

# The Cornell Alpha Delt



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## A Proud President Reports: Alpha Delt Buzzing With Activity

The Alpha Delta Phi house has been buzzing with activity this fall semester as the Newly Initiated Brothers settle into their new home. Though the Phi has fewer members living in this year, due primarily to the disproportionate number of brothers last year who were seniors, the house maintains its fullness as the majority of brothers still congregate nightly for house dinners and social events. As a result of the shift in residency, those brothers living in have been afforded great opportunities to improve the newly available extra rooms, many of which now serve as comfortable common lounges.

By way of painting, installing new hardwood floors, re-carpeting, and renovating, most of the undergraduates living in the Phi have invested a great deal in the rooms this year, adding considerable value to the accommodations and making the house a more comfortable place to call home.

Improvements to the physical plant are not limited to bedrooms, however. On the main level, the pool table in the Solarium has received a handsome, custom wood cover. The dark-stained wood is accented by gold-leaf lettering, a project undertaken primarily by brothers James Teague '09 and Pierre Estey '11. The cover now bears the Star and Crescent, the Greek letters, Alpha Delta Phi, and the years of the fraternity's founding (1832) as well as the Cornell Chapter's founding (1869). Resting below our beloved Victory Club lamp, the cover not only protects the pool table when not in use, but acts as a centerpiece of the Solarium.

Down in the Music room (the large room connected to the Pit), brothers Jerome Soustra '11 and Jesse Suchoff '11 have cleared out what was a storage room and converted it into a double bedroom. The two put their creativity to work and painted a mural spanning three of the four walls, featuring skylines, portraits, poetry, famous quotes, and a sketch of the Goat House. The two architecture students used some of the older furniture from the main floor that was replaced last year to form a cozy lounge by the fireplace, successfully creating yet another great social gathering spot in the house.

Additionally, I am proud to report that in our most recent chapter meeting, the undergraduates voted to bring back the tradition of fall protocols. Sometime around the early-to-mid 2000s the ritual of holding formal protocol dinners twice a week fell out of practice. The brotherhood is excited to rekindle this tradition central to our literary roots and, we hope, bring the undergraduates even closer together.

Alpha Delta Phi's social schedule is no exception to the positive set of improvements this semester. After starting the semester off with

a few large open parties, Alpha Delta Phi moved to hosting smaller "Tower Hour" parties. Hosted on the tower, the brothers held smaller-scale parties that allowed brothers better opportunities to meet potential rushees and accent one of the best features of the house—the tower, at least while the weather allowed it.

Along the lines of rush, the brotherhood is looking forward to a strong rush year, hoping to compensate for the smaller size of

the fraternity this year by setting an ambitious target of 24 pledges.

Under the leadership of Rush Chairmen Alex Lebowitz '09 and Jacob Goldstein '10, as well as Assistant Rush Chairman Roger Tufts '11, the brothers have begun planning weekly invitation-only coat and tie cocktail receptions, an event successfully utilized last year to invite rushees to the house to meet the undergraduate brothers in style.

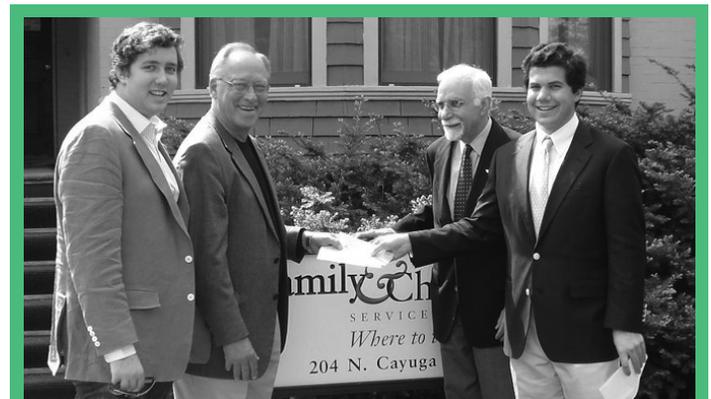
All in all, the brotherhood is looking forward to a great semester. With athletes on the golf, sprint

football, and crew teams, brothers from every undergraduate college, 10 brothers who achieved Dean's List, two pilots, and a fine group of musicians, the Alpha Delta Phi house is stronger than ever.

