

# The Cornell Alpha Delt



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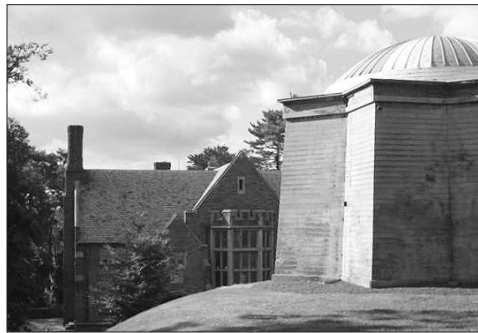
## Three Simple Ways to Give to Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell

Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell has seldom in its history faced as many challenges as it does today. While the regulatory environment in Ithaca has grown increasingly hostile, the university has also funded attractive West Campus housing alternatives—just steps from our chapter house. Yet, Alpha Delt is continuously and respectfully seen as an anomaly on campus: one of the few remaining independent fraternities, made possible through the strong and continued dedication of approximately 1,000 living alumni.

“I’m one of those guys who was changed forever the first day he walked into Alpha Delt,” said Mike Zak ’75. It is a sentiment echoed by many others who describe three years in the house as transformative. How can Alpha Delt alumni ensure, however, that the fraternity’s traditions will be preserved—and that future undergraduates will be offered the same experience, lessons and opportunities? “When you benefit from that sort of gift, you owe the place. It becomes your responsibility as a member of a subsequent generation to keep that platform as viable as you can so it can continue to survive and affect the lives of others,” Zak said.

There are many ways to repay the gift that is the Alpha Delta Phi experience. Perhaps most effective, however, is through a financial contribution. But with three organizations to choose from, how can Alpha

Delt alums decide where their money is most needed—or will do the greatest good? Answers to five questions should provide some insight.



### What exactly are the giving options?

**Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell University:** Since the fraternity’s founding in 1869, the “House Corporation” has accepted contributions to preserve the house and promote undergraduate interest and achievement through educational and literary programs.

**Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation:** The broad goal of this federally designated tax-exempt 501(c)(3) public charity, established in 2005, is to improve the safety and health of the undergraduates residing at Alpha Delta Phi by addressing the infrastructure

needs of the house and lodge.

**Adelphic Cornell Educational Fund:** Formed from the remains of the old Birge Fund (founded by the widow of Henry M. Birge 1872), the ACEF received its nonprofit designation in 1962. Its primary mission, as the name suggests, is educational—and energy is largely expended toward scholarships and educational grants on campus.

Donations to the Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation are fully tax-deductible. Donations to the House Corporation are not tax advantaged.

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## Cornell President David Skorton Speaks at Alpha Delta Phi

On a lovely spring April evening, the Phi hosted a lavish semi-formal senior class reception that was the talk of the entire Cornell campus. Dignitaries and guests included hundreds of seniors, many distinguished faculty members, and President David Skorton himself. Many guests, remarked on the “Ivy League” grandeur of the house, while others refused to believe that the fraternity could make a home of such an elegant mansion. This reception was a major step in strengthening “House-Hill relations.” Guests enjoyed food catered by the Heights Café and Grill and music performed by the Glee Club and Jazz Band.

Many thanks are due to those who made this event possible, including the House Corporation, the ACEF, the Class of 2008 Council, the Dean of Students Office, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and the Chapters of Excellence Program,

as well as the undergraduate Alpha Delt brothers. In future years, we hope to host a university relations event annually and continue our efforts to integrate the literary roots of our fraternity.

Xaipe,

Eric Wang ’08

Fall 2007 Undergraduate President



From l. to r., James Teague '09, Chris Burt '10, President David Skorton, Eric Wang '08, and Gregory Wolfe '08



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*Alpha Delta Phi Presidents Club; from l. to r., Alumni President Howie Schaffer '90 salutes recent Undergraduate Presidents Caleb Schwarzbach '08, Anthony Biddle IV '07, and Eric Wang '08 at the 2007 Homecoming Banquet.*

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# Three Simple Ways to Give to Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell

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“We prefer gifts to be given to the House Corporation as we have the greatest flexibility in using this support to underwrite construction and renovations,” according to Howie Schaffer '90, alumni president of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell University. “However, many alumni brothers benefit from matching gifts from their employers and other important tax benefits when they can donate and receive a charitable deduction. That is why the Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation was created, to give brothers a choice when donating to the Phi. We welcome all gifts, including donations of stock and other investment instruments.”

## How will your contribution be used?

Examining where past contributions have been spent offers an indication of where they will be directed in the future. In 2007-2008, alumni contributions to the House Corporation and Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation helped to:

- purchase new leather furniture for the living room;
- refurbish bathroom toilets, plumbing & fixtures;
- repair the portico archway keystone;
- refinish the floors on the first level of the house;
- install new lights and drainage for the Goat House;
- provide new electrical service in the kitchen;
- purchase an auxiliary boiler for the furnace;
- begin the process of replacing the Solarium's casement single-pane windows.

