



# The Cornell Alpha Delt

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## FINDING THE COURAGE TO BE UNPOPULAR

*Rewarding. Heartwarming. Frustrating. Inspiring. Challenging.* These are a few of the words that jump to mind when I think back on my five years (and counting ...) of leading the House Corporation. It has been a roller-coaster ride with many more peaks than valleys. The peaks include the continued support of rank-and-file alumni to our ongoing requests for funding to support endless renovation projects. Other peaks include 10 semesters of having the distinct honor and privilege to preside over Homecomings, Reunions, and Initiations. The opportunity to meet, interact, and learn from brothers spread across more than nine decades, has simply enriched my life and made me a more effective leader.



Other big victories—among others too numerous to list—include the creation of the Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation, the launch of our website, the recent publication of our updated history and directory, the establishment of our archives in the Alpha Delta Phi Collection at Kroch Library, the purchase and agreement to display the two Louis Agassiz Fuertes 1897 paintings at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and the completion of the McGraw Place Project (led by Randy Bus ’68 and others.)

Another perennial highlight is seeing undergrads grow and mature as leaders. It is mighty rewarding to see the awkward and unsure freshman morph into the sure-footed senior. I am proud of the willingness and courage of the current undergrad leadership to make difficult changes. The senior house officers are working in partnership with me, and Vice President John Tuttle ’81, to ensure that our values and traditions are passed on to the new generations of leaders.

There have, however, been a handful of semesters when undergraduate leadership was

weak. During those turbulent months, it was a continuous struggle to get undergraduates to meet their basic obligations: keeping the Phi clean; cooperating with safety, legal, and regulatory requirements from university, city, and state authorities; and taking seriously their responsibility to one another to be self-governing. It is our hope that those days are mostly behind us, and the undergraduate leadership is moving steadily forward. Alpha Delta Phi is a grand experiment in living together across our multitude of commonalities and differences. We all learn and grow from all of our experiences, both pleasurable and painful.

During fall 2010, the Phi is on social probation. As a result, the undergrads are unable to host events at the Phi. This is no mere slap on the wrist. This situation lowers house morale, impacts rush, and invites an unwelcome level of alumni and public scrutiny over undergraduate operations. The reasons for the Phi being on social probation boil down to two root causes: leaders unwilling to hold outliers accountable, and a belief that “the rules apply to everyone but us.” Thankfully, this painful “time out” is creating opportunities for new organizational culture norms to emerge. The silly, yet persistent idea that the Phi cannot and will not be sanctioned by the university has been strongly refuted. I am grateful that the current undergraduate leadership has demonstrated a renewed commitment to accountability and a greater willingness to seek assistance.

When I think back to some of the valleys, a common element is evident: student leaders unwilling to find the courage to be unpopular. One key lesson I learned as a Cornell undergrad was that it took a special kind of person to be a senior

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT: ADAPTING TO CHANGES ON CAMPUS

The Phi and the surrounding Cornell Greek community have been going through a number of significant positive cultural changes over the past semester. The Greek community, through the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, is enforcing a commitment to increase overall self-governance and responsibility, specifically with regards to alcohol use during the rush process.

As a chapter, we have made similar commitments in terms of transparency, responsibility, and the overall culture of the house. We have created an in-house judicial board in order to deal

with internal disputes among brothers, continued our commitment toward constant communication with both the alumni board and international fraternity, and hold biweekly house meetings. As an executive board, we have been holding periodic meetings with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs and the Dean of Students' office to maintain our 141 year recognition and credibility on campus.

As always, Alpha Delta Phi has been very active on the philanthropy front, thanks to our philanthropy chair, Rob Morrissey '12. We hosted an event to support relief efforts in response to the tragic flooding in Pakistan, and are planning another event to raise awareness and support for malaria prevention and the use of bed nets in Africa. The house has been in wonderful condition thanks to house cleanups and the efforts of our house manager, Bailey Rogg '13.

Overall, the brotherhood has been adapting to the changes on campus and establishing a *modus operandi* that will ensure another 141 years on campus.

*Xaipe*, Max Weisz '11  
Fall 2010 Undergraduate President

### CONGRATULATIONS ...

Ken Growney '82 won the Board of Governors Award at the 2010 ADPhi International Convention.

Established in 1961, the Board of Governors Award is given in recognition of extraordinary service to the fraternity, or to a particular chapter, or both.

