

# The Cornell Alpha Delt



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## Alpha Delta Phi Captures Fraternity Hockey Championship!

**H**aving lost in the quarterfinals and semifinals in the previous two hockey seasons, Alpha Delt was out to make a statement on the ice last winter. After notching a perfect 3-0 record through our round-robin divisional games, we were seeded fourth of 12 fraternities heading into the postseason. We squared off on March 13 against the fifth-seeded Phi Sigma Kappa in the quarterfinals and easily advanced with an 8-1 victory.

Coming back from the spring break refreshed and re-energized we were faced with the first-seeded Chi Psi, our toughest opponent to date. We got on the board late in the first period with a goal by Scott Marrett '08, but Chi Psi evened the score just a minute later. The clock continued to tick down as the two evenly matched teams battled it out.

Regulation time expired with the score still knotted at 1-1. A five-minute overtime began and Chi Psi came inches from winning the game on a wide-open 2-on-1 opportunity. Overtime ended with the scoreboard still 1-1. We

won the coin toss and opted to shoot first in the sudden death three-man shootout. Both teams scored with their first shooter before it turned into a battle of the goaltenders. The next five shooters on each team failed to score. Finally, Jordan Wells '07 broke the tie on a miraculous effort with a shot through the legs of the Chi Psi goaltender. A blocker save by Patrick Kavanagh '07 stymied the final

Chi Psi shooter and the entire bench stormed the ice to celebrate!

Our final obstacle was the Delta Chi team the following night. They proved, however, to be no great challenge as we proceeded to utterly dismantle them, 6-1, and capture the 2006-2007 Intramural Fraternity Hockey Championship!

Congratulations to all the players on their tremendous effort leading to the first intramural championship in recent memory.

Our championship trophy will be proudly stored in the archives for years to come!

Patrick Kavanagh '07



***Back Row**, from l. to r., James Teague '09, Tobin Sullivan '07, Hunter Ryan '07, Scott Marrett '08, Patrick Kavanagh '07, Dave Chen '07, Joe Norman '07, and Matt Rakow '08. **Middle Row**, from l. to r., Jamil Karmali '08, and Eamon Kelleher '08. **Bottom Row**, from l. to r., Samuel Sveen '10, Dan Kaiser '07 (Head Coach), and Jordan Wells '07.*

## Phenomenal Social Growth Seen at The Phi

**T**his year, I focused on re-creating an atmosphere of the "days gone by" at Alpha Delt. My plan involved the return of proper formal events to the house, while continuing to include our most beloved "No Tie Required" events in our diverse social schedule. With the addition of well-run dinner parties, where girls could be overheard saying, "This is the loveliest formal I have attended at Cornell," the house regained a great deal of its traditional charm.

As Victory Club chair as well, I helped to enliven this great black-tie event, drawing more members from outside Alpha Delt than in recent memory. In addition, the event proved to be a strong way Alpha Deltas maintain a unique, socially responsible image on campus. We took in a lovely amount of revenue from the event that will be used to fund cancer research and bolster future Victory Club operations.

This year we evolved greatly as a brotherhood, reaching out and showing our strengths in the Cornell social sphere. We also made sure to tip our hats to the past and never to compromise our valuable social traditions.

Nick DiNorscio '08  
Social Chair





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Alpha Delt alums from the class of 1980 reunited at the Hilton in New York City on January 12, 2007. Pictured from l. to r. are J.D. Calder, John Tuttle, Chris Boak, Conrad Wangeman, Herman Kiplinger, Jordan Lampert, Ken Growney, John Finamore in back, Victor Schwartz in front, David Durfee, and Mark Kennedy.

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# A Call for Top Rush Prospects and Legacy Candidates

After last semester's highly successful rush, thanks to the efforts of Rush Chair Anthony J. D. Biddle IV '07, the active chapter would like to thank the alumni for recognizing the importance of early and frequent referrals in continuing the tradition of brotherhood within Alpha Delt at Cornell. The actives would also like to ask alumni to continue to refer quality sons, relatives, or friends bound for Cornell to Chapter President Eric Wang (edw28@cornell.edu) or to Alumni President Howie Schaffer (hbs3@cornell.edu).