Meanwhile, the ACEF focused its activities on educational and literary activities surrounding the fraternity and the Cornell community at-large. Of note, the ACEF:

- continued to seek funding for the Alpha Delta Phi Cornell Tradition Fellowship and offered a \$30,000 match;
- made additional recommendations for the Martin McVoy Jr. Scholarship, which has offset over \$1,000,000 in undergraduate loans since the mid-80s;
- supported a record-number of \$500 academic awards given to Dean's List achieving undergraduate brothers;
- agreed to provide a \$10,000 Rhodes Scholar Matching award to reduce loan debt for any undergraduate brother recipient.

## Who needs it the most?

All three organizations equally desire support. Alumni should consider, however, the fundraising goals of each for 2008 and how they want their contributions spent. Gifts to the House Corporation and the Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation will be used to support three areas of deferred maintenance that are critical to the continued vitality of the infrastructure of the Phi: (1) Goat House renovations to the roof, and moisture control; (2) Masonry repair of exterior stonework; (3) Slate roof repairs, estimated to take five years and cost \$750,000. To help finance these projects, the Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation has set a \$100,000 fundraising goal for the coming year, while the House Corporation seeks \$250,000.

The ACEF, on the other hand, is focused on funding two financial aid programs. The first is the Alpha Delta Phi Cornell Tradition Fellowship, where another \$60,000 in donations is sought by the end of the university fiscal year. In attempting to respond to the continued accelerated growth in the cost of a Cornell education, the ACEF's other major initiative for 2008 is developing an enlarged “Educational Loan Forgiveness Program” that will focus on reducing the educational debt load accumulated in receiving an undergraduate degree.

## Why give now?

There's two reasons. First, contributions are critical. Gone are the days when Judge Rice '31 could steward the Phi with his gentle

reproaches, personal outreach and steadfast dedication. Today, alumni support is necessary to maintain the fraternity's multi-million dollar, yet aging, property, and also to fund the literary and educational programs that allow Alpha Delt to heavily compete in new member recruitment. “The Phi would simply be a fond memory were it not for the continued support of alumni donors,” said Howie Schaffer '90, our alumni president. “Without annual support, Alpha Delta Phi would be unable to play a vital role in the formation of young men of character.”

But donating to the Phi is also about giving back to a system that gave so much. “It comes down to the house itself. I think about what the fraternity gave us—specifically, the opportunities and friendships that came out of it,” said Todd Slotkin '74. “That experience made a difference in people's lives. And that is worth preserving.” Brother Zak, in discussing his reasons for giving, said that, “Very rarely do you get to do things in life that are totally not about you. And donating to perpetuate the platform at Alpha Delt is one of those things. It is about doing my bit to make sure that what was handed to me will be handed down to other male undergraduates at Cornell.”

## Where will my donation be used?

Alpha Delt alumni might be hesitant to open checkbooks if they are unsure of how their contribution will be used. “You write a check under the premise that your money is going to be used in a certain way,” said

Brother Zak. “When an organization accepts contributions, it also accepts a responsibility to communicate to donors how that money is ultimately used.” George Doerre '04, president of the Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation, agreed and said that his board was “strongly focused on transparency, fiduciary duty and respect for donor intent in guiding foundation activities.” Brother Schaffer shared this sentiment. “We want alumni donors to know that their contributions are being used in the way that they desire,” he said. “We are working hard to ensure that the Phi grows each year, remains safe and strong, and doesn't suffer from the lack of oversight and neglect that have been the catalyst for the ruination of so many of Cornell's Greek organizations.”

A perception or myth has long existed that a few super-rich alumni donate annually to support all the needs of the Phi. And, that support combined with undergraduate rent payments and annual alumni dues payments (\$75 per year) is all that the Phi needs to keep pace with maintenance needs.

How important is the continued existence of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell University to you personally? The future of the Phi depends not on the contributions of few brothers, but on the yearly sustaining contributions of the majority of alumni. We have nearly 1,000 living alumni. At present, about 24 percent of alumni brothers make some form of annual contribution. If the Phi is to continue to be able to compete with university-owned fraternity houses that are funded by tax-advantaged dollars, then we need to flip the switch. The House Corporation has set a new goal—to get 51 percent or more of all alumni to make an annual contribution to the Phi. If you have made a recent donation, we thank you heartily! If you have not recently made a donation, we invite you to do so today in the envelope that accompanies this newsletter. Or you can make a safe and secure online donation at [www.ADPhiCornell.org](http://www.ADPhiCornell.org).