### FALL 2010 UNDERGRADUATE OFFICERS

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Asst. Rush Chairs: Rob Morrissey '12  
Cole Lupoli '12

Matthew Collins '11

# FINDING THE COURAGE TO BE UNPOPULAR

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officer. Young men simply wanting to perform the role of diplomat or figurehead quickly found themselves outmatched by the demands of the position. The best officers were those willing to stand strongly for independence, accountability, fairness, authenticity, and everyone doing their part.

Serving as an executive leader of the Phi not only requires superb organizational skills, a strong voice, the ability to command respect, a willingness to share credit, and a capacity to anticipate future implications of immediate decisions. Effective leadership also requires a willingness to endure harassment from those whose only priority is instant gratification, a talent for not responding to personal attacks and insults, and a mature understanding that sometimes you have to take an unpopular stand against vocal opponents in order to serve a larger good.

Clearly, I am not suggesting that student leaders not seek consensus, strive for mutuality, and hone their ability to prioritize the needs of others, even if it requires self-sacrifice. After all, the “four pillars” of Alpha Delta Phi are brotherhood, leadership, service, and sacrifice. Rather, I am suggesting that the deepest learning and transformation as a student leader comes when you have to mobilize all your strength and stand for doing the responsible

act—even if it means that others will think you are uncool, a wet blanket, or a killjoy.

Spending within your budget when others want to throw caution to the wind. Reporting a brother who damages the Phi and won't claim responsibility. Intervening when someone acts outrageously to detriment of the Phi, themselves, or others. Taking away the keys from a person who wants to drive and is unable. Severing ties with an individual who refuses to pay their bill or repeatedly damages the reputation of the Phi. These are the acts that separate the lion from the sheep.

I continuously tell the undergraduates that the support of their alumni is not based upon our desire to fight for their right to party. Our support is predicated upon a belief and a faith that the experience of living in and leading the Phi is a transformative process. Our support is anchored in a belief that we derived lifelong benefits from our brotherhood. For many alumni brothers, the Phi is the birthplace of skills and confidences that have benefited them personally and professionally. Collectively, the alumni view the experience of living in the Phi as having lifted us to greater heights than we could have achieved individually. For most of us, we do not recall succumbing to the most elementary, least sophisticated level of taste, sensibility, or opinion among the brethren. The moment that the Phi becomes merely a boarding house or a social club is the beginning of

the final chapter of our story. Thankfully, we are far from that reality. But we can see and feel the threat.

Don't get me wrong. I have seen heroic acts of leadership from undergraduates. I have seen brothers escort their guests home to safety and give rides to the hospital. I have witnessed brothers shutting down a party that was veering out of control. I have helped concerned brothers communicate matters of substance abuse and mental illness to parents who needed to know and intervene. But, I have also seen officers circle the wagon to protect a brother who has broken the law. I have anguished as officers have lied to my face in order to protect a friend from consequences. Despite these few disappointments, I am confident that we are stepping forward.

Let me be clear. I was no angel as an undergraduate. Nor was I elected to any senior office. Thankfully, my brothers recognized my immaturity at the time and chose not to reward it. Did we try to break the rules? Sure. Did we try to smooth talk our way out of trouble? Yes. Did we allow brothers to jeopardize the safety of pledges? No. Did we view reporting abusive behavior as snitching? No. Did we break down the door to the kitchen to satisfy our munchies? No. (We picked the lock.)

Leadership is action, not posture. Leaders at all levels must be willing, in the words of our cherished song, “A Gay Gallant Ship,” to “...fear not the gale, fear not the foe ...” There is simply too much at stake. Many fraternities have turned over their governance to the university. Many have hired full-time house parents. The House Corporation board refuses to outsource undergraduate leadership.

Experienced leaders know that the higher you go, the more its going to cost you. You will have to make sacrifices. No pain, no gain. Where did many of us first begin to learn those painful early lessons? In the Phi, of course. Leaders must learn to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune. Even if it means we have to swap popularity to satisfy the demands of duty.

I invite you to contribute your thoughts, ideas, and feedback. Do you have recollections of navigating challenging crossroads during your time in the Phi? Do you have any words of wisdom to share? Please e-mail me at [hbschaffer@aol.com](mailto:hbschaffer@aol.com).

There is much collective experience and wisdom among the alumni that can be leveraged to help motivate, inspire, and assist the undergraduates in their determined efforts to set a new course and ensure the Phi remains a wonderful and original and unique place to live, love, and learn. Thank you for your support and your ongoing confidence.