Joseph Salameh '10  
Fall 2008 Undergraduate President



*The Phi from the Sky — Cornell Alpha Deltis' magnificent Phi Lodge and Goat House.*



*Jacob Goldstein '10 and Matt Colbert '09 contributing over \$6,500 to Jim Johnston, President and CEO of the Family & Children's Center, and George Schuler, Chair, Board of Directors. See page three for details.*



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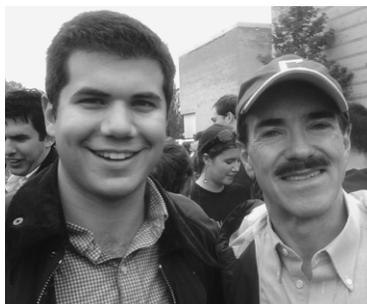
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## Homecoming 2008 Brings Back the Alpha Delts



Above left, Matt Colbert '09 and Doug Jimerson '73.

Above right, Nolan Rogers '07, Justin Green '07, and David Ryan '07 at Cornell Homecoming 2008.



At left, Fall 2008 Undergraduate Treasurer Pat Jennings '10, and his date, Ashley, enjoy the 139th Homecoming Banquet at Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell University.

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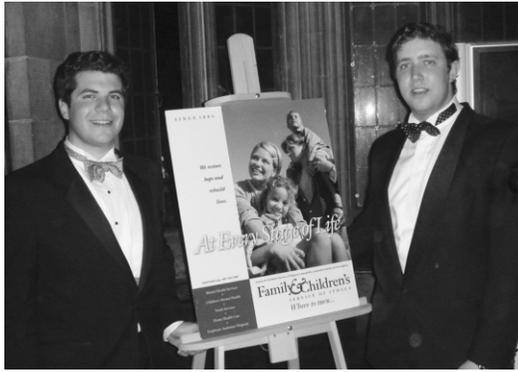
# ΑΔΦ Philanthropy Recognized by Family & Children's Service

Alpha Delta Phi brothers were featured in an article in the current issue of Family Connections, the newsletter of the Family & Children's Service of Ithaca. Here's the article as it appeared:

## Cornell Students are Philanthropic

Family & Children's Service of Ithaca has long enjoyed a great working relationship with Cornell, providing the staffing for the university's Employee Assistance Program and a preferred referral partner with Gannett's Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) program. We have also been the grateful recipient of generous philanthropy from Cornell and enjoyed many Cornellians as board members and volunteers with our agency.

Cornell students have also volunteered and interned at our agency for many years. As an agency dedicated to the welfare and well-being of young people, we have always been keen to engage with Cornell students. This spring, various Cornell student groups donated more than \$11,000 to benefit various programs and special initiatives at Family & Children's Service.



2008 Victory Club Co-Chairmen Matt Colbert (left) and Jacob Goldstein (right) proudly promote the event's charitable aims. Through this event, the brothers raised almost \$5,000 for the Family & Children's Center.

The Cornell Football team held a car wash on Sunday, April 27, at Shortstop Deli and raised \$1,429 while the Omega Chi Chapter of Kappa Delta Sorority's bowling tournament raised \$2,587. These funds will support our Youth Services department to assist at-risk youth.

Delta Upsilon held a flower sale to benefit elderly seniors in need of sliding fee assistance in our Home Care Program, raising \$1,100.

**The Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity's Victory Club Casino Night event raised \$6,500 for our children's mental health clinic capital expansion.**

The most compelling part of all these wonderful donations is they were done on our behalf without us asking the students to do so... they chose us for their good deeds and donations! We are sincerely grateful of Cornell's active and engaged philanthropy and community service to Family & Children's Service of Ithaca and our entire community.

Sources:

<http://www.fcsith.org>

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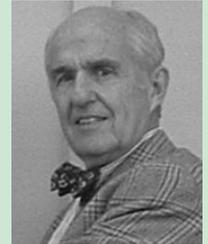
## Victory Club Commended by Fraternity and Sorority Advisory Council

To Matt Colbert '09 and Jacob Goldstein '10, Spring 2008 Victory Club Co-Chairmen:

While we may not have had the opportunity to personally meet, I certainly know a lot of your alums and undergrads and respect the manner in which your chapter has worked over the past few years to improve its overall performance and achieve the level of excellence sought by your undergraduate and alumni leaders.

Howie Schaffer '90 has e-mailed the good news of your very successful Victory Club Night and the philanthropic fundraising contribution you made to the Family & Children's Service of Ithaca. As Chair of the Greek System's Fraternity and Sorority Advisory Council, I offer our congratulations to you and express our appreciation for the effort the chapter made in staging this successful charitable event.

Alpha Delt, and every other Cornell fraternity and sorority can truly make a difference in the campus and Ithaca Community when they harness the imagination and energy of the membership to be good citizens and do good deeds. Philanthropy is just one aspect of fulfilling our mission as responsible members of the Greek Community and you have successfully demonstrated how to make a difference through your efforts.....while having fun doing it.