Last semester, the Chapter pledged four direct legacies:

**Matthew J. Colbert '09**, son of Tom, Class of '74, brother of Ryan '05, and nephew of Tim Colbert '78.

**Christopher R. Burt '10**, son of the Honorable (ret.) Richard R. Burt '69.

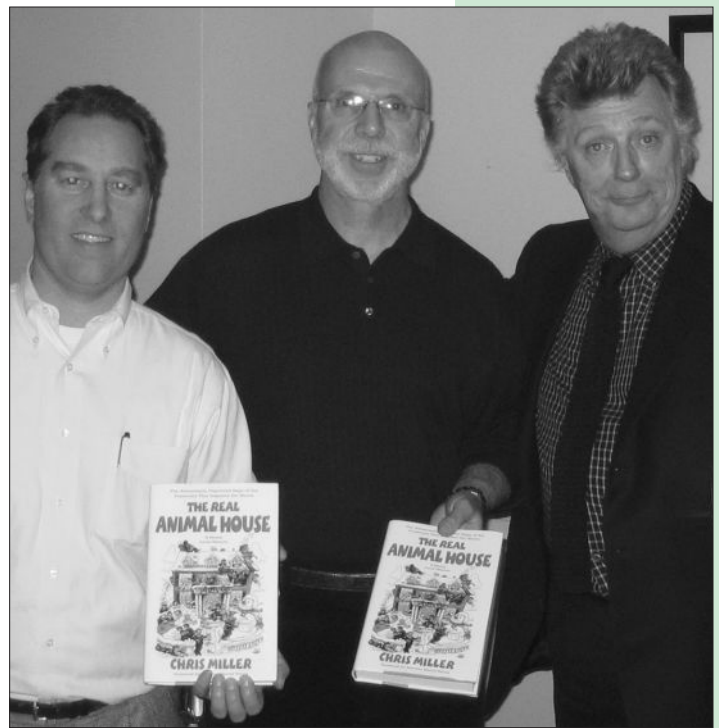
**Colm B. Kelleher '10**, younger brother of Eamon Kelleher '08.

**Patrick S. Jennings '10**, brother of Chris '04 and Mark '08.

If you know of an extraordinary student entering Cornell this academic year, please take the time to send along his name so that we can invite him for a special tour and dinner. Rolling out the red carpet to top prospects helps the chapter gain an early advantage in rush and create positive buzz among freshman. Thank you for your help.



*Doug Bond '66 infiltrates the office of the U.S. Secretary of Defense.*



*Ken Growney '82 and Jim McCormick '69 carouse in New York City with Chris Miller (Dartmouth '63) author of "The Real Animal House."*

## A Strong Year at The Phi Comes to a Close

As the gray stone walls of the Alpha Delta Phi mansion change into their summer attire of green ivy, another year reaches its end. These final weeks always come with assorted emotions. The excitement of approaching graduation and summer mixes with apprehension over new responsibilities and goodbyes. This year was no exception; the class of 2007 will be greatly missed. Although new leaders will emerge and a new class of brothers will fulfill their role as "venerable seniors," the Phi has seen the end of a truly irreplaceable group of characters.

This is not, however, a time of sadness. Instead, it marks the beginning of a generation that brings with it 22 new members. These numbers have elevated Alpha Delt to the most successful of the privately owned fraternities, and the third most successful overall in recruitment numbers at Cornell. The lifeblood of our brotherhood is as strong as ever. Our newly initiated class indicates Alpha Delt's success despite the precarious environment that faces today's college fraternities.