*Xaipe,*  
Howie Schaffer '90  
Alumni President

## JUST SAYING “THANK YOU!”



Left to right: Bailey Rogg '13, Gavin Royster '13, [REDACTED], Alex Fieldcamp '13, David Olusoga '13, Roy Guarecuco '13, Nick Nardelli '13, Will Najjar '13, Walter Ralston '12, and Max Weisz '11.

On September 12, 11 brothers showed the alumni their appreciation for the continued support during the sixth annual Thankathon. The brothers called 353 alumni to generate good will and open communication, with a positive attitude. The brothers invited alumni back to the

house for a visit, reminisced about the Phi, and reminded the alumni that without their regular support and assistance, the future of the Phi would be seriously compromised. And then they thanked them again!

## A CHALLENGE TO OUR RIGHT TO SELF-GOVERNANCE

The next two years will be interesting ones for members of Cornell's Greek community. Under the current administration's efforts to facilitate what Associate Dean of Students for Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, Travis Apgar, calls a "culture change," the university handed down a list of sweeping changes to the way the Greek system operates. The changes are said to affect fall rush, spring rush, and new member education, but the changes will dramatically alter Greek organizations' relationship with the student body.

Under the category of fall rush, the university has required that the Interfraternity Council—the student-run governing body of Cornell men's Greek system—implement various changes over a two-year timeline.

The most major revision is that freshmen and transfer students will not be permitted to attend fraternity parties at which alcohol is served. During spring rush, the entirety of Rush Week in January will be alcohol-free within the next two years. Additional changes, like "mandatory IFC-wide events ... to aid in values-based recruitment," will also occur. In addition, it is now a stated policy of the university to make the GPA requirement for pledging more rigid.

In terms of new member education, changes will include not allowing social events—such as mixers with sororities—for a significant portion of the spring semester, for the stated purpose of reducing "the emphasis on social events in new member education." New Greeks will also be required to attend a variety of IFC-run events that will allow those new members to "learn about their place in the larger scheme of Greek life."

There has been widespread dissatisfaction from the fraternities and general student body with these recently imposed restrictions. While most understand the university's liability when underage students are exposed to alcohol, many have raised the point that the new rules entirely ignore the idea of Greek organizations as social entities.

Many have also complained that the university is going back on its stated policy of allowing a degree of self-governance for independent organizations like fraternities. The university effectively handed the changes to the Greek community and only allowed student input on the timeframe for implementing those changes. Though some have made claims that these new rules will be the end of Greek life at the university, most realize that with a student body that is 30 percent Greek, fraternity and sorority members, trustees and alumni, can make a difference by voicing their concerns.

No matter what the outcome, Greek leaders understand that without cooperation, the new rules could seriously damage the standing of the fraternities at Cornell.

*Xaipe,*  
Noah M. Chhibber '11,  
Vice President

## GOAT HOUSE RENOVATION UPDATE

This past spring, these pages carried the report of the Goat House being closed by the City of Ithaca in response to advanced deterioration of the structure, along with an appeal to "Save the Goat House!" This fall, these same pages proudly carry better news—a plan is in place to begin the remediation of the major issues identified by the city, starting at the end of the spring 2011 semester.

Architect Jagat Sharma, who was already studying the Goat House with his team when the news came in from the city, has made his report and developed a budget in consultation with the directors of the Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation and the House Corporation. We are now rapidly moving to the next phase—creating the construction documents to be released for bid. A generous bequest from Robert J. Woods Jr. '44 will partly fund the project—though only through the urgent, early subterranean improvements. We still need the financial support and generosity from every brother before we can continue to plan and consult to repair and revive the interior.

The plans for next summer will include work on the entrance and foundations, plus improvements to the front of the chapter house. The stone wall encircling our front patio is slowly losing its almost 80-year battle with the elements, and will be partially replaced with matching stones. As part of the current planning, the Phi will be visited this fall by historical renovation consultants to

examine the stones of the Goat House and advise on the processes to best remove remains of graffiti and staining and preserve the restored stones for the next 100 years. Re-grading portions of the parking lot and front patio entrance will provide an accessible entrance to our main floor.

If this update tilts toward the nuts and bolts—or rather, bricks and mortar—it's only as a reminder that there is a significant amount of foundational work—literally—to be completed. However, getting this foundational work in place will scratch for several decades, a major open item that impacts our historical lodge and the very entrance drive to our Cornell home. Completing these steps will be work well done and, of course, only serve to expose the next "most urgent" project (of which there are many), but will also mean we are that much closer to having the compound at 777 Stewart at the level of elegance and functionality it richly deserves.