Regards,

Anthony B. Cashen '57, MBA '58  
Chair, Fraternity and Sorority Advisory Council

Anthony B.  
Cashen '57  
(Delta Upsilon)

## House Manager's Report

The Alpha Delta Phi has been looking lovely. Our co-house managers, Paulo Rust '11 and Eric Blair '10, have spent a good deal of time working around the house and, especially, making it spotless for the annual fire inspections. With only a few minor glitches, we have been in the clear and out of any smoke. The third-floor closets and the attic were cleaned out and reorganized completely, which was certainly no small undertaking. Items from brothers long gone were discovered—chests, chess sets, and even a few things from a few other fraternities, which were promptly returned to their owners.

In other news, the house continues to be cleaned on a weekly basis by a local service, which keeps the house looking good. As the fall chills into winter, we will begin to make use of the great fireplace in the living room; we recently received a large order of wood.

The Phi maintains its inviting atmosphere and certainly appears to everyone as the nicest and most elegant of all houses on campus.

Paulo Rust '11, House Manager

## The Alpha Delta Phi Literary Competition

Undergraduate President Joseph Salameh '10 Wins Second Prize in 2008 International ADPhi Literary Competition

The Annual International Alpha Delta Phi Literary Competition is a keystone of a literary tradition more than a century old. This competition is a constant reminder of our roots as a literary society and it sets The Phi apart from other private societies. Cornell's own Joseph Salameh '10 was awarded the prestigious second prize in the fiction category for his story "The Fraternity of Oarsmen." He was awarded a \$50 prize which was matched by the Adelpic Cornell Educational Foundation. According to the panel of judges the story is an ..."excellent example of using a short sketch to convey an image and an idea." The alumni congratulate Joseph on his accomplishment and for his example to all brothers to excel in literary pursuits.

**Submit your own literary work to the 2009 Literary Competition!**

For details, see: <http://www.adphicornell.org/scholarships.asp>

## These Greeks Still Have a Word for It – Χαίρε

“The Greece I love,” says Lawrence Durrell; “poverty that brings joy without humiliation, the chastity and fine manners of the islanders, the schisms and treacheries of the townsmen . . . the taverns with their laurel wreaths, the lambs turning on the spit at Easter, the bearded heroes, the shattered marble statues.”

And he gives the meaning too, in his 1945 book, *Prospero's Cell and Reflections on a Marine Venus*: “When you see the gravestones from the little necropolis of Cameirus . . . it is the so-often repeated single word -- the anonymous Xaipe -- which attracts you . . . It is not the names of the rich or the worthy . . . but this single word, ‘Be Happy,’ serving both as a farewell and admonition, that goes to your heart with the whole impact of the Greek style of mind, the Greek orientation to life and death: so that you are shamed into . . . realizing how little you have fulfilled . . . a thought so simple yet so pregnant, and how even your native vocabulary lacks a word whose brevity and grace could paint upon the darkness of death the fading colors of such gaiety, love and truth as Xaipe does upon these modest gravestones.”

The story above was excerpted from an article that appeared in *The New York Times* on November 6, 1960, written by Freya Stark. Our gratitude to Sebastian J. Colella '05 for bringing the article to our attention. To read the full article, visit: <http://www.nytimes.com/books/98/09/13/specials/durrell-prospero.html>

## CTB Mixer: The First of Its Kind

A mixer at College Town Bagels? Unheard of! Until the mind of Brother Nick Wirth '10 got to thinking about it; he organized the first fraternity/sorority mixer ever to be held on the public patio of CTB. Right at the main entrance to Collegetown, where everyone walks by, the Alpha Delta Phi claimed the best location, location, location, for sorority, sorority, sorority. Yes, Nick secured four of the most delightful sororities on campus! Sisters of Delta Gamma, Sigma Delta Tau, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Alpha Phi all showed up—creating a great Alpha-Delt-brother-to-sorority-sister ratio. Well done, Brother Wirth! With the grill going and beer flowing, our private patio party was a great success.

To our steadily improving mixer track record, this certainly added an exclamation point! And what awesome party would be complete without awesome t-shirts? Nick and I spent the most of Saturday creating the coolest t-shirts ever. With a few V-neck Ts, cardboard stencils, and fabric spray-paint, the shirts we made were all the rave. We only made 20 Ts and, to keep things cool, we selected only the most gorgeous girls to don the Star and Crescent. Of course, the design consisted of the Star and Crescent, with the star doubling as a ‘T,’ followed by a ‘B,’ making for an Alpha Delt shout out to CTB.



Being a dinner event, it started at 7:00 p.m. on a perfectly sunny, late summer day, and lasted until just around 10:00 p.m. As Nick and I said our goodbyes to the last table of ladies—planning to meet up with them shortly thereafter—we clinked our glasses and toasted the Alpha Delta Phi.