Alumni support has also remained strong and this year's initiation saw the return of dozens of black-tie clad alumni from decades past. This year's initiation was a time of celebration to welcome new members as well as to relish in the strength of past, present, and newly recruited generations of brothers. From those just embarking on their journey as an Alpha Delt to those who have made brotherhood a lifelong commitment we can all look confidently into the future, assured in Alpha Delta Phi's prominence at Cornell. Next fall will bring new friends, fun, and challenges for the undergraduates; however, these are the types of memories that draw all brothers back from time to time. "For life is always rich and mellow..."

Xaipe,

Caleb H. Schwarzbach '08  
Fall 2007 Undergraduate President





*"The Sherwoods" entertain at Reunion 2007.*

## Alpha Delt and Vineyard Vines Team Up to Support Community

The brotherhood joined forces with New England tie and clothing company "Vineyard Vines" on April 25th in a fundraiser benefiting the United Way of Tompkins County. Cornell students stopped by Willard Straight Hall to participate in the charity "Bean Bag Toss" contest, run by brothers of the Phi and two ladies from Vineyard Vines.

The company donated the t-shirts, ties, and tote bags given away as prizes, and also graciously matched the \$214 that the brothers of the Phi earned in the event, for a total donation of \$428 to United Way.

More than one brother went home with a t-shirt or tie himself.

Many thanks go to brothers who helped run the event and to Vineyard Vines for the donations and the positive mention of the Phi on their 2007 College Tour blog. At the Phi, we take our obligation of service to others seriously.

Eric Wang '08, Fall 2007 Undergraduate President



## Something Good is Cooking in Scooter's Kitchen

The true mettle of a man cannot be determined based upon a first impression. Many people, with varying degrees of success, have the ability to shine when first meeting others. However, the ability not only to make a good first impression, but to sustain it, is something far more valuable and important. Scott Schmutzler, endearingly known to us as "Scooter," has managed to do just that, despite the challenge of filling the shoes of legendary Alpha Delt cook, Mario Giacco, who served the brotherhood with dedication for 15 years. Scott had everyone praising his meals from his first day in the fall semester all the way until the year's end. Rather than grow complacent, Scott continued to strive for culinary excellence in his second semester at the Phi, and every dish he served was on par with that very first.

Perhaps Scott's cooking prowess was best on display at this year's Initiation Dinner, in which he served delicious steak tenderloins, which all brothers, young and old, enjoyed. From crab cakes to lamb chops, Scott has brought a fresh and novel attitude toward meals. The brothers look forward to his meals every day and his food brings us all together to share, connect, and build stronger bonds of unity and brotherhood. Scott has proved to be an excellent cook and has also cultivated a very good relationship with the brothers both living in and out of the house, as seen in his participation in this year's Alpha Delta Phi Fantasy Baseball league. As a past steward, I have only kind words for Scott and know that he will continue to maintain his high standard of excellence in the following year.

Gregory Nathaniel Wolfe '08

## Rush Recap: A Banner Year

The 2006-2007 rush season went well, thanks to the overwhelming and coordinated support of all Alpha Delta Phi brothers—both undergraduate and alumni. After a huge effort during Rush Week in January, we signed with 22 pledges. This total is higher than any pledge class in recent memory and speaks to the good work that the Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell has been doing.

Many alumni came forth with endorsements for young men to recruit, and we were able to secure several of them in this year's pledge class. I cannot express enough how much I (and all the members of the undergraduate brotherhood) appreciate this assistance, and I hope the trend continues in the future. As a graduating senior, I look forward to returning to the house in years to come and extending the same helping hand that the alumni have given us this year. In particular, the \$2,500 gift from the alumni to support rush helped push us over the top and underwrite costs associated with hosting dinners and events at local restaurants.

As the most direct mechanism for ensuring the sustained lifeblood of our brotherhood, rush is really a compilation of all the work that we do; upkeep of the physical structure, preservation of tradition, cohesive teamwork, social activities, and community relations all contribute to the process. I am confident that we will continue to carry this principle proudly, and thus continue to find success.

