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Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation Is Launched

It is with great pride and excitement that we announce the creation of the **Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation**, which has now received both state and federal approval of tax-exempt status. As many alumni brothers know, Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell University has been unable to provide a mechanism for channeling tax-advantaged donations into bricks and mortar improvements in the fraternity house. This inability to accept charitable gifts has not only hampered our fundraising for general operations and badly needed repairs, but it has put the fraternity at a competitive disadvantage in relation to other campus fraternities, especially university-owned fraternity houses that enjoy tax advantages under the Cornell University charitable umbrella.

Now, when you make a gift to Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell University via the Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation, your donation is deductible from your federal taxes.

The primary purpose for creating this new foundation is to take advantage of the improving posture of the Internal Revenue Service in approving financial support by a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization or foundation to its fraternity alumni association for maintenance, repair, and historic preservation of chapter houses. Alumni associations, like Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell, Inc., that qualify as corporations under 501(c)(7), but not public charities under 501(c)(3), are the entities that can most wisely manage the property and organizational needs, but not raise the funds because they cannot offer a tax deduction to the donors. Those days are over for Alpha Delta Phi.

Through the Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation, a federally designated public charity, donors can support the chapter house with donations to underwrite renovations and improvements related to education, e.g., libraries, study rooms, Internet and computer-assisted research equipment and infrastructure, as well as the related and pro-rated overhead and operating costs (taxes, insurance, and maintenance) of designated “educational” areas within the chapter house.

In addition, the Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation can provide certain kinds of financing for the same infrastructure

and capital improvements to the chapter house as the University devotes to its dormitories and living units, e.g., roof, exterior, fire and life safety, and capital improvements. The foundation can also fund scholarships and awards for undergraduate members, and other students and faculty members.

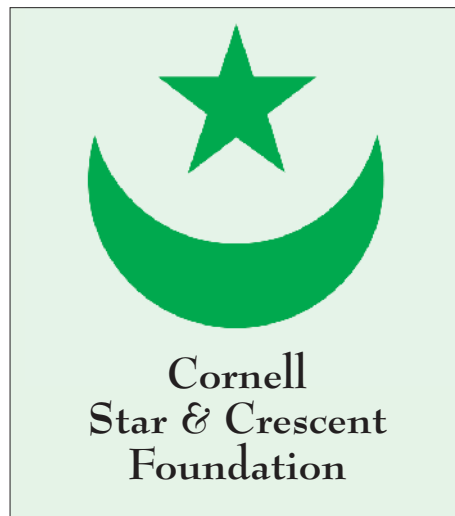
The broad goal of the new foundation is to improve the safety and health of the undergraduate residents residing at Alpha Delta Phi by addressing the infrastructure needs of the chapter house. While the university might pretend to be a conduit for that help, among the numerous drawbacks to using that vehicle is Cornell’s obligation to use and charge for its “in house” engineering and architectural services. More significant

is the fraternity’s concern that it will have to pay an extra 15 to 35 percent of construction costs—because, in the Ithaca area, Cornell is obligated by its trade union agreements to use only union contractors from a short list of qualifying contractors. However, there are many qualified contractors in the Finger Lakes region seeking construction and repair work that can significantly underbid the union shop contractors. The result is a large savings when the fraternity can control its own funds and select its own architects and contractors.

Many contributors, past and present, have hoped for a mechanism through which tax-deductible donations could directly help to preserve, protect, and defend Alpha Delta Phi—not only through polishing our reputation, but by

providing for the needs and requirements of maintaining and upgrading the safety and comfort of our facility.

Providing a first-class facility that remains competitive with other Cornell living options is an important key to ensuring the future of our self-owned chapter house on campus. We are in direct competition—not only with Cornell dormitories, but also with other fraternities, occupying Cornell-owned houses, which already have been benefiting from 501(c)(3) arrangements that allow those chapters to spend fully tax-deductible moneys on their facilities without calculating the educational space usage ratio, as we have had to do, up to this point.



Logo Contest announced: see page eight.

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In May 2005, before finals, 22 brothers hit the links to enjoy a day of golf, sun and fellowship at the Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell Golf Classic. Featured above are, l. to r., James Widyn '05, Chris Rubacha '07, Matt Rakow '08, Tobin Sullivan '07, Taylor Gray '06, Dan Kaiser '07, Andrew Melvin '07, Bennett Buchanan '06, Hunter Ryan '07, Jordan Willis '05, Scott Marrett '08, Phil Dubrovsky '05, Nolan Rogers '07, and the organizer of the outing, Sebastiano Colella '05.

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Building Our Tradition Never Rests... An Update On House Construction Projects

The summer months were very busy ones at the Phi for Dennis Flowers, our primary local contractor for house construction efforts. With financial support from generous alumni donations, numerous important improvement projects totaling \$100,000 were completed in time for the arrival of brothers back in the house on August 18, 2005.