*Save the Dates for Reunion 2009  
at Alpha Delta Phi and Cornell  
June 4-7, 2009*

## A Taste of the Glorious Past at Summer Reunion

Amidst Ithaca's summer swelter, the Phi welcomed back more than a handful of brothers and their wives. Graduates of years ending in '3 and '8 were invited for a Cornell-wide reunion, and, of course, a visit back to the lodge was quite implied. We gathered in the Solarium, enjoying a variety of lovely cheeses, with wine provided from the vineyard of Brother Tony Johnson '80. As I was spending the summer in Ithaca doing a bit of research, I was fortunate enough to attend the festivities and meet as many alumni as I could. Once the formalities and introductions were out of the way, I wasted no time before sparking a spiel on the ways of the past; before students really got in trouble and issues of insurance and liability weighed much less.

Spectacular Victory Club balls; tennis courts; a freshly mowed—by freshmen—lawn; a loud crowd...a loud gun...; a Disco Triple where leisure-suited-people actually disco'ed. And how could we forget the big red fire truck, complete with a throbbing gushing water-hose, which aided in early morning fire drills. As we toured the house these tales kept chuckling out, each room evoking memories of the pranks that had been done there. While a few of the sterner brothers made note of a few stray beer cans or the firewood on the floor, most just smiled and reminisced.

After all had seen what they wished, and felt at home again, the Cornell Sherwoods entertained us for the rest of the afternoon with a performance of delightful singing—featuring Cornell anthems and the treasured songs of The Alpha Delta Phi. A tall skinny Scandinavian kept things light with a joke, and the smallest man produced the deepest bass for a riveting version of *The House of the Rising Sun*.



Samuel Sveen '10

With loosened ties and sleeves rolled up, the steamy crowd began to thin upon the end of the performance. I had enjoyed the gathering, met many interesting people, and learned a lot. Along with a couch to crash in California, or a helping hand with future employment, I also secured a better understanding of the Brotherhood of The Alpha Delta Phi.

Samuel Sveen '10

## From the Steward

For as long as most of us can remember, the Phi has played host to a chef of one sort or another. So it comes without surprise that our illustrious chef, Scott “Scooter” Shmutzler, has returned for the year. His return, however, brings with it a few pleasant changes. For starters, brothers' requests for food are being taken into consideration more than they have been in recent memory. Dinner menus have ranged from tuna steak and rice to the more traditional steak and potatoes, with any imaginable combination in between. In addition, Scooter continues to deliver delicious breakfasts and lunches on an order-as-you-go basis. He also has gone above and beyond his normal 8:30-6:00 schedule to cook all day for our Homecoming Tailgate, and then slaving away to provide a great meal for undergraduate brothers, their dates, and returning alums.

We have changed the position of steward somewhat for this semester. It is no longer the steward's duty to clean the kitchen and dishes, etc. Instead, a senior from Ithaca High School has been working in this capacity. Both the undergraduate brotherhood and the chef are very pleased with this arrangement, and it appears as though this will be something to continue indefinitely. So, if you're back in Ithaca for a random visit, instead of heading out to John Thomas Steakhouse or any other fancy restaurant, consider swinging by the house for a meal. Take it from us, Scooter will give any place in town a run for the money.

Kyle Cunnion '11, Fall 2008 Steward



## Alpha Delta Phi Evaluated by FSA

*For the first time in nearly five years, the Phi has been rated as meeting the expectations set forth by the office of the Dean of Students. Clearly, our society has been consistently in compliance. However, the reports required by the university administration are extremely detailed and time-consuming to produce. Regrettably, in past years, the undergraduate officers have made only a token effort to communicate the annual achievements of the Phi. We salute the officers for bring the Phi back into compliance and offer any support necessary to maintain that status and move toward being ranked as exceeding expectations.*

Xaipe, Howie Schaffer '90

## Remorseful Goat House Vandal Makes Small Donation to Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation

A regrettable consequence of having a secret room as part of the property and legend of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell University is that the Goat House is occasionally vandalized. Unfortunately, most of the culprits are not caught and brought to justice. However, as the letter below attests, sometimes—years later—the conscience of the vandal appeals to the better angel of their nature. The letter along with the donation was sent with an anonymous money order and no return address.

However, the small donation is helpful in supporting recent repairs to gutters, lighting, drainage, and other important ongoing renovations to the Goat House. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to support Goat House renovations, you can do so quickly and securely online at: [www.adphicornell.org](http://www.adphicornell.org).

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

April 6, 2008

Cornell Star and Crescent Foundation  
P.O. Box 876  
Ithaca, NY 14851-0876

Hello,

Please accept this donation of \$100 to the Goat House Renovation Fund.