As our motto states, *Manus Multae Cor Unum*. Our “one heart” is beating strong. However, the perpetuation of our fraternal values and the enduring strength of our chapter house depend on the dedication and mobilization of “many hands.”

We are continuously thankful that we can count on your support to create a lasting legacy of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell University.



Brothers-in-Arms statue  
at AΔΦ Cornell

Marc Zavel '04

Treasurer, Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation

## Improving Fraternal Relations with our McGraw Place Neighbors

The undergraduate and alumni brothers of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell University extend a hearty and sincere “thank you” to Ron Demer, SAE ’59. Ron has been hosting annual dinners at his Ithaca home to introduce the chapter presidents of McGraw place fraternities. The president, one other brother from each house, and a local alumnus are invited. Presidents are then encouraged to follow up by inviting each other to dinner and a house tour. This helps to cut down on mean-spirited pranks, unproductive competition, and vandalism.

As Ron wrote in an e-mail to the chapter presidents, “We are neighbors and should endeavor to treat and look out for each other in a neighborly fashion and mutually assist when possible. For example, when SAE burned to the ground in 1911, Alpha Delta Phi brothers removed the piano and first floor furniture, saving it from the fire.” Many alumni brothers are old friends with Ron and will also recall him from his days working as a waiter in the dining room of the Phi. Ron has recently uncovered a connection to an important piece of family history related to Benjamin Spencer Park ’57. Brother Park was a former undergraduate house president at the Phi, who later became an Army surgeon, and died in heroic circumstances in Korea in 1969.



Ron Demer, SAE ’59

Our thanks to Ron and the alumni of Sigma Alpha Epsilon for encouraging our neighborhood fraternities to be good citizens and to help one another grow stronger. A strong Greek system at Cornell benefits every house and it is encouraging to see alumni leadership focused on uniting fraternities in common cause.

Howie Schaffer ’90

## Alpha Delta Phi Cornell Tradition Fellowship Winners Announced

Initially established in 1998 through Cornell’s Scholarship Challenge Campaign by John S. Dyson ’65, and matched by generous Alpha Delta Phi alumni donors, the highly competitive 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 2007-2008 award winner is Colm Kelleher ’10, a sophomore, majoring in biological sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

The amount of the award is \$6,825. The amount varies each year according to the number of awardees and market performance. In a letter to the board of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell, Inc., Brother Kelleher wrote, “Thank you so much for the scholarship. My parents and whole family share my excitement and profound gratitude. I hope to be an active alumnus and return the kindness, generosity, confidence and support that has been given to me.”

## Howard Milstein ’73— Cornell’s 2008 Entrepreneur of the Year

Howard P. Milstein ’73, co-chairman, president and CEO of Emigrant Savings Bank and its holding company, New York Private Bank and Trust, and managing partner of Milstein Properties, has been named the 2008 Cornell Entrepreneur of the Year. The award is given annually to a Cornell graduate who best exemplifies entrepreneurial achievement, community service and high ethical standards.



Howard Milstein ’73

Milstein Properties owns both residential and commercial properties in New York City as well as New Jersey, Connecticut, Niagara Falls, Chicago, Washington, D.C., and internationally. Over the years, Milstein created the first (and, still, the only) national television advertising campaign for a stand-alone hotel, the Milford Plaza. He founded a cable television company, Liberty Cable, which successfully competed with Time Warner, and he was the first to use the commercial paper market to finance real estate.

Milstein also purchased and re-established Douglas Elliman as the largest apartment broker and manager in New York City. By the time the company was sold, it commanded nearly 40 percent of the market. Milstein diversified the family real estate and international business holdings (United Brands) with the 1986 acquisition of Emigrant Savings Bank. In 2004 Milstein took full-time operating responsibility at the bank. Within one year, he launched an Internet bank, EmigrantDirect, which, in 2005, won two awards from Google. After three years, EmigrantDirect acquired nearly \$9 billion in deposits and rapidly outpaced long-established competitors in average account size. He also created a wealth management operation under the New York Private Bank and Trust brand and introduced co-investing with all fees subordinated to performance, for ultra high net worth clients. Under Milstein’s leadership, Emigrant (and its holding company, New York Private Bank and Trust) has evolved into the largest privately owned bank in the country, with assets of more than \$15 billion.

After earning a B.A. in economics at Cornell, Milstein earned law and business degrees in a joint program at Harvard University (1977). He has served for more than 20 years as a trustee of Weill Cornell Medical College, and trustee, trustee emeritus and presidential councilor of the university, and served on numerous university committees, was a founder of the Real Estate Council of the University Council, and is a major benefactor to the university and to numerous other organizations.