Almost \$50,000 alone has been invested in new bathrooms for the Rotunda. New, easy-clean ceramic tile has been set along with a marble bench for bathing convenience. New commercial-grade sinks with hidden steel support girders have been installed. A new urinal was hung along with a new mirror over the sinks. Floors were cleaned with industrial-strength power-washing equipment and then re-grouted. New light fixtures featuring a star and crescent motif lend a distinctly fraternal touch to the lavatories. The doors on the commode stalls have been replaced with new locking doors that replicate the doors on the second floor hallway. New casement window frames (supporting sturdy fans that will alternately draw and vent air) will be installed by Homecoming 2005.

New front steps to the patio have been formed and set by a professional mason. The first two steps are made from molded concrete; the patio itself is made of stone. The former stairs, made of stone, could not handle the abuse from snowplows, moving vans, and dancing undergraduates. Speaking of stairs, the stairway leading from the card room to the dining room have been lifted, cleaned and polished, and reset in their original lead footings. The footings of the stairs had been badly damaged by water and teetered underfoot. The new stairs are firm, stable, and quiet.

In the aforementioned card room, new flooring has been installed to replace floorboards that had bent and warped after a pipe froze and burst in the Solarium last winter causing significant damage to the card room and dining room stairs. We still await a generous \$500 donation from a caring alumnus to

have the custom stained glass light fixture in the card room repaired and rewired. Will that kind and benevolent alumnus be you?

Dennis Flowers is presently working in the dining room repairing the three main tables which form a triangle, and 16 of the 45 custom chairs which have split seats and legs damaged from being dragged, not lifted, from one location to the next. Dennis is also plastering and painting the ceiling, replacing windows and screens, and cleaning the custom light fixtures that prominently feature stars and crescents.

Around the corner in the kitchen, you will find: significant removal of empty overhead lead pipes; degreased sinks, floors, and food preparation surfaces; new paint and plaster on three previously crumbling walls; and an aging stove. All the appliances in the kitchen need to be replaced in the next few years, but we really need to replace the stove, which has two unusable burners and heats unevenly inside. A restaurant-quality stove can be purchased used for approximately \$5,000.

Keeping up with repairs and improvements (large and small) at the Phi reminds one of the story of Sisyphus. We have 915 living alumni brothers. Annually, we receive contributions from 235 of our members, representing about 26 percent—or, approximately, one out of every four living brothers. If you have not contributed in the recent past, I invite you to make an inspired gift in the postage-paid envelope that accompanied the arrival of this newsletter or make a contribution to the new Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation, a gift that is tax deductible.

To the dynamic dozens of generous alumni brothers who remember the Phi every year with both their annual dues and a sustaining contribution toward house upkeep and construction, our most hearty gratitude and appreciation is extended.

Howie Schaffer '90



New gleaming sinks and mirror brighten brother's mornings.



Our Star and Crescent lights up the Phi.

Alpha Delta Phi Cornell Tradition Fellowship Winners Are Announced

Initially established in 1998 through Cornell's Scholarship Challenge Campaign by John S. Dyson '65, and matched by generous Alpha Delt alumni donors, coveted Alpha Delta Phi Tradition Fellowships are 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.

The 2004-2005 award winners are Daniel Kaiser '07, of Danville, California, and John VanArsdale '05, of Bethany, Connecticut. Both brothers were awarded scholarships ranging from \$2,400 to \$3,500. Dan Kaiser, a former Alpha Delt stew-

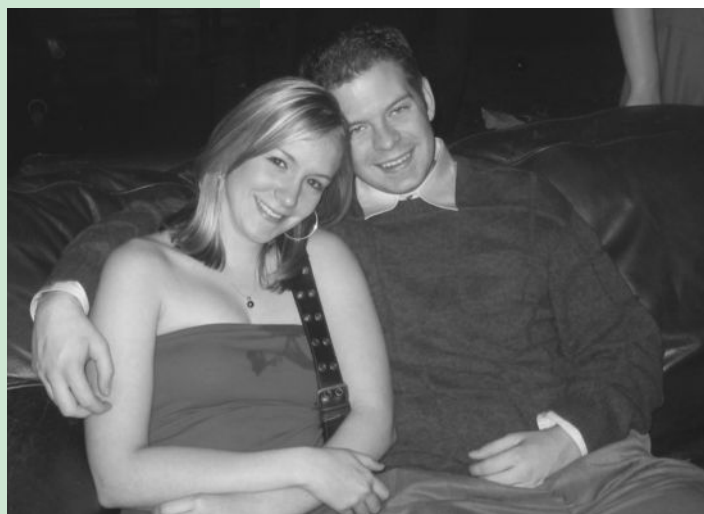
ard, is a sophomore majoring in Hotel Administration. Jack VanArsdale, a former Alpha Delt treasurer, is a senior English major. The 2003-2004 winner was Josh Goldstein '05, a former house president.

In a letter to the board of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell, Inc., Brother VanArsdale wrote, "Thank you so much for the scholarship, I am sure that my parents will be just as thrilled as I am. I really appreciate all the help that Mr. Dyson and the alumni board have given me in paying for my education, and I hope that in the future I will be able to do the same for my undergraduate brothers as an alumnus."