I am not an Alpha Delta Phi member, but would like to donate for the following reason.

In the mid-1970s, I broke into the Goat House, by hacksawing the padlock on the door. I did no other damage, but merely wanted to satisfy my curiosity as to what the Goat House was like.

I sincerely apologize for this vandalism and trespass.

While this donation may reimburse the monetary cost of the broken padlock, it cannot make right the trespass. But I was glad to find that the Star and Crescent Foundation has a fund specifically for the Goat House, which I could contribute to.

Thank you.



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August 1, 2008

Joseph Salameh  
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Dear Joseph:

The End-of-Year Chapter Evaluation Team, composed of students, alumni and staff, recently completed a comprehensive review of your chapter and the materials submitted on behalf of your organization for the 2007-2008 academic year. The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs has designed this review process in an effort to support the chapter's continued compliance with the principles outlined in The Cornell University Fraternity and Sorority System Strategic Plan to provide guidance for overall improvement. It is in this advisory capacity that the team makes comments and recommendations. This annual evaluation and end-of-year assessment is designed to identify each chapter's strengths, areas for improvement, and overall compliance with The Strategic Plan. I want to remind you that the rating scale has been revamped from a 1 to 5 rating to a 1 to 3 rating; 1 (exceeds expectations), 2 (meets expectations) and 3 (needs improvement). Below is your organization's rating from each category:

Introduction and Cover Letter	1
Self Governance	2
Building Community	2
Creating and Promoting a Healthy Environment	2
Intellectual Life	3
Lifelong Connections	2
Membership and Leadership Development	2
Overall Rating	2

We look forward to working with Alpha Delta Phi in the fall. Please do not hesitate to call your OFSA advisor at (607) 255-2310 if you should have any questions regarding the content of this letter.

Sincerely,

Travis T. Apgar  
Robert G. Engel Associate Dean of Students

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ΑΔΦ Cornell Website!  
[www.adphicornell.org](http://www.adphicornell.org)**

## Looking Forward to Hockey Season

As summer draws to a close, the next thing on a good Cornellian's mind is hockey. Last year about 10 brothers or so (including several pledges), held season tickets in section B, the best section—the leader in chants and fish throwing, and right next to the band. This year we again look forward to a strong Alpha Delt showing at the games. Several of us received our 'lottery' numbers, and upon winning, we camped out on the night of October 3 until 9:00 p.m. the next night. Just for a refresher: first, one obtains a lottery number, from which approximately 75 percent of the students then win a line number. The line number dictates your place in line, obviously, and this line must camp out. One person in line may hold places for up to four other numbers. Then, at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday night, seat selection and ticket distribution begins. The whole camp-out thing may sound a little absurd, but, as any athlete knows, "you gotta want it."

Also on the agenda is a return of the Alpha Delta Phi intramural hockey team. Two years ago, when I was still just a pledge, I was fortunate enough to play for our championship team. We had a couple of Canadians, a few former high school players (including myself), a club team, a Canadian goalie, and a lot of Alpha Delt spirit. With the help of our phenomenal coaches, we recorded more than one blowout match on our road to triumph.

This year we again have a club team member minding the net. Though Brother James Teague '09 was not in goal during our last championship season, there is no reason that he will not help us secure yet another. However, the number of Canadians and/or former high school players may not be quite as high this year. Yet, with our usual solid coaching and teamwork, we surely can anticipate another trophy for the Phi.

Samuel Sveen '10

## Social Chair's Report

With the growing trend by universities and colleges across the country to oust fraternities, we have felt the pressure ourselves. So we have worked with the Cornell Interfraternity Council to reach the best solutions possible, and we continue to have a successful social calendar. Our usual Tower Hour parties drew many young Cornellians and showcased our great views of the city and the lake from atop the tower. We hosted several themed mixers with sororities at the house, and the great CTB mixer in Collegetown. (See page four.)

The many musicians within the house have helped greatly toward the success of our parties. Vincent Davis '10, a.k.a. Tron Vegas, is a popular DJ all around campus, providing all sorts of parties with music and lights. Jerome Soustra '11 is an up-and-coming DJ, and he and Samuel Sveen '10 can be caught performing guitar or drums in the basement of the Phi or around Collegetown.



This fall season, we have yet to pin down the problem with our big screen TV in the Solarium, which has put a damper on our Monday Night Football gatherings. We hope to soon have it up and running again. But in lieu of such a social event, we will be continuing our Friday night events, which started last year. These cocktail hours tend to be more formal and really showcase the Phi as an impressive institution to the possible rushees. Thus, the Phi is still as it should be—both elegant and fun.