Xaipe,

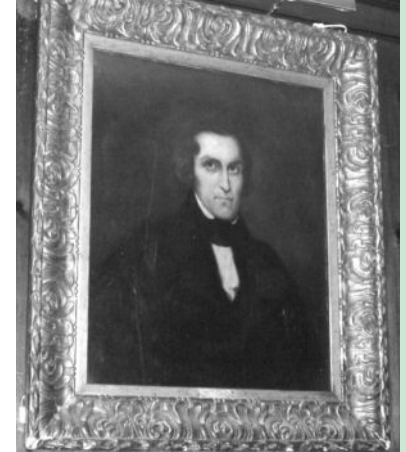
Tony Biddle '07, Outgoing Rush Chair

# Beautiful Phi Lodge Displays Our Proud History

*We gratefully acknowledge Steve Ehrfurth, MINN '06, Chapter Service Consultant, Alpha Delta Phi International, for sharing the wonderful images of the Phi seen on these pages.*



*Stained glass windows in the library are a gift from each new pledge class. The tradition began in 1979.*



*Founder Samuel Eells' portrait*



*The Great Hall*



*Exterior stonework AΔΦ crest*



*Stone Date Marker*



*Phi Lodge Roof Deck*



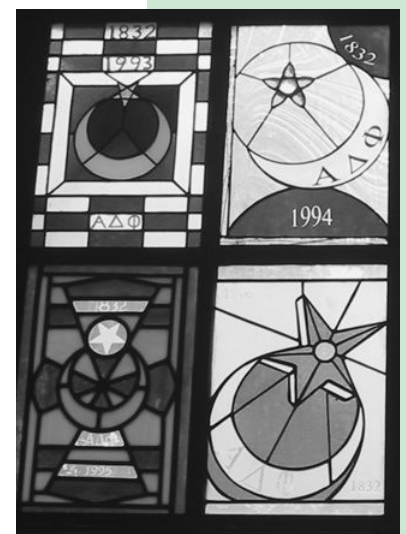
*The Great Window in the Great Hall*



*Brothers In Arms*



*Road signs lead the way to the Phi.*



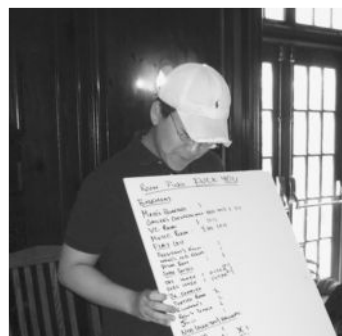
*Stained Glass Windows*



# Alpha Delts Seen Around The Phi – Actives and Alumni



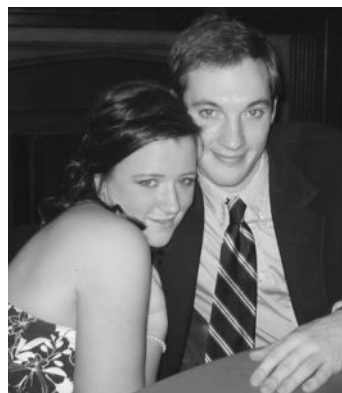
*Alumni gather at Washington, D.C., alumni reception held February 1.*



*Room Picks: Above, Eric Wang '08 shows roster; at r., brothers consider their room assignments.*



*At Initiation 2007, from l. to r., brothers John Mao '91, Caleb Schwarzbach '08, and Justin Mao-Jones '08 enjoy the after-party.*



*Andrew Melvin '07 and his date*



*David Chen '07 and his date*



*Alpha Delts Troll a Stave and Drink a Measure.*



*All Honor and Respect to the Goat House!*



*Alpha Delt alumni at Reunion 2007*



*Alpha Delts celebrate at the Initiation Dinner Banquet.*

# We Belong At Alpha Delta Phi

*The following excerpt is from a letter dated April 26, 1983, from Thomas M. Bower '73 to Nathaniel L. Bowditch '83. In the letter, Brother Bower praises and critiques the operation and execution of the spring Initiation weekend. Toward the end of the lengthy discourse, Brother Bower describes some ideas and feelings that I am certain many alumni share about the complicated emotions involved in returning to the Phi. Our thanks to Brother Bower for capturing a set of alumni feelings that are evergreen, powerful, and as true today as they were, nearly 25 years ago.*