Thomas E. Goldstone '94

Our Chapter Grades Are Simply Outstanding

The Dean of Students, Kent L. Hubbell '67, has released the grade-ranking report for all Cornell fraternities for fall 2004. Alpha Delta Phi ranked 16th out of 40 chapters with an average grade-point average (GPA) of 3.261 among the 37 brothers. Zeta Beta Tau was ranked first (3.539 GPA) and Theta Delta Chi was ranked last (2.684 GPA). Once again, the Cornell Chapter beat the Cornell all-men's academic average, which was 3.235 GPA. The Cornell Chapter also beat all the other houses around McGraw Place including: Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Chi Psi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI). Congratulations to the undergraduates for their efforts to distinguish the Phi through their dedication to academic excellence.



Former President Matthew McCord '05 and girlfriend at the 2004 Alpha Delta Phi Christmas Formal.

Initiation 2005 ACEF Academic Award Winners

The Adelpic Cornell Educational Fund (ACEF) is pleased to recognize the following undergraduate brothers for their academic achievements.

Winners of \$500 academic awards are: Aaron J. Beaudette '07, Jordan Samuel Wells '07, Ryan Colbert '05, Zachary Mark Jones '06, and Justin Michael Green '07.

The Adelpic Cornell Educational Foundation (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 initiate 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>

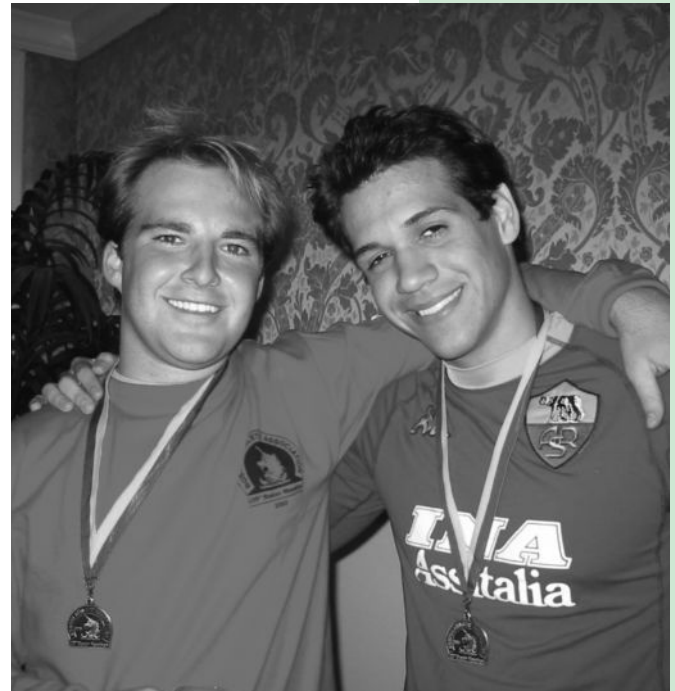
The fraternity extends its gratitude to trustees and the donors of the ACEF for their proud sponsorship of these academic awards, which promote academic excellence in Alpha Delta Phi while rewarding the scholarship, intellectual merit, and hard work of deserving undergraduate brothers.

Two Alpha Delt Seniors Complete Boston Marathon

On April 18, 2005, Sebastian Colella '05 and Diego Vallarino '05, joined by marathon veteran David Colella, Sebastian's father, completed the Boston Marathon. "After training for four months in Ithaca while at school, running the Boston Marathon truly put our bodies and minds through an experience like no other. Having finished the race, though dehydrated and cramped, the feeling of accomplishment was amazing," explained Sebastian after the race. For 26.2 miles runners run through towns beginning with Hopkinton, Massachusetts, until the celebrated finish line in downtown Boston.

"The support from onlookers throughout was inspiring and much needed. It was as if the city rose up to meet us, to welcome us, and to treat us as royalty while we were there," said Sebastian. "To turn the last corner and see the finish without getting emotional would be inhuman. Just thinking about it gives me goose bumps as it was the most anticipated and beautiful sight I have ever seen (other than the inside of the Goat House of course!)"

The brothers of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell are a unique group of men with varying interests and capabilities. Activities like physical challenges and community service help our undergraduate brothers show determination and inspire others to accomplish all that is possible.



Sebastian Colella '05 and Diego Vallarino '05

Honoring The Memory Of Judge James E. Rice Jr. '30

On a recent stop in Ithaca, Howie Schaffer '90 asked me if I'd like to go with him to pay respects on a visit to Adelaide, Judge Rice's wife. The last time I had seen her was at the Johnson Museum reception to honor Brother Rice, more than a decade ago, and I had expressed the hope then that alumni and actives might keep in touch with her, especially after her years of support for Alpha Delt. Howie and I drove out to the Rice farm in Trumansburg, familiar to many of you; and Adelaide was glad to see us. Before long, we were looking out on the fields where had stood the Christmas trees which Jim had cut to reach the full height of the Great Hall ceiling. Howie and I were surrounded by the awards Jim had received for his considerable community service in Tompkins County, as well as his years as a brother. Adelaide literally took many of the fraternity-related plaques off the wall and handed them to us to put in "safe keeping." They are now part of the Alpha Delta Phi Collection at Kroch Library. We thanked her profusely for the donation.