Samuel Sveen '10

## Joseph Salameh '10 Wins AΔΦ International Seward Scholarship

Fall 2008 Undergraduate President Joseph Salameh '10 was recently named a 2008 winner of the prestigious Seward Scholarship.

The scholarships are named for Clarence Armstrong Seward, Geneva 1848. Brother Seward enjoyed an esteemed career as an attorney in New York City representing railroad and industrial interests. In 1897, during his tenure as president of Alpha Delta Phi International, the Seward Scholarship Fund was established to honor the contributions made by Brother Seward during his many years of service to his fraternity. To this day, the fund grants scholarships to undergraduates on the basis of financial need, achievement in Alpha Delta Phi, and activities on campus. The fund is administered by a committee appointed by the International Board of Governors. (Brother Seward is often inaccurately interchanged with his uncle, William H. Seward, who is best known for his role in the United States' purchase of the territory of Alaska, "Seward's Folly," when he was U.S. Secretary of State during the administration of President Abraham Lincoln.)

Joseph writes, "I want to thank Howie Schaffer '90 for his strong endorsement of me for the Seward Scholarship. Andrew Lyon '10 notified me when my win was announced at the 2008 summer ADPhi Convention in Berkeley. I am extremely grateful for the honor, and really appreciate the help and support of the alumni board in getting my application reviewed. I also want to thank Jon Vick, HAM '61, and the entire International Scholarship Committee."

The \$600 award will be matched by a generous award from the Adelpic Cornell Educational Foundation.



Joseph Salameh '10

## Join Cornell Alpha Deltas on LinkedIn.com

We welcome you to join the ADPhi Cornell LinkedIn group. Dave Hahn '80 established this networking group for the Cornell Alpha Deltas after his successful set-up of another college alumni LinkedIn group for his employer, Metropolitan College, in New York City.

We are not in the business of promoting LinkedIn and have kept "promotion" of this group to a minimum, mostly word of mouth to brothers we have run across already on LinkedIn whose profiles are open to contacts. Some brothers noted that the flexibility of the profiles and connection options of LinkedIn allowed them to limit the random "e-mail assaults" online networking can sometimes generate. You can even limit the display of group logos on your profile so that only other members will see it. We hope you find the LinkedIn networking and contact management capabilities useful. You may know others who might benefit from a more extensive network. Here's a link to the group to pass along to other Cornell Alpha Deltas:

<http://www.linkedin.com/e/gis/49195/3639326A8943>

We do check for a Cornell ADPhi background on those wishing to join the network. It will speed the approval process if they have listed, on their LinkedIn profile, their college and years at Cornell and membership in Alpha Delta Phi (for professional reasons some brothers list it as a "Literary Fraternity"). Dave and I now manage this together as volunteers, so please tell others to be patient if a few days go by before we get back to an approval, especially during vacations and such.

Xaipe,  
Steven D. Ritchey '81

# News From Our Alumni

**Robert J. Entenman '50** proudly reports the April 19, 2008, birth of his granddaughter, Chloe Elisabeth Christina Entenman, whose par

**Henry H. Hubbard III '56** lives at [redacted] 28782. He writes, "My wife, Marianne, an [redacted] na. I retired for the second time and left Bermuda in June 2002. I love it here. My main entertainment is golf, Sudoku, birds, and bridge. Hope all of you are doing well!"

**John F. Hamilton Jr. '64**

**Knight A. Kiplinger '69** writes, "My daughter, Daphne, graduated from Cornell in May 2008. My wife, Ann, and I enjoyed visiting with **Jim McCormick '69** and his wife, Marsha, last spring in Stuart, Florida, where we both have homes. The family of **Leroy Sinclair '67** was there, too. In Washington we enjoy seeing [redacted]"

**Frederick R. Lurting '69** writes, "Thank you for remembering our class of '68-'69 in the recent *Cornell Alpha Delt*, particularly Ambassador **Rick Burt '69**, who with **Alan Arbus '69** and me spent many an hour... I remember Burt as an Assistant Secretary of State and as an architect of the SALT and START treaties. I was also happy to see **Knight Kiplinger '69** in a photograph and the mentions of **Mike Kinney '66**, and **Gordie Evans '68**. My daughter, Ellen, a Cornell graduate, is becoming a lawyer; my daughter, Lauren, is an investor." Reach Fred at [redacted]

**Timothy D. Baker Jr. '75** writes, "Since getting my PhD in Chinese history from Harvard in 2006, I've been teaching in the history department of Dong Hwa University in Hualien, Taiwan, It's a small city on the east coast of the island. My wife, Su Fen, teaches at another university here, and our son is in first grad [redacted] from Ithaca!" Keep in touch with Tim by e-mail at [redacted].