*- Howie Schaffer '90*

**Y**ou must understand that alumni come back to the house, perhaps after an absence of several years, with very mixed emotions. On the one hand, we all feel very much like we are coming home after a long absence and that we “belong” in Ithaca, at Cornell, and in Alpha Delt. I assure you that none of us would go up there if we did not love the place. On the other hand, we feel like interlopers and supernumeraries, especially when we see other people living in “our” rooms and other cars parked in “our” parking spaces. You cannot begin to understand the mix of emotions in the hearts of the alumni until you experience it yourself in the near future. Against this background, it is easy to understand that the alumni want to be made to feel welcome, needed, and appreciated.

When I was an undergrad, it was unthinkable that an alumnus would walk into the Great Hall and be studiously ignored by a group of nearly a dozen assembled brothers. It was taken for granted that any visiting alumnus would be greeted as a long lost brother, offered the run of the house, provided with an escort, plied with liquor, and courted by a clique of sycophantic undergrads. In short, an alumnus was someone to be treated as an honored guest rather than an inconvenience.

Now neither I nor any of the other alumni are going to live or die depending on whether the cocktail hour is opened early, the House is clean and neat, or the brothers friendly and hospitable. These things are not so much important in and of themselves, but as indirect ways of expressing welcome to guests.

Having graduated not so long ago, I recall quite clearly that I never wanted to take the trouble to be courteous, hospitable, and actively friendly to visiting alumni. Nonetheless, we made an effort to befriend and entertain them whenever they came back to Alpha Delt, whether we enjoyed it or not. I know now that they must have appreciated our efforts and, in retrospect, am pleased that we took the trouble. Go thou and do likewise.

Xaipe,

Thomas M. Bower '73



*Alpha Delta Phi alumni at San Francisco reception hosted by Fred Parkin '63 (wearing tie) in April 2007.*



*Repairs to the entrance arch at the Phi were made this year by pro stonemasons. The completed arch, seen above, should last another century.*

# Public Service Internship Program Award Winner Announced



## Cornell University

We have concluded a very successful Adelpic Cornell Educational Fund (ACEF) Public Service Internship Program selection process. We received eight outstanding applications for the ACEF award this year, so the selection of one deserving candidate was very difficult. We even received two applications from freshmen, and encouraged them to consider applying again in the future, so the word is getting out about this great opportunity. While the organization sponsored will be the same, Harlem RBI, the student is a great fit for the purposes set forth for this award.

I am very excited to announce your 2007 ACEF Public Service Intern: Simon Hammer '09. Simon is a sophomore from Bedford Hills, New York, attending Cornell's College of Human Ecology and majoring in Human Biology, Health, and Society. He is a leader and a team player, through his involvement as philanthropy chair for Phi Kappa Psi and a member of the Cornell Varsity Swimming team. Simon plans a career in health care or medicine. This internship will enhance his communication skills and allow him to learn about the various factors affecting the environment in the lives of these youth from a variety of backgrounds, and their effects on their well being. He looks forward to helping to shape their lives as their experiences define who they are and who they will become. He has shown dedication to community service through experience with the Durfee Tutoring Program and Relay for Life in Ithaca as well as summers working with Boys and Girls Club of Northern Westchester (for two summers), and Town of Bedford Parks and Recreation.

Simon's internship will be with Harlem RBI, a non-profit organization developed to enrich the lives of more than 600 kids in the Harlem district. Its mission is to use baseball, softball, and the power of teams to provide inner city youth with opportunities to play, to learn and to grow, inspiring them to recognize their potential and realize their dreams. Simon will assist daily with educational tutoring and classroom sessions in the morning, and participate as a co-coach in the afternoons.