Over a leisurely pot of tea and two plates of cookies, we

recalled the years of brotherly trips to the farm in the house fire engine, "777," and Jim's continuing presence as corresponding secretary, advisor, and friend. She told us a story of a house party in the 1930s where she and Jim danced into the wee hours of the morning and then fell asleep on one of the couches in the Solarium. A small scandal ensued when chaperones discovered them asleep the next morning. She recounted many special memories of chicken roasts at the farm and elegant evenings at the Phi.

Of course, the story of Jim's trip down the lawn on the house piano as the old prairie-style Alpha Delt lodge burned in February 1929 was retold. Adelaide is healthy and living independently, with some help from family and friends. She spends parts of each winter traveling to St. Lucia and Florida. She is an accomplished painter and showed us many of her vivid impressionistic watercolors.

I would encourage any of you who knew Jim and Adelaide to drop her a note at: Rice Farm, Rice Road, Trumansburg, NY 14886.

Doug Bond '66



Judge James Rice

Brothers Of All Ages Gather Together At The Phi



Brothers Matthew Saltzman '06, Diego Vallarino '05, Sebastiano Colella '05, Jesse Rodriguez '05, James Widyn '05, and Phil Dubrovsky '05 in Panama over winter break.



Brother Hunter Ryan '07 with girlfriend at Homecoming 2004.



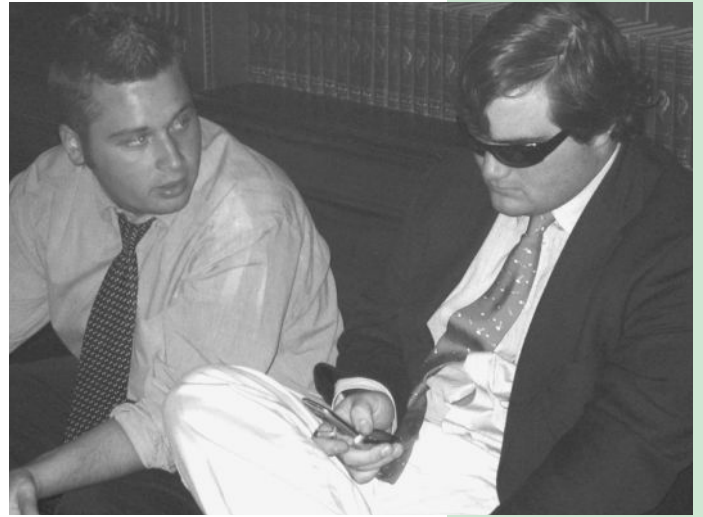
Hail to the Chief!: Matt Saltzman '06, Spring Undergraduate President.



Brothers from the Class of 1955 at Reunion 2005 gather in the Library. From l. to r., Tom Ellis '55, Gil Rankin '55 and Maury Hagerman '55



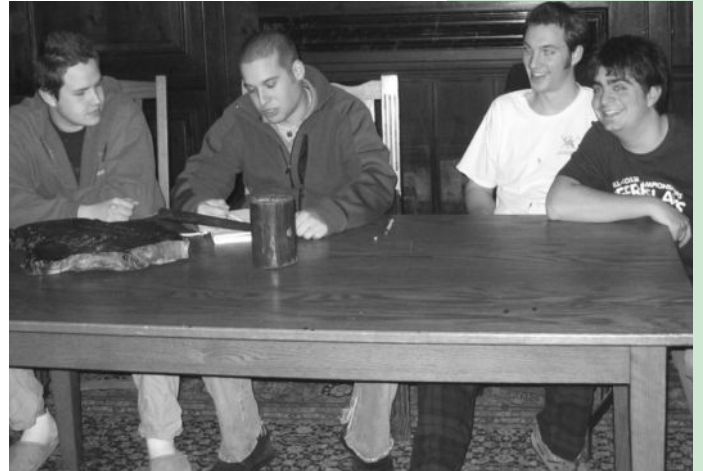
Joe Tuccheri '00 and Phil Ballard '00 after interviewing the qualifications of neophytes.



Enjoying a break in the action: Dan Kaiser '07 and Hunter Ryan '07.



Senior brothers relaxing in the Great Hall, l. to r., Diego Vallarino '05, Sebastian Colella '05, and Matt McCord '05.



Brothers Svenerik Karlsson '07, Spring 2005 President Matt Saltzman '06, Andrew Melvin '07, and Kevin Barmish '07 at an informal meeting in the Alpha Delta Phi library.



Alumni Board members at Initiation. In front row, from l. to r., Board Chairman Ken Growney '82 and Board Treasurer Peter Fifield '75. Standing, l. to r., John Tuttle '81, Board President Howie Schaffer '90, and Joe Tuccheri '00.



Big Brothers await the arrival of the neophytes. From l. to r., Kevin Barmish '07, Patrick Kavanagh '07, and Ryan Colbert '05.