Article from *The Cornell Chronicle*

## 2008 ACEF Academic Award Winners

The House Corporation is pleased to recognize eight undergraduate brothers for their outstanding academic achievements. Winners of \$500 academic awards, generously funded by the Adelpic Cornell Educational Fund (ACEF) are: Evan Jacob Levy ’10, Jacob Andrew Goldstein ’10, Joseph Tarek Salameh ’10, Derek Matthew Biederman ’08, Evan Gabriel Lustbader ’10, Patrick Stephen Jennings ’10, Colm Brian Kelleher ’10, and David Alexander Kelly ’10.

The ACEF makes cash awards annually at Homecoming and Initiation to recognize exemplary scholarship. The awards are made in memory of Theodore H. Booth ’25 and James T. Lewis ’27. An additional award is made in the fall, to the newly 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.adphic Cornell.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.

John R. Tuttle ’81

# Welcome 2008 New Brothers of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell

**Christopher Tilney Bevan '10**  
New York, New York  
College: Arts & Sciences  
Major: Economics  
High School: Trinity School

**Benjamin Eric Blair-Joannou III '10**  
Coral Gables, Florida  
College: Arts & Sciences  
Major: History & French Literature  
High School: Gulliver Prep

**Matthew Agen Collins '11**  
St. James, New York  
College: CALS  
Major: AEM  
High School: Smithtown HS East

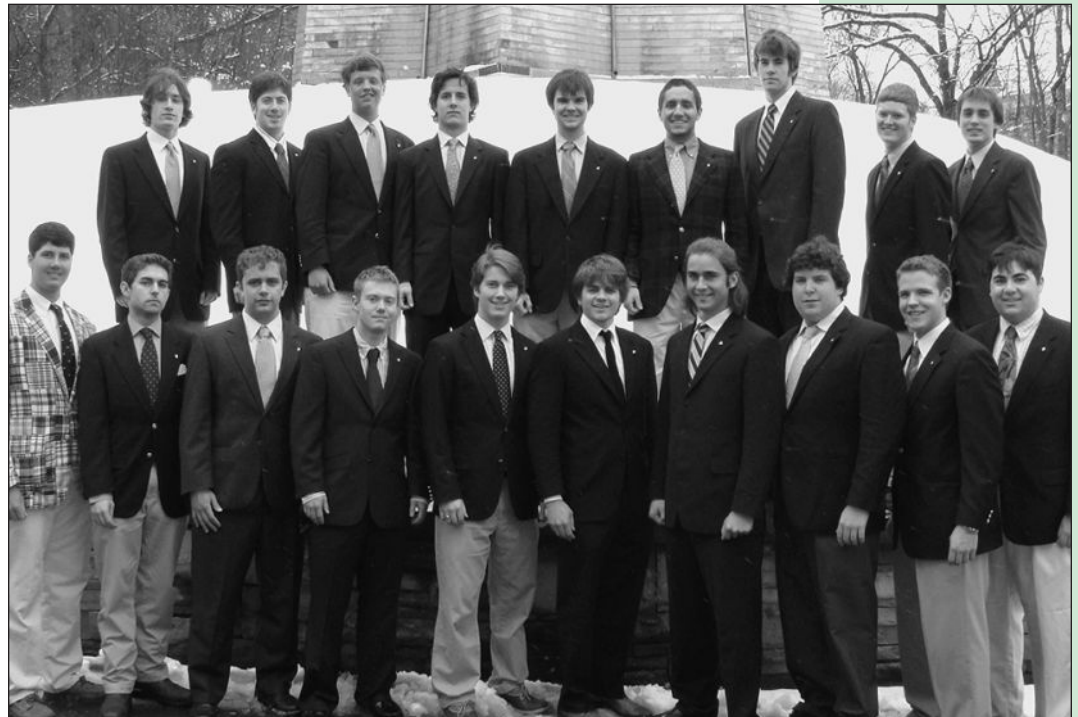
**Kyle Robert Cunnion '11**  
Montoursville, Pennsylvania  
College: ILR  
Major: ILR  
High School: Loyalsock Township HS

**Jason Damiani '11**  
Palm Coast, Florida  
College: ILR  
Major: ILR  
High School: Flagler Palm Coast

**Pierre Frederick Estey '11**  
New York, New York  
College: Engineering  
Major: Operations Research  
High School: Trinity School

**Michael Robert Feldman '10**  
Closter, New Jersey  
College: Engineering  
Major: Applied Engineering & Physics  
High School: Horace Mann School

**Andrew Harris Eshleman Lyon '10**  
Windsor Locks, Connecticut  
College: Arts & Sciences  
Major: NES & Law and Society  
High School: Loomis Chaffee



*Back row, l. to r., Michael Napolitano, Matthew Collins, Christopher Bevan, Pierre Estey, Kyle Cunnion, Nicholas Wirth, Andrew McClintock, Roger Tufts, and Patrick Valente.  
Front row, l. to r., Brendan McNamara, Eric Blair-Joannou, Christopher Vandivort, Rory Moag, Andrew Lyon, Michael Feldman, Paulo Rust, Timothy Murphy, Evan Palmer, and Jason Damiani*