REAL Kids (Reading and Enrichment Academy for Learning) is a summer program for Harlem children who want to continue to build on the literacy skills learned during the school year. Not only do the students enrich their reading and writing skills, the children build positive social and emotional characteristics. REAL Kids is dedicated to helping keep the Harlem kids off the streets and their potential involvement in gangs and drugs, into a healthy, learning and fun environment. ([www.harlemrbi.org](http://www.harlemrbi.org)).

The 2007 ACEF candidates included: one man and six women, two freshmen; two juniors and four sophomores.

The organizations included: Cooperative Extension's Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, working with local farmers and educating low-income families on nutrition and health through outreach and cooking demonstrations at multiple farmers market locations in NYC; and Children at Risk, improving the quality of life of Greater Houston's children through strategic research, public policy analysis, education, collaboration, outreach programs and advocacy; Compos Mentis: Working Toward Wellness, offering young adults diagnosed with mental illness a place to work in community with others; The Humane Society of Rochester and Monroe County at Lollipop Farm, providing veterinary and surgical care to animals at the shelter; New Sector Alliance a nonprofit leadership development and strategy consulting firm which assists a variety of nonprofit agencies to improve their infrastructure and ultimately their services to the community;

Two other applicants also will work at Harlem RBI.

While the final choice was difficult, the selected internship will have a great impact on the student intern, the agency and the children served, as well as best meet the founding principles behind the ACEF Public Service Internship Program. This student would not be able to afford to take advantage of this amazing internship opportunity in East Harlem without the support from the ACEF Public Service Internship Program.

Cornell is proud to continue to represent a program that provides such a positive impact on a student's goal to enter public service as well as contributing to the needs of an outstanding, award-winning agency. The ACEF Public Service Internship Program Award is one of very few options for students seeking funding for these valuable career-related opportunities. Thank you again for providing this opportunity to a deserving Cornell student.

Nancy F. Law '84  
Assistant Director for Employer & Alumni Relations  
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<http://www.career.cornell.edu>



# News From Our Alumni

44 has a new address: [REDACTED].

**Richard H. Dyer '59** writes, "I'm a semi-retired orthopedic surgeon. I have three grown children and five grandchildren, all of who live in New England. I'm actively rowing in Masters events and single scull. I stay in touch with Cornell rowing via the C.R.A. I visit campus twice a year, and keep in touch with my AΔΦ brothers at Reunions and with Bruce Hewitt in Burlington. Brothers, I enjoy the comprehensive newsletter. Keep up the fine cause and the scholarship! I'm certain we all find the "anti-fraternity" views from the administration worrisome. However, the university should pride itself on the diversity that comes from both independent students and a strong Greek system.. Alumni support percentage is high from these long-established sources, just as support that comes from the sport alumni associations, s

**William J. Mackey '73** writes, "I still haven't had the right chance to get to the Phi—I work in Mexico and I have been very occupied with my new oil endeavors. I discovered oil a few years ago and need to keep [REDACTED] ret, you can write to him at [REDACTED]."

**Todd J. Slotkin '74** n [REDACTED]

**Allan T. Shulman '85** writes, "My firm, Allan T. Shulman Architect, celebrated our 1th year and was named Miami's 'Firm of the Year' by the American Institute of Architects. Our projects include new Miami hotels fort Soho House, Kympton Hotels, and The Savoy. I also teach at the School of Architecture at the University of Miami [REDACTED]."

**R. Scott Penza '85** wrote that he couldn't attend the alumni reception in San Francisco last April. He added, "Have a blast at the reception. And sing a verse of the 'Alpha Delta Girls' in honor of the most passionate song chairman in 1985 who was determined to get the brotherhood [REDACTED]. Stay in touch with Scott by e-mail at [REDACTED]."