We thank our alumni—and active—brotherhood for their insights and financial support. We have made it this far, and continuing progress on the project is made possible through your generosity. The officers and directors of the Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation are available to answer any questions and absorb any advice from brothers young and old. Again, we look forward to providing more updates in the spring and, one year from now, commemorating the end of the beginning of this important effort.

We invite you to make your tax-advantaged contribution to help with the Goat House stabilization project online, safely and securely, at [www.adphic Cornell.org/public4.asp](http://www.adphic Cornell.org/public4.asp). Please contribute today. You can also mail a tax-deductible check, payable to Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation, to P.O. Box 876, Ithaca, NY 14851-0876.

Thank you for your efforts to help us save the Goat House. *Manus Multae Cor Unum!*

Warm Regards and *Xaipe*,  
George Doerre '04, President  
Cornell Star and Crescent Foundation



## THOUGHTS ABOUT THE GOAT HOUSE

Dear Howie and George,

I appreciated your nice note with the information from Ray Tuttle. He was (and is) one of the finest men I have known. He mentioned our escapade with the Goat House, which I remember very well. My thought at the time was to hurry with the job because it was in such bad shape it might collapse. From your letter I think it must be in even worse shape today.

You have probably explored all of the

options, and I hope you have included the possibility that it might be smart to bulldoze the structure and start from scratch to build a replacement. While that would destroy the source of many memories, it could be the source of many in the future.

Sincerely and *Xaipe*,  
Edward T. "Ned" Turner '48  
108 E. Curry Dr.  
Terre Haute, IN 47802

# AN ALPHA DELT'S ATTEMPT TO ABOLISH STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Dating to their founding, the fraternities of Cornell have been known to engender fierce loyalty—and equally strong rivalries. But in the fall of 1967, at the height of the Vietnam War, two students—Alpha Delta Phi Brother James Patrick Maher III '66, and Donald Alford Weadon, Jr. '67, a member of DKE—united around a common goal: to abolish student government at Cornell.

Many would argue that there has been distaste for student government on East Hill for about as long as there has been student government itself. Think of empty forums at Willard Straight Hall or unenforceable directives issued by elected leaders, which are then ignored by those university officials in a position to take action.

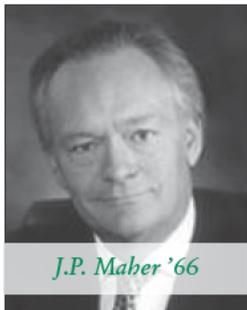
Are we talking about 1967 ... or 2010?

The '60s were known as a time of political activism, and Maher, when developing his campaign, was certainly focused on achieving a political goal. The goal had little to do, however, with a boycott of Cornell's dining halls, which had been an issue tackled by student government leaders at the time. (Dairy prices had risen and the costs were being reflected in the price of items like milk, ice cream, and yogurt.)

No, Maher's goal was quite the opposite. He intended on getting rid of the very organization that was issuing these proclamations, motions and decrees in the first place. And, to the surprise of current student government leaders, he had support.

Perhaps his most memorable campaign stunt, which the *Cornell Daily Sun* called “imaginative

and well run,” took place in the shadow of McGraw Tower. There, Maher staged a wake to signify the death of student government. At the appointed hour, he emerged from a coffin that had been placed on the steps of the Straight.



J.P. Maher '66

“Friends, Cornellians, students, I come to bury student government, not to praise it,” he announced to a gathering. “The evil that an organization does lives after it. The good is oft interred with its constitution. So let it be with student government.”

Running on the abolition platform, Maher faced three opponents, including Richard G. Birchall '68. Going into election day, as the campaign rhetoric increased, so did tempers—Maher's Volkswagen fell victim, vandalized one night. Still, he did not let it deter him, as he continued to criticize the government's “bumbling incompetence.”

When the ballots had been counted, Maher had won by more than 400 votes. But it wasn't that simple—in fact, election bylaws required the president to win by an absolute majority. There would be a runoff between Birchall and Maher.

The runoff was not without its own controversy, this time incidents of ballot stuffing. A university investigation ensued, both sides faulting the other, with ultimately no one held responsible. In the second runoff, Birchall was declared the victor. His margin of victory? Just 117 votes.