**Andrew John McClintock '10**  
Hamden, Connecticut  
College: Arts & Sciences  
Major: Government  
High School: Hamden HS

**Brendan Thomas McNamara '11**  
Germantown, Maryland  
College: Hotel School  
Major: Hotel Administration  
High School: Georgetown Prep

**Rory Alexander Moag '11**  
Gansevoort, Connecticut  
College: CALS  
Major: CAPS  
High School: Saratoga Springs HS

**Timothy John Murphy '11**  
Fairfield, Connecticut  
College: Engineering  
Major: Operations Research  
High School: Fairfield Prep

**Michael Andrew Napolitano '11**  
Manhasset, New York  
College: Human Ecology  
Major: Human Biology / Health & Society  
High School: Manhasset HS

**Evan Michael Palmer '10**  
Oswego, New York  
College: CALS  
Major: AEM  
High School: Oswego HS

**Paulo Andrew De Freitas Rust '11**  
Starnberg, Germany  
College: CALS  
Major: Undecided  
High School: Munich International

**Roger Perry Tufts '11**  
Marblehead, Massachusetts  
College: Arts & Sciences  
Major: Psychology  
High School: Marblehead HS

**Patrick Michael Valente '11**  
Port Charlotte, Florida  
College: Arts & Sciences  
Major: Biology  
High School: Charlotte HS

**Chris Santino Vandivort '11**  
Riverside, Connecticut  
College: Arts & Sciences  
Major: Government  
High School: The Hackley School

**Nicholas Peter Wirth '10**  
New York, New York  
College: Hotel School  
Major: Hotel Administration  
High School: The Taft School

## An Unusual Guest Visits the Phi



# Alpha Delts Enjoy Homecoming 2007



*John Tuttle '81, Steven Ritchey '81, and Ron Schaefer '78 attend a House Corporation Board meeting.*



*Doug Bond '66 once again successfully bridges the generation gap.*



*Chris Burt '10 with his mother and father, Ambassador Rick Burt '69*



*Joe Saleme'h '10 and guest*



*Eric Wang '08 and guest*



*Alpha Delta Phi elder statesmen welcome new brothers at Initiation 2008.*

# With House Renovations, The Phi Shines Like a Star



*The Living Room floor after refinishing*



*The Great Hall now makes a very strong first impression.*



*So bright you can see yourself in reflection!*



*Our new leather sofas are classy and very comfortable.*



*The Phi's Living Room looks grand with new furniture.*



# Rebuilding Our Stairway to Heaven

Thanks to the generous support of our alumni, the Phi has received a beautiful facelift by way of refinishing the first floor hardwood floors. A significantly lighter shade, the floors now brighten the Great Hall, Library, and Living Room. As the spring sunlight pours through the windows, the Phi seems reborn after the dark winter months, and has given the brotherhood a renewed sense of pride in the Alpha Delta Phi lodge. Through the great window, one can observe the newly illuminated Goat House at nightfall after an extensive lighting project was undertaken by Brother Matthew Colbert '09 and funded by the alumni. The dramatic flood lighting casts an eerie and mysterious glow upon the structure from the bottom up, spurring curious whispers by passing Cornellians. The Goat House also received new gutters as part of its renovation; the period-correct copper pipes accent the building and provide necessary water flow away from the structure to protect its exterior and foundation.

By the end of the academic year, the Phi will receive revamped

bathrooms on the second floor complete with new plumbing and fixtures to better accommodate the large numbers of undergraduate brothers living in the house. After receiving a wonderful gift of new furniture for the first floor from the alumni, the brotherhood moved the original furniture into the Solarium, creating a comfortable lounge. Throughout the day, one can always find many of the undergraduate Alpha Delt's playing pool and foosball, watching movies, and socializing in the newly reorganized Solarium.

Despite the many superficial changes, the Phi maintains its classic beauty. The 2008 Pledge class will surely be instilled with a strong sense of respect not only for the brotherhood but also the accommodations, and will proudly carry on the duty of maintaining the beautiful structure we are so privileged to call home.

Xaipe,

Joseph Salameh '10, Spring 2008 Undergraduate President



## Chapter Receives Gift from Brother of Deceased Alumnus

Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell University is occasionally the beneficiary of historical memorabilia, brother pins, diaries, literary works, archival photos, yearbooks, and other artifacts of wonderful days past at the Phi. These items become part of the permanent holdings of the Alpha Delta Phi Collection at the Kroch Library. If you have an item for safekeeping, please contact Howie Schaffer '90 at hbs3@cornell.edu. At right is a heartwarming note from the family of one of our brothers who sacrificed his life in World War II. We are humbled by his sacrifice and by the generous donation from his family. We are grateful for the opportunity to honor and remember Brother Hills.