Report From The Pledge Master

After the past three-and-a-half years at Cornell, I can honestly say that my time and experiences had in the Alpha Delta Phi have been nothing short of phenomenal. It is because of that that I have chosen to offer my services as this year's pledge master. I believe that it is vital to the livelihood of our sacred fraternity that we ensure the quality and good nature of future pledge classes. I am proud to be able to say that this year's pledge class fits that description.

With weekly meetings and the completion of the many tasks required of them, these eager freshmen and sophomores are proving to be some of the best people to ever grace the halls of

our exquisite house. I have noticed a solidarity forming within the group that indicates to me a strong and everlasting friendship, and that is why I am so confident about this year's pledge class. It is easy to sit down and memorize information, and it is easy to do things asked of you; however, when a bond forms that is as strong as the one I have seen with these men, you realize that together, they will be able to accomplish anything. I look forward to seeing many of you later on this year, and I will be proud to introduce you to what will be 16 fantastic new brothers.

Phil Dubrovsky '05

Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation Is Launched

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Fraternities at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) have obtained an Internal Revenue Service ruling that broadly signals that all normal operating expenses for a fraternity facility may be paid for by tax-deductible educational dollars that are similar to those spent by a college or university for a dormitory facility that is college or state owned. To that end, the foundation at MIT that supports the fraternities and sororities with loans using tax-deductible dollars is now making grants each semester for operating expenses to fraternities and sororities that meet certain standards. Thus, to keep up with the changing trends at Cornell and across the country, the Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation has been formed, in part, to provide the necessary legal mechanism by which our members can best support the continuing success of Alpha Delta Phi.

Guided by reason and prudence, the new Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation will lead the charge in making sure that resources are available to ensure that our beloved fraternity house is ready each August to invite a new class of Alpha Delt brothers into positive and beneficial traditions and experiences that will transform their lives and instill in them an obligation to give something back to the Phi to repay their debt to their forebears.

In future issues of the *The Cornell Alpha Delt*, I will update alumni brothers on the progress of the foundation. If you are interested in making a charter tax-deductible donation to support the Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation, you can do so by sending your contribution to: Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation, P.O. Box 876, Ithaca, NY 14851-0876.

All gifts will be promptly and gratefully acknowledged in writing. As always, I welcome your questions and comments. I am most easily reached at work at 202-628-7460 or by e-mail at: hbs3@cornell.edu.

Thank you for your support of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell University and your ongoing efforts to address the needs of today while planning for the challenges of the future.

Xaibe,

Howie Schaffer '90
Alumni President

Calling All Artists and Designers! Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation Logo Contest Announced

Do you think you have what it takes to create an image that captures the spirit, energy, generosity, and mission of the Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation? Do you or your company have in-house designers and artists? Well, then give us your best shot! The foundation board of directors seeks submissions of artwork (either print-ready artwork or compatible computer files) from Alpha Delt brothers and other talented friends and partners, to complement the launch of the new Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation.

The logo will be used in newsletters, on letterhead, on the website, and in promotional materials. We know how much talent lurks in the hearts and hands of Alpha Delt brothers. As we know that a picture is worth a thousand words, we would be grateful for original ideas and images that would help graphically capture and translate the vital mission of the foundation into a memorable logo. The only design requirement is that the name "Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation" be included in the logo. The rest is up to your imagination!

The winning design will become the property of the Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation. The winning designer will be profiled in an upcoming issue of the award-winning *Cornell Alpha Delt*. Send all submissions to Howie Schaffer '90 at hbschaffer@aol.com.

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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.

Undergraduate President's Report: Thank You, Brothers

With the semester ending, I am more than happy to look back upon what, in my opinion, has been a very successful new beginning. Understanding that we, as a brotherhood, needed to take some strides towards a more productive and responsible realm, we embarked on a journey that would ultimately end as a success.

We have already had a multitude of successful events this semester, and we have managed to maintain our new and improved image on campus. I can honestly say that much of our success can be attributed to the help and guidance of this year's senior brothers. To those of you who have put in countless hours in an effort to benefit the house, I, Matthew Todd Saltzman, say, "Thank you" from the bottom of my loving heart. I will remember you all with great fondness.

With issues of the past put to rest, I believe that it is now our responsibility to look toward the future. Despite my great intellect, neither I nor anyone else can see what will happen tomorrow; therefore, I strongly believe that we all must take an active role in ensuring the continued success of this fraternity. Oh yes, my friends, my brothers, I am quite excited about the future.