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## Slope Day Rocks at Alpha Delta Phi!



Above, the ADPhi house band entertains the Alpha Deltas.  
At l., Kevin Barmish '07 with his date.  
At r., SvenErik Karlsson '07 with his date.

# News From Our Alumni

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**Michael A. DeLucia '87** reports, "I moved back to New York City after 12 years away (two in Italy; Rome and Bologna), four in London, and six in Los Angeles, with my partner, Michael, of five years now. After 12 years with Twentieth Century Fox within the international film distribution division, I ended full-time work with them and am now continuing, for the time being, as a consultant to Fox until deciding on my next career move."

**Ravi**

**Philip J. Mekelburg '91**, the CEO of Equity Estates, LLC, has been "Getting used to fatherhood. Last time I slept this little was in college but that was because of too much late-night partying at Ruloff's and

**Sargent C. Gardiner '91** is now senior associate

**Wade B. Pitts '94** is vice president for technology sales at Fi

**John B. Gerich '96** reports t

**Dorian Fougères '99** is a California Sea Grant Fellow and a producer with the Global [www.globallives.org](http://www.globallives.org)). Reach him by e-mail at

**Philip C. Ballard '00** works for Booz Consulting firm. Stay in touch by e-mail at

**Geoffrey F. Hess '02** writes, "My wife, Stephanie, and I are proud to announce the birth of our daughter, Evelyn Lucille Hess, on August 9, 2006! At a celebration last New Year's Eve, we enjoyed libations with Brother **Brian Carey '02** and family acting out scenes from *Du*

## The Cornell Alpha Delt

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## NECROLOGY

We regret to report the death of the following alumni:

**Frederick S. Brown '36** of Ithaca, New York, died July 10, 2006. He was the retired president of Cayuga Motors and active in civic, community, professional and alumni affairs.

**John West Rogers '37** died on November 16, 2006.

**Albert E. Hoffman '38** of Ashland, Ohio, died February 26, 2006. He was the owner of Luminous Supply Company and was a veteran.

**Ward C. Campbell '45**, BA '47, of Cold Spring Harbor, New York, died July 29, 2006.

**Walker F. Peterson '41** of Baltimore, Maryland, died July 7, 2006. He was the project manager and vice president of Scandia Manufacturing Company, a veteran of the armed services, and active in community affairs.

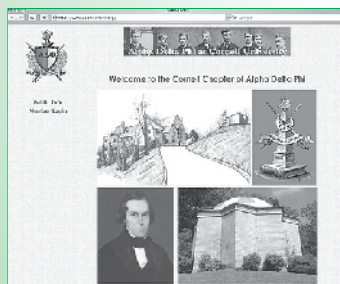
**George Rolf Roslund '52** (1930–2007), of Palo Alto, California, died on January 18, 2007. He was a mechanical engineer, a member of the Cornell Glee Club, and a Navy veteran. Born April 23, 1930 in Saratoga Springs, New York, George was second of three sons of John and Rubie Roslund, Swedish immigrants. George attended Cornell University in Ithaca, New York on an NROTC scholarship and graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering. After three years active duty, at sea and in Japan, George obtained an MBA at UC Berkeley. There followed a 40-year career as a sales engineer, selling technical products in South America, Australia, and northern California. George is survived by his wife Adelaide (a.k.a. Duchess) of Palo Alto, son and daughter Thomas and Lisa of Sunnyvale, California, brother Sven (Georgia) of Bend, Oregon and various nieces and nephews.

**Kenneth S. Robinson '82** died in 2007.

## Visit the Award-Winning ΑΔΦ Cornell Website!

At the 175th Convention of The Alpha Delta Phi, held in August 2007 at Hamilton College, the Best Website Award went to the Cornell Alpha Delt site!

[www.adphicornell.org](http://www.adphicornell.org)



When you visit us at [www.adphicornell.org](http://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 hundreds 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.