and Bangkok and if any brothers are coming to those locations I would be happy to meet them. Xaipe, Jim Hunt '64. You can reach James by e-mail at **seavest@singnet.com.sg**. We apologize for the error.

The Cornell Alpha Delt