Matthew Todd Saltzman '06

Undergraduate Vice President's Report: The Future Looks Bright

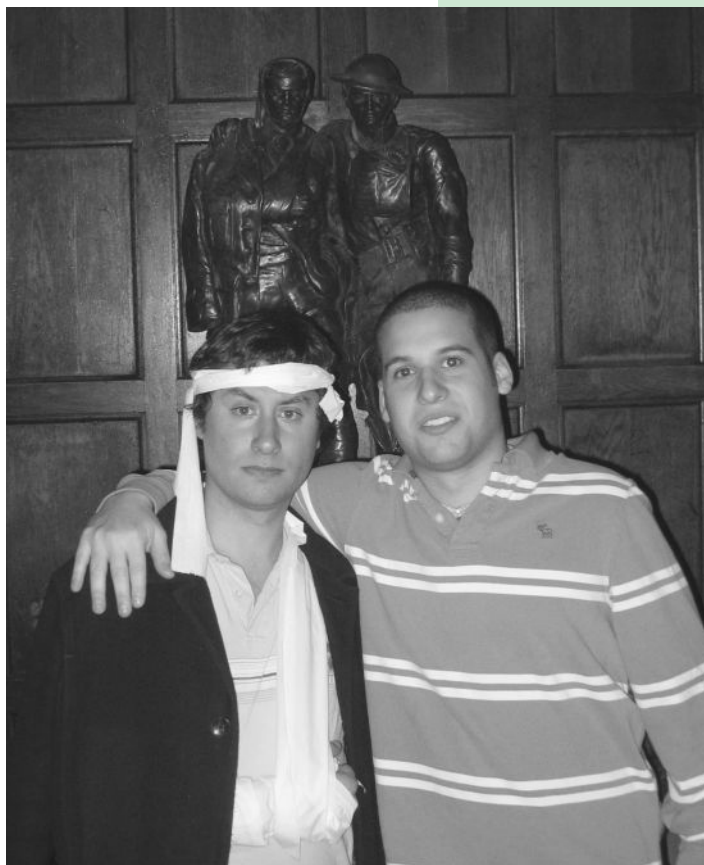
This semester has been filled with an abundance of planning for a plethora of successful events, including Parent's Weekend and initiation. I especially want to thank last spring's vice president, Bill Kaser '06, for his advice in the organizing of these important events. In addition to my regular duties, I have also had the opportunity to represent the Phi at some of the weekly Inter Fraternity Council meetings and currently serve as our official delegate. In regards to the future and continued success of the Cornell Alpha Delta Phi, I can honestly say that I am very pleased with the group of pledges we have this spring. Feel free to contact me regarding any issues at all. You can reach me by



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*Canadian brother and Xathar Phil Dubrovsky '05 with
American brother and President Matthew Saltzman '06
under the Brothers-in-Arms statue.*

A Word From The Xathar

With my graduation pending in May, I felt it necessary to run for the position of Xathar—a role that I have longed to hold for the bulk of my time as a brother of the Alpha Delta Phi. Upon being elected to the position, I gratefully accepted the privileges, as well as the responsibilities of the Xathar. As such, it brings me great pleasure to be able to present this newsletter to our distinguished alumni and the undergraduate brotherhood.

As you are aware, one of my job descriptions requires me to actively take minutes during the fraternity meetings. It is a job that I take seriously and one that I perform thoroughly. Luckily for me, I have thus far been provided with a plethora of material to include in the weekly minutes. I am fortunate that our chapter has such enthusiastic brothers such as Matthew Todd Saltzman, our current president, whose actions, words, and ideas have made writing minutes both informative and interesting.

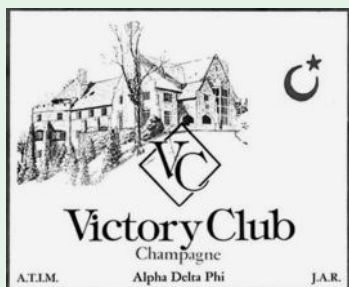
I would like to conclude my address by saying that it will be with a heavy heart when I walk through the threshold of 777 Stewart Avenue for the last time. The Great Hall echoes with many a memory that I will always and forever cherish as I pursue whatever endeavors I must. To the brothers of the Alpha Delta Phi, Cornell chapter, I bid you all adieu.

Phil Dubrovsky '05

Victory Club Is All Right With Me

For years now, Victory Club has maintained its reputation as Cornell's most extravagant and illustrious charity event. Since my first year at this great school, I have only wanted two things: 1) to become the world's foremost expert in Gastroenterology, and 2) to be able to run Victory Club. Approaching my final days at Cornell, I'm happy to have fulfilled at least one of my life's goals.

Before I say anymore, I would like to offer my sincere appreciation to the alumni whose generous contributions are what will allow VC to be what it will. That being said, I am pleased to inform you all of some of the great things we have lined up for Victory Club.



As you may have expected, we have acquired a gambling license and will thus be allowed to run a charity casino. In addition, it brings me great pleasure to announce that we will have live performances by various groups, including some of Cornell's own *a cappella* groups.

If anyone has any questions regarding the event, please feel free to contact me at jgw23@cornell.edu. I am positive that this will be a night to remember.

James Gilbert Widyn '05



Above, new doors on stalls provide quiet moments for meditation. (See article on page three.)
Below, newly installed convenient marble bench keeps toiletries clean and dry.



Homecoming 2005
at AΔΦ and Cornell
October 14-16

Renew your acquaintance with alums from your era, **meet** the undergraduate brothers, **tour** the chapter house, and **see** what's new around campus.

We hope to see you there!