It wouldn't be the end of Maher's campaign, though. In the following year, he would be elected to the senate on an abolitionist ticket that would hold a majority of seats. But just four weeks into its term, the student government—now controlled by abolitionists—failed to pass a motion

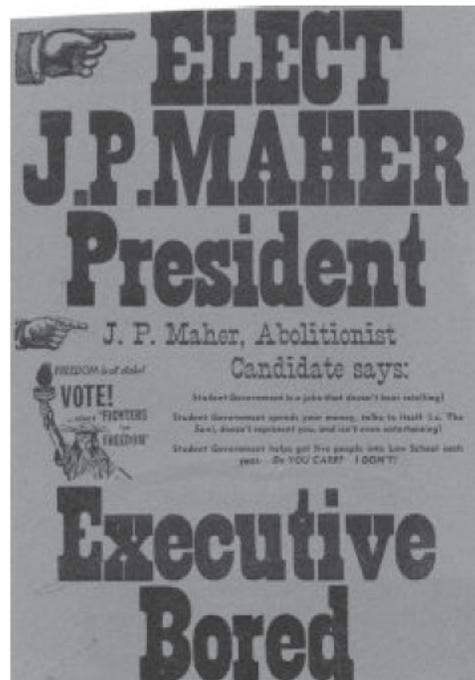
that called for its immediate dissolution.

Ultimately, the students elected on a ticket to abolish the government, voted against a proposal that would have done so. The story could perhaps have no better ending.

Marc Zawel '04

Treasurer, Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation

To see more history, posters, and archival information on this interesting bit of Cornell lore, visit [www.adphicornell.org/public6.asp](http://www.adphicornell.org/public6.asp).



# FUERTES PAINTINGS LOANED TO LAB OF ORNITHOLOGY



The “Duck Marsh Scene” painting.



A self-portrait of Brother Fuertes.



Doug Smith '78 and Howie Schaffer '90 chat in front of the “Great Horned Owl.”

Louis Agassiz Fuertes 1897 shared the gift of the famous “Great Horned Owl” and “Duck Marsh Scene” paintings with his brothers. The Cornell Lab of Ornithology is the new permanent home for the two paintings, where they will safely and prominently be hung. A wonderful reception to honor the relocation of the paintings was hosted by the Cornell Star & Crescent Foundation and held during Homecoming 2010. The reception included toasts by undergraduate leaders and a tribute by our alumni president.

Thank you to the generous donors to the Cornell Star & Crescent

Foundation who made the transfer of ownership possible, ensuring that future generations get to enjoy the paintings and learn of the bond between the legendary painter and Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell University. Donors include: Walter Edwin Douglas Bond Jr. '66, James A. Brady '67, John S. Dyson '65, Thomas E. Goldstone '94, The Goldstone Foundation, Roger P. Joseph '73, Knight A. Kiplinger '69, James M. McCormick '69, Michael John Millette '87, Thomas C. Reed '55, David L. Ryan '67, Edward B. Seeger Jr. '67, Todd Slotkin '74, and Andrea Southworth.

# REUNION WEEKEND: JUNE 10-13, 2010



*Tom Goldstone '94 with his son and father.*



*Joe Tucceri '00 with his daughter.*



*Phil Dubrovsky '05, James Marceda '05, and James Widyn '05.*



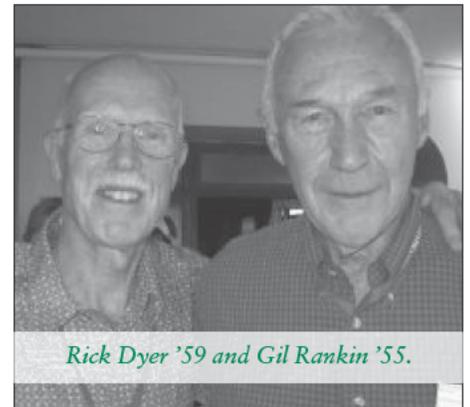
*Tony Johnson '80 and Robert Gant '80.*



*Rob Nitzsche '82.*



*Bob Hazlett '61.*



*Rick Dyer '59 and Gil Rankin '55.*



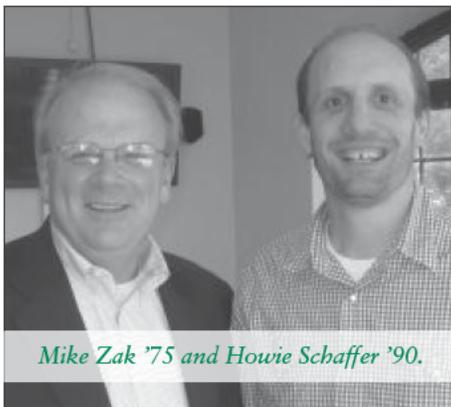
*The Sherwoods entertain guests in the Solarium.*