**Rodney R. Zelenka '80** lives in Panama City, Panama. Reach him by e-mail at [redacted]

**Philip M. Wolfson '80** is living in London where he runs an arc [redacted] See [www.wolfsondesign.com](http://www.wolfsondesign.com). Send e-mail to [redacted]

**Scott B. Hines '87** writes, "I've now passed my five-year anniversary at Lowe's (regional VP for distribution) and things are fine. My wife, Dawn, and our three kids are all doing well. Dawn works for one of the Nascar Nextel Cup drivers, Martin Truex Jr., helping to run his charitable foundation. In my spare time I teach motorcycle safety courses f [redacted]"

**Raymond D. Martz Jr. '93** reports, "I sold my previous company to Apollo Investment Management in August 2007. My new position is Chief Financial Officer for Phillips Edi [redacted]"

**Wade B. Pitts '94** writes, "I skied in Vail with **Philip Mekelburg '91** and **Al Morales '90** last winter. I also meet with other Bay Area ADPhis. In June I raced in the "Escape fro [redacted]" Wade (if you can [redacted]) send e-mail to [redacted]



[redacted] use dog of the early '90s, **Maximilian**, died peacefully in 2008 at the age of 15. Se [redacted] and condolences to [redacted].



**Samuel S. Goichm**

**Nicholas P. Kohan '03** passed the California Bar Exam and moved to Los Angeles where he now works at Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith. In May 2008 he attended the wedding of **Dan DiCapite '04** in Westhampton Beach, New York, along with fellow Alpha Delt, **Bob Dunn '02**, **Drew Butler '02**, **Jordan Terry '02**, **Josh Deutsch '02**, **Steve Guijarro '03**, **Eric Willenbacher '02**, **Jordan Cooper '01**, **Aaron Sweeney '01**, **August Roth '01**, **Scott Rosen '01**, **Julian Asaro**

**'07** lives at [redacted]. He's now [redacted] e-mail to [redacted]

## NECROLOGY

*We regret to report the death of the following alumni:*

**James R. Kennedy Jr. '50**  
on October 19, 2007

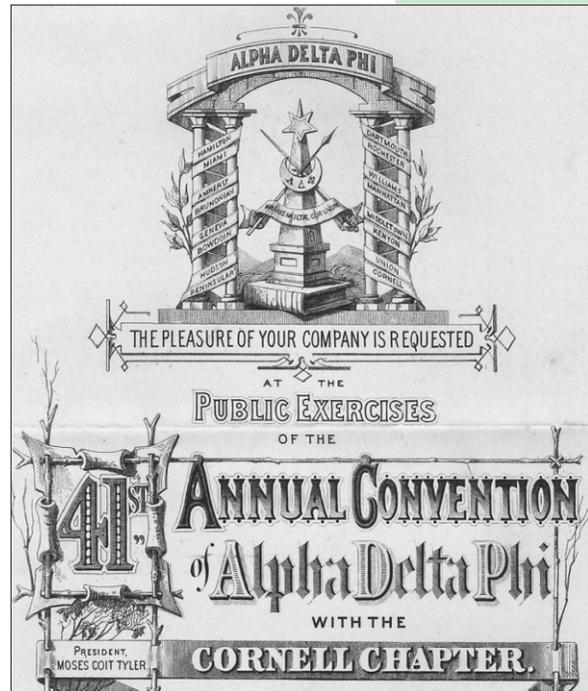
**Stanton H. Cramer '61**  
on June 18, 2007

**Gordon C. Williams '52**  
on July 20, 2008

**Robert F. Rakowski '64**  
on February 19, 2008

**John A. Brooke '57**  
on June 11, 2007

*For tributes, see next page.*



*Recently discovered invitation to the 1873 Alpha Delta Phi Annual Convention held at Cornell.*

# Tributes To Our Esteemed Alumni

## John A. Brooke '57



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**John A. Brooke '57** was an Alpha Delt legend in his own lifetime. In the early 1970s, he accepted the responsibility of running the alumni corporation, solving the crisis of several years of unpaid taxes, renovating a deteriorating chapter house which was less than half occupied, and re-engaging alumni interest in the survival of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell University. John raised the money to pay the taxes and to install a sprinkler system. He worked with the actives to rebuild their membership. The strength of the Phi today is a testament to John's leadership and dedication at a time of crisis. In 1991, the John A. Brooke Fund was established to honor his stewardship and to provide funds for continued upkeep and maintenance of the physical plant of Alpha Delta Phi. Brooke was a hotelier by profession, and served as president of the alumni corporation from 1970-1972. Thanks to John, 777 Stewart Avenue continues to be a place for nurturing the values and excellence that embody the spirit and mission of Alpha Delta Phi.