If you're planning to come, please return the enclosed response card. Thank you!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, October 14, 2005

6:00-10:00 p.m. – Informal Cocktail Reception at the Phi for arriving brothers and guests

Saturday, October 15, 2005

- 9:00 a.m.-Noon – House Corporation Board of Directors Meeting in house library
- Noon-1:00 p.m. – Tailgate on Kite Hill
- 1:00 p.m. – Football kickoff, Cornell vs. Georgetown
- 3:00 p.m. – Trustee Meeting, Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation, location TBA
- 5:00 p.m. – Annual Meeting of the Adelpic Cornell Educational Fund in house library
- 5:00 p.m. – Goat House Renovation Committee meeting in the solarium
- 6:00 p.m. – Welcome Reception Hour in the Great Hall
- 7:00 p.m. – Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell University's 134th Annual Homecoming Banquet

Sunday, October 16, 2005

Brothers gather informally in the morning for brunch and fond farewells...

News From Our Alumni

Donald F. Johansen '53 has a new address: 221 Woodstock Ave., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137.

John J. Post '57 and **John Brooke '57** are organizing a class of '57 reunion on Cape Cod this September. Attendees will use the Sea Crest Resort in North Falmouth as a base with trips to Nantucket or Martha's Vineyard, lunch with the Yearleys, drinks with the Posts and several dinners. We'll keep you up to date with a report in the next newsletter. John lives at 26 Colonel Daniels Dr., Bedford NH 03110. Send e-mail to jjpost@aol.com.

Richard H. Dyer Jr. '59 writes, "My three children are raising families of their own; the yield so far is five grandchildren (two girls, three boys), but no Cornellians yet. I've remained connected to Cornell via rowing and ΑΔΦ, Ron Demer, Bruce Hewitt, and one of my close friends who moved with his family to live in Ithaca. Returning for reunions is a favorite event, plus many other connections. As you may know, our pledge class has re-gathered every other year and expanded to include some brothers of '58 and '60 as well! *Xaipe* to all." Stay in touch with Rick at Black Rock Farm, 306 Black Rock Rd., Watertown, CT 06795. Send e-mail to rdyerdoc@optonline.net.

Richard W. Abel '63 has a new address: 3049 Scottish Rite Ln., Sewickley, PA 15143.

John M. Beeman '63 happily retired in June 2003 after 38 years at Citibank. He spent the last 25 years in Germany, Saudi Arabia, S. Korea, China, and Vietnam. John now winters in Naples, Florida. Stay in touch at 67 Squire Rd., Roxbury, CT 06783; send e-mail to johnbeeman@earthlink.net.

One of the country's most honored artisanal cheese producers is the Old Chatham Shepherding Company, founded in 1997 by **Tom Clark '63**, MBA '64, and his wife, Nancy Williams Clark '63, MS '64. Their sheep's milk cheeses include a Hudson Valley Camembert that was named Best Cheese in America at the 2001 U.S. Championship Cheese Contest and a feta that took first place at the 2002 American Cheese Society competition. Organic farmers, the Clarks have a herd of 1,200 sheep and produce some 200,000 pounds of cheese a year. "More people are starting to eat good cheese," said Tom Clark, a Cornell trustee, "We have a hard time keeping up with the demand." Keep in touch with Tom at 99 Shaker Museum Rd., Old Chatham, NY 12136; tomclark@blacksheepcheese.com.

Fred Parkin '63 and his wife, Wendy, recently traveled to Vietnam to visit the old town where he lived and flew out of in 1966. Vung Tau was unrecognizable, as the seaside town of 15,000 was now a beach resort of 100,000 and home to the joint Soviet/Vietnamese oil venture. They then boarded a boat and spent a week motoring up the Mekong River to Cambodia and Ankor Wat, (126 degrees in the sun, 107 in the shade, but there was none) before ending up in Singapore to visit **Jim Hunt '64** and his wife Minako. Jim has lived there 35 years

and hosted Fred and Wendy at their home for dinner and The Singapore Cricket Club for lunch. Reach Fred at 2260 Vallejo St., San Francisco, CA 94123; e-mail to fredparkin@aol.com.

Fred reports visiting **Jim Hunt '64**. James Henry Hunt IV is an investment banker doing business in Thailand and Vietnam. He lives with his wife Minako at 78 Woodleigh Park, Singapore 357851. His e-mail is: seavest@singnet.com.sg

Gerry Gragg '65 writes, "The year 2005 is a year of milestones, and hopefully the beginning of a new venture in the fall of this year. My wife, Darby, and I moved to the San Francisco Bay Area in 2000 after selling a bed and breakfast business, a manufacturers representative agency, and a commercial property on the near north side of Chicago in the space of 18 months. We bought a 42-foot sailboat that we have been outfitting for extended cruising, and we will head out the Golden Gate and turn left in late September. I have recently had a great lunch with Mike Kinney renewing our days with the Sherwoods as if it was yesterday, and plan on catching up with Shel Severinghaus before he heads back to Mongolia, so he can tell me, 'why Mongolia?' I am getting together with Robb Bell in Portland over Memorial Day weekend for some wine tasting, now that he is the proud owner of a winery. I hope to catch up with other Alpha Delts that might be living/working in Mexico and Central America as Darby and I work our way south on SoBella." Stay in touch with Gerry at 2099 Grand St., #U14, Alameda, CA 94501; send e-mail to ggragg@airtreatment.com.