Dear Alpha Delt,

I am returning to the chapter a beer mug my brother, Mr. James S. Hills '46, had during his time at Cornell in 1942-'43. He was killed during World War II, and of course we kept the mug in the family. Now, it seems time to return his mug to the brothers.

Bill Hills, Watertown, NY



Joe Tucceri '00 sings a rousing rendition of "Alouette" at the 2008 Initiation Banquet.



At 2008 Initiation, from l. to r., Christopher Jennings '06, Donald Johnson III '04, Amar Patel '05 (M. Eng. '06), and Edward Kuhnel '03.



# Undergraduates Thank Alumni for Renovations to Goat House

Guiding us as the most visible symbol of the Alpha Delta Phi for over 100 years, the Goat House serves as a constant source of inspiration for all of the Brotherhood. The “G” is one of the most unique features about the house (well, besides the Brotherhood), and it is also one of the best looking features of the house according to our many fans (also, besides the Brotherhood). This is why, thanks to your commitment to the Alpha Delta Phi, we have been able to begin work on refurbishing our beloved Goat House.

This past fall we added four pillar lights to the front of the Goat House. These ground level lights dramatically illuminate the building. We also added beautiful copper drainage spouts to return the Goat House to its original condition, just as it looked when it was first built



over a century ago in honor of Brother Hiram M. Little 1900. Proper drainage for the Goat House is key to its structural integrity. As great as the Goat House looks now, it is far from finished. We still need all of your support. The Goat House is a primary symbol of the Phi at Cornell, and is a renowned structure throughout the Cornell community. With your continued help, we can ensure that the Goat House, and all of the Alpha Delta Phi, will continue to inspire future generations of gentlemen. Please don't hesitate to contact me personally with your thoughts or ideas of how to help us in our refurbishment of the Goat House. Reach me by e-mail at [mjc94@cornell.edu](mailto:mjc94@cornell.edu). Thank you.

Xaipe,

Matthew Colbert '09  
Alumni and Community Relations Chair

## Perpetual Pride in the Phi

On behalf of the undergraduate brothers, it is my hope that this edition of the *Alpha Delt* finds you well. When I was first elected president, I remember excitedly speaking with Alumni President Howie Schaffer '90 to discuss our plans for the future of the house. He and I were in agreement in that the future of the house would be guaranteed not by sustaining the status quo, but by improving the house in all its aspects. As such, my goals were to improve the Phi in the long term—from our community and university standing, to the physical structure of house itself and its furnishings.

I can say with pleasure and pride that the house is at its strongest, by any definition, in recent memory. Judging simply by sheer numbers, with 34 brothers all living in the house, the house continues its canonical presence among the best fraternities at Cornell. With the exception of a few minor instances of vandalism, perpetuated by outsiders and fueled by immaturity and jealousy, the first half of the semester has passed exceptionally smoothly. We saw little interference from the governing IFC or local authorities this fall.

As alumni who have stopped in since Homecoming already know, a set of new couches and chairs, custom-made by the family furniture company of M. Brian Hall '07, has been furnished by the alumni. Former House Manager Joe Salameh '10 has done an excellent and fastidious job of maintaining an improved standard of house cleanliness. Initial worries about crowding within the house were accommodated by the temporary conversion of the downstairs “music room” next to the bar room to a triple. Brothers Samuel Sveen '10, Jesse Suchoff '11, and Jerome Soustra '11 did an excellent job of converting the once grimy room to one of the coziest in the house.

Socially, the house maintains its renown for throwing some of the most exclusive and talked-about events on campus, thanks to the efforts of Social Chair H. Tommy Felix '10. With masses of freshmen guests clamoring for entrance to the house, prospects for rush are bright as our image continues to shine on north campus. I am working closely with rush chair T. Jon Tesfaye '09 to streamline our rush process as we lead into our annual “Turkeyfest” rush dinner.

In 2007 we initiated 22 fine young men into the solemn secrecy of Alpha Delta Phi and in 2008 we initiated 19 more. It is my pleasure to report that these men have distinguished themselves as exemplary brothers and house officers as well as gentlemen. I would finally like to thank all brothers, current and alumni, for their support and perpetual pride in the Phi.

Eric Wang '08  
Fall 2007 Undergraduate President

## Kitchen Confidential

This past semester in the kitchen was an exciting one as Scott “Scooter” Schmutzler commenced his second year as the executive chef of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell. Given the high culinary standards he set last year, everyone was pleased to see that Scott continued to exceed expectations, churning out a variety of wonderful, flavorful, and healthy dishes. The menu last semester was as diverse as it was delicious, and visiting alumni would be remiss not to also try out recent additions to the short-order menu. Scott has also been invaluable behind the scenes, playing an increasingly important role in preparing for both daily operations and formal events. Events like Homecoming were made immeasurably easier with the aid of his catering expertise. His years of experience in the kitchen guarantees that the house is dealing with vendors on a fair footing. This assistance has become a major factor in making the kitchen an efficient, cost effective, and well-run operation.