Theodore F. Olt '57 recalls:

"John wasn't just a friend; the Olt family and the Brooke family grew up together and enjoyed many happy days and hours together, whether skiing, swimming, or playing football in the front hall of the home in Lake Forest. Yes, we broke a fixture every now and again! But that was John—life was to be lived to its fullest. We met very early in our years at Cornell—at the Alpha Delt house. John, his brother David Brooke '50, and I were legacies. We went through pledge training and initiation together and, as we matured, assumed positions of leadership in the house. Predictably, John was social chairman and I was treasurer. It is strange that we became close friends, because we clashed often. John taught me the concept of capital spending. He pointed out that the money he had overspent on a new bar should be capitalized because that bar would last for 50 years. It did last more than 25. So, I found a way to scrounge the cash. John was an entrepreneur even then, as he possessed the house concessions for laundry and beer. John sold on credit and I took care of the receivables. I could write for hours about the great parties and times we enjoyed at Cornell.

It is most appropriate here to pay tribute to his wife, Gigi. These were busy years for John as his involvement with Holiday Inn went far beyond the management of his own facilities, and his commitment to home and family was intense. It took a very strong woman to hold it together and maintain some semblance of order. During these years John gave much of himself to the Hotel School at Cornell and to his fraternity. He assumed the presidency of the alumni corporation and literally saved the fraternity from financial ruin and extinction. He was honored with the establishment of the John A. Brooke Fund for the upkeep and maintenance of the physical plant. He was elected to the ADPhi Hall of Fame—one of only 13 such elections over a 150-year period. His biography in the chapter archives lists him as "a legend in his own time" and, indeed, those of us who knew him well know that to be true. It is those family and institutional values that keep coming back into my memory. I shall remember John as the guy that got things done—and done right. Kind, generous, innovative to be sure, and with Gigi, a creator of very strong family values."

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## James R. Kennedy '50



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**James R. Kennedy '50** of Richmond, Indiana, died on October 19, 2007. As an undergrad he had lettered four years on the tennis team (which held the Ivy League championship for two years). James was the sports editor for the *Cornellian* yearbook, VP of Alpha Delta Phi, and an honorary member of Quill & Dagger. With his masters in library science from Columbia he went to Drexel University and a long career as a reference librarian at Earlham College, where he also served as tennis coach for over 10 years. Jim is survived by his daughter, Janet, son, Peter, brother **George M. Kennedy '52**, and nephew, **Clinton Kennedy '76**. (George and Clint are both Cornell Alpha Delt.)

## Douglas C. Yearley '57



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The career of **Douglas Cain Yearley '57** took him from president of the Phi to chairman and chief executive of the copper-producer Phelps Dodge. Last October, Douglas died of multiple myeloma, a disease Doug had been fighting for the last few years, which didn't stop him from being active in his family and professional life until the very end.

On the Hill, Doug studied metallurgical engineering, a rigorous program that graduated only seven students out of 22. In such a competitive academic environment, Doug was a conscientious and hard working student, though, like all Alpha Delt, he balanced work and play. Indeed, he met his wife, Anne, during a fraternity mixer with some ladies from Wells College.

Doug joined Phelps Dodge in 1960 and spent four decades there. He engineered the \$3.34 billion acquisition of the Cyprus Amax Minerals Company—at the time, the company's largest purchase in its 165-year history. He was elected executive VP and a director in 1987, chairman and CEO in 1989, and president in 1991, retiring in May 2000. Doug always remained true to his values—regardless of the demands of his many professional endeavors. He was, as every Alpha Delt strives to be, a true gentleman.

Doug is survived by his wife, Anne; a daughter, Sandy; three sons, Doug, Peter, and Andrew; a brother; and 15 grandchildren. Gifts in Doug's memory can be sent to the Yearley Family Foundation, an organization dedicated to investing in the lives of underprivileged children through education, at 418 Alden Avenue, Westfield, N.J. 07090.

## Robert F. Rakowski '64



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**Robert F. Rakowski '64**, a distinguished physiologist and professor at Ohio University, died on February 19, 2008. While he was a Cornell undergrad, Rakowski was an Alpha Delta Phi, a member of Scabbard and Blade, and rowed varsity crew. He came to Ohio University in 2000 as a professor and department chair in biological sciences. Rakowski served as a U.S. Air Force captain in the Vietnam War. He received his PhD from the University of Rochester in 1972. Rakowski contributed to a variety of textbooks and scholarly journals. He is survived by his wife, Linda, and three grown children. Contribute to the Robert F. Rakowski Award for Outstanding Research in the Biological Sciences at Ohio University. [E-mail [giving@ohio.edu](mailto:giving@ohio.edu) for details.]