Timothy D. Baker Jr. '75 reports, "After going back to school to get a masters in Chinese studies from National Taiwan University, I started a PhD in early Chinese history at Harvard. For the past couple of years, my wife, Su-fen, and I have been in Taiwan working on our dissertations. She just graduated and we will see where we can find work? Our son, David, has decided he wants to write his dissertation -- on cockroaches!" Reach Tim at Chong Yang Lane 133 #13 Apt 3F, Hsin Tian 231, TAIWAN; send e-mail to tbaker@tas.harvard.edu.

Andrew F. Sendall '86 has joined the Business Continuity Management team at Barclays Capital in New York. Andrew joined Barclays in 2001 as head of IT business services. He was promoted to director in 2003 and moved into his new role in January 2005. Reach Andrew by e-mail at afs22@cornell.edu.

Scott Armstrong '87 recently had a great ski vacation with the families of **Jesse Bender '89** and **Frank Macaulay '86**. Scott now works with Secure Elements in Herndon, Virginia. Stay in touch at 1004 Kennedy St., Falls Church, VA 22046; send e-mail to mrsccottarmstrong@hotmail.com.

Ray Potter '87 writes, "I just switched jobs on April 1, 2005. I have the same responsibilities, securitizing commercial real estate. We had our fourth child on October 13, 2004 – Luke.

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But that's it – no more – we hit our breaking point. Our other children are Dillon (6), Nikki (4), and Jake (2). Hope everything is going well. I see Sam Lopez '88 and Mike Millette '87. Both are well." Keep up with Ray at 10 West Way, Chappaqua, NY 10514; ray_potter@countrywide.com.

The future of squash in the United States will be guided by former Big Red squash player and Alpha Delt brother **Kevin Klipstein '91**, who has been named chief executive officer of the United States Squash Racquets Association (USSRA). As CEO, he is responsible for overseeing all of the association's activities, including national championships, player rankings, marketing, and sponsorships. Before taking the reins of the USSRA, Klipstein spent five years at Sun Microsystems, where he helped to negotiate sales and marketing deals with MLB.com and the National Hockey League. Klipstein lettered four times in squash at Cornell; as a senior, he served as co-captain and earned second team All-America honors. Keep in touch with Kevin at 201 E 69th St. Ph H, New York, NY 10021. Send e-mail to kdklipstein@usa.net.

Theodore A. Russell '91 has a new address: 16608 Calle Haleigh, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272. Send Ted e-mail to tedrussell@adelphia.net.

C. Dylan Willoughby '92 and his family have relocated to Los Angeles, where he works as a lawyer at Latham & Watkins, downtown. Reach Dylan at 633 W. Fifth St., #4000, Los Angeles, CA 90071; e-mail to dylan.willoughby@lw.com.

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John S. Schwartz '94 lives at 105 N. Wetherly Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90048. He writes, "I just produced my first major motion picture, a thriller called UNKNOWN, starring Greg Kinnear, Jim Caviezel, Bridget Moynahan, Joe Pantoliano, and Jeremy Sisto. If there's anyone out there in the entertainment business, or who wants to get into the entertainment business, let's chat." Send e-mail to john.schwartz@gte.net.

Ryan Colbert '05 lives at 50 Rockefeller Plz., 2nd Fl., New York, NY 10020. Send e-mail to rac53@cornell.edu.

Necrology

Alfred M. Entenman '42, of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, passed away on January 10, 2005.

Raymond G. Daly Jr. '45, BA '48 of Naples, FL, died on May 22, 2004; advertising account executive, Young and Rubicam, American Tobacco, Dell Publishing, Glenn Daly Advertising; and a veteran.

Alfred W. Fairer '52 BEE of Danville, Virginia, died May 5, 2004; retired engineer; veteran; and active in community affairs.

Harry B. Furman '45 of Redwood, New York, died October 20, 2004. He was vice president of Furman Lumber and owned Eastern Traffic Safety. He was a veteran, football coach, and was active in community and alumni activities.

Alpha Delta Phi Opens Doors And Hearts To Students Affected By Hurricane Katrina



In response to Hurricane Katrina, Cornell President Hunter Rawlings and Dean of Students Kent L. Hubbell '67 have called on Cornell Greeks to open fraternity and sorority houses to displaced students from Tulane University. Alpha Delt has offered shared rooms at no cost for 10 students for the 2005-2006 school year.

As of the date of publication, one student, Matt Checki '08, has already moved into the Phi. Matt is a political science major from Scarsdale, New York, who is transferring into the ILR school. Matt is now very much interested in extending his Cornell career through to graduation and has even asked about pledging at the Phi in the spring.

We welcome Matt to the Phi and any other students from Tulane needing a safe and secure place to recover from the disaster in New Orleans while continuing their education. Matt, may your journey with Alpha Delt be memorable and enriching!