With important support from the House Corporation Board of Directors and the alumni, steps are also being taken to maintain and improve standards of sanitation and cleanliness in the kitchen. In November 2007, we underwent a voluntary inspection with the same office that inspects commercial restaurants and oversees Cornell's own kitchens, in the hopes of picking up some helpful advice. This initiative was an immediate success. Our facilities scored well and the report included suggestions for making further improvements. The professional critique will be helpful as we move on to a new semester and the house investigates ways to keep the kitchen running smoothly for years to come.

Kevin Frank '09, Fall 2007 Steward



Alpha Delt's at Homecoming 2007; from l. to r., Barnaby Kendall '00, Peter Kendall '68 and Colin Macdonald '00 with wives (and pet).

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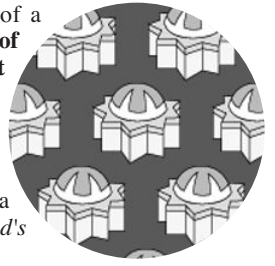
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Write to me at hbs3@cornell.edu or call 202-463-3784 if you would like to be more involved or have questions, comments, or would like a more detailed update on the extensive needs of the Phi.

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Xaipe!

Howie Schaffer '90

Alumni President, Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell, Inc.

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# News From Our Alumni

**Wrence H. Brown '56** lives at [REDACTED]. He writes, "I remarried in March 2000; he lives at [REDACTED]. I retired on July 1, 2007, after 14 years, as an independent member of the Nuveen Funds Board. Stay in touch by e-mail at [REDACTED]."

**John M. Fisher Jr. '57** writes, "What am I up to? That's easy. I'm failing to reverse the aging process. Instead of tennis three times a week, it's more like 1-2. My back is a mess. My hair is falling out. I can't read the stock pages—even with glasses. On the plus side, upon retirement a year ago, I started taking classes at local universities. Political issues of the Middle East, geology, Chinese culture, and, for the spring term, ancient and medieval history. I'm having fun along with all the young undergrads. I can still learn. My younger son got married in October. The bachelor party in Las Vegas [REDACTED]."

**Gordon Wood Anderson '59** reports, "A crew of us had a fabulous time celebrating the 50th wedding anniversary of Nancy and **Dave Brown '58**, along with many family and friends last August at the Brown's lovely home in Vermont. Included were **John Post '57**, **Bob Bryant '58**, **Jim Hunt '58**, **Mal Johnston '58**, and his son, **Doug, Don Marshall '58**, and **Bob Mertens '58** along with a few spouses. Brownie, along with Jim Hunt and others, started the Alpha Delt fire engine tradition in 1955. The guy is still at it. He has two, now; one for driving and a second that he meticulously restored for show. He loads it into his huge trailer and takes it to shows. He's famous for this and wins lots of prizes. He even talked about bringing one, possibly the drive-around, to our 50th reunion in Ithaca next June. Both are vintage 1926-1931. Some of us had not seen Bob Mertens since graduation. We had [REDACTED]."

**Thomas G. Erickson '59** writes, "I recently returned to Tennessee, following an extended trip to Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, and Arizona, visiting many of the spectacular national parks and monuments. In recent years I've enjoyed Cornell and AΔΦ class reunions of the years '57-'60. I'm [REDACTED]."

**Doering '62** lives at [REDACTED] 47906. He writes, "By [REDACTED] e lectures within a week of each other as part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Distinguished Lecture series at the Agricultural Research Service Labs in [REDACTED] and I were roommates at Alpha Delt.) Send e-mail to [REDACTED]."



Alpha Delta Phi D.C. Reception Host Committee, from l. to r., Brian Davis, UVA'99, Knight Kiplinger '69, Sebastian Colella '05, Ed Donahue, JH'68, and Philip Ballard '00.

**John W. Mack** [REDACTED] since 2000; he lives at [REDACTED]. John [REDACTED] writes, "I've been [REDACTED] on of Greater Houston since August 2002. We just received our 55th CAAGH Lifetime membership. Our club's endowed scholarship at Cornell is currently funding \$10,000 per year in scholarships to students from Houston. [REDACTED] so a member of CAAGH." Send e-mail to [REDACTED]."

**James A Brady '67** reports, "I attended Reunion in June 2007, enjoying time with brothers **Seeger, DeSeve, Brandt, and Hubbell**. My wife of 49 years, Barb, died in August 2007. I traveled to Berkeley, California, in September 2007 and had dinner with **Gordie Evans '68** and **Michael Kinney '66**.

**St K. VanVorst '71** lives at [REDACTED].

**James A. Vaughn '72** reports, "We're still on Hilton Head after 28 years; my son, James IV, is now a junior at South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Math, a public school for gifted students. I still work with local [REDACTED]."

**Roger Evans '74** has written a novel, *Old Buch*. He has four children, Jonathan (grad student in Texas), Gillian (grad student in physical therapy), Carey (soon to attend Princeton or Cornell), and Skylar (high school sophomore). He notes, "I remember my time at Alpha Delt fondly and hope all whom I know and remember are well." Sadly, Roger reports that he has lung cancer, though a nonsmoker, and consider [REDACTED]."

**William H. Noel '76** writes, "I enjoyed reading of the hockey victory over Chi Psi. Outstanding effort! Taking the championship is priceless—a huge stretch from the 1976 house. Hats off to your goalie. I'm used to getting these newsletters, recognizing no one and pitching them out. To my surprise, the last one carried a photograph with a number of brothers from my era who have seemingly amassed enough cash to buy plane (or bus) tickets. A few years back, I stopped by the house with my oldest son in tow as he visited Cornell as a high school senior. **Tom Bower's** remarks describe precisely how I felt at the time; the place was dirty, messy and we were wholeheartedly ignored. I was disappointed and embarrassed and haven't been back. It seems the current active brotherhood has more to offer alumni and so I will again make an effort to return. The old photographs on the website are priceless and I have downloaded several from my era. Yes, I'm the hillbilly from Indiana that owned the fire engine you see in some of the old photos. In one, I can be seen with my brother, cousin, out-of-town girlfriend, and sister at a Fall Weekend Formal. It's great to see [REDACTED]."

**Rodney Zelenka '76** reports, "I've lost touch with many of my fraternity brothers. Received your invitation to get a silk tie for \$10,000. Sorry to pass on this one...I don't wear ties any longer. I'm [REDACTED] ma City, Republic of Panama." Send e-mail to [REDACTED]."

**Dean M. Dilley '77** writes, "I'm still practicing law in Washington, D.C. Frequently in the Middle East, I represent the Qatar Foundation, negotiating the agreements to establish branch campuses in Qatar for the Weill Cornell Medical College, Carnegie Mellon University, Texas A [REDACTED] n at [REDACTED]."

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# News From Our Alumni

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**Il De Lucia '87** has moved to [redacted]. He has started a new job as [redacted] very Communications account. Send e-mail to [redacted].

**Philip J. M** [redacted]

**Cameron C. Dauler '96** writes, "I've been happily married for five years to Holly O'Shea. Our children are Hodge and Addison. I'm attending school for a second bachelor's in IT application development at the Oregon Institute of Technology. I hang out with Colin W [redacted]"

**Anthony D. Biddle IV '07** reports that he is "stayi [redacted]"

**Justi** [redacted]

**Rajiv T. Yadlapalli '07** recently moved to Manhattan and is enjoying the busy city lifestyle. [redacted] Chase as a strategy analyst. Send e-mail to [redacted].



At 2008 Initiation, from l. to r., Miles Bloom '09, Hunter Ryan '07, and Barnaby Kendall '00.

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## NECROLOGY

We regret to report the death of the following alumni:

**John W. Rogers '37**  
on November 16, 2006

**Richard B. Philbrick '43**  
on January 3, 2006

**Peter Kipp Clough '45**  
on November 7, 2006

**Douglas C. Yearley '57**  
on October 7, 2007

[Tribute to appear in our next issue]

**Robert W. Warren '58**  
in July 2007

**Robert E. Reed '80**  
on October 10, 2007

**Peter Kipp Clough '45** of Edgartown, Massachusetts, died on November 7, 2006. Born in Englewood, N.J., in 1922, he was the son of Clarence Ambrose and Ethel Kipp Clough. He attended the Englewood School for Boys before going to Kent School in the class of 1941 where he was stroke on the crew. During his school years he taught sailing at the Edgartown Yacht Club. From October 1942 until May 1946 he was in the United States Coast Guard during the Second World War. He had entered the class of 1945 at Cornell University and attended for only two years. Mr. Clough then joined the firm of Birt Whistle and Livingston in Englewood as a real estate agent. He became a partner some years later. In 1952 he married Shirley Martin Petigrue from Tenafly, New Jersey. Mr. Clough loved the water and taught sailing to members of the Boys and Girls Club. When not on the water, Mr. Clough was a senior real estate appraiser on the Board of Assessors in Edgartown and on the Finance Committee of the Federated Church. He'll be remembered by many in his sailor's uniform marching in Edgartown's Fourth of July parade.

**John W. Rogers '37**, BEE '38, of Hudson, Ohio, died November 16, 2006. He was a retired General Electric sales executive and a veteran. He was a skilled embroiderer and was actively involved in community, religious, and alumni affairs.

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