*L. Newton Thomas '50.*



*Donald Reed '50 and Dave Rowland '50.*



*Mike Zak '75 and Howie Schaffer '90.*



*Sean Williams '90 and Tom Wyvill '90.*



*Otto Doering '62 with his family.*

# HOMECOMING WEEKEND: SEPTEMBER 24-26, 2010



*George Doerre '04 and Thom Chirurg '64.*



*Ron Schaefer '78 (left) and Doug Smith '78 (right) with a guest.*



*Dave Kelly '10 and Noah Chhibber '11.*



*Estey brothers: David '13 and Pierre '11.*



*James Rockas '12, Gavin Royster '13, and Mikhail DeJesus '13 with their dates.*



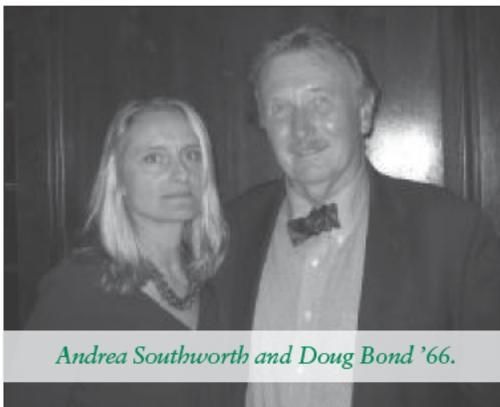
*Ruben Garcia '10 and Vince Davis '10 with their dates.*



*Matt Colbert '09 and Steven Ritchey '81.*



*Kelleber brothers: Colm '10 and Eamon '08.*



*Andrea Southworth and Doug Bond '66.*



*Pete Venetos '10 and Miles Bloom '10.*

## LETTERS TO ADPHI

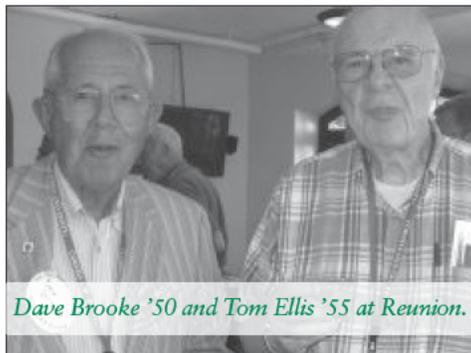
Dear Howie:

I have never shaken your hand and probably never will.

Your [update & fundraising] letter to the Phi got chucked into my rural mailbox this morning. Wow! Now what am I gonna do? I'm development officer for a small, private prep school. Took a pay cut to come here. Support a master's student in Mexico City and one of my own students here in Kingsville, Texas. [An] idealist is what I am. Plus two of my own children at University of Texas, Austin. If I could cobble up a letter like yours I might not have to work until I'm 70, but I can't (or anyhow, haven't yet), so here I am. Man, you did good! I am glad to affirm your mighty and compelling narrative and assure you that you're doing the right things in the right way.

I am honored to share Cornell Alpha Delt brotherhood with you and to count you among the layers of 777 generations whose accumulated debts we can only pay forward.

Ed Seeger '67  
Kingsville, Texas



Dave Brooke '50 and Tom Ellis '55 at Reunion.

Dear Howie:

I, and a few of my classmates, visited the house this weekend just past (55th Reunion for the class of '55). I was stunned.

1. The place looks immaculate. Yes, "the alums are coming," but at other times, in other years, it has still looked like a bombed-out pigsty.

2. Your letter to the alums tells me things I thought I would never hear:

a. A professional property manager, weekly inspections, and billings to those who cause damage? WOW!

b. Arrangements with counsel to preclude litigation? Good move.

3. The four or five kids we met were incredibly normal, with sensible plans for summer employment.

4. The chef was a non-druggie professional, with experience running a restaurant elsewhere. (Ours, in 1952-'56, was none of the above.)

Thanks for all the time and effort this must take.

Best wishes, and X-ray,  
T.C. Reed '55 (father of Andrew Reed '90)

## ALPHA DELT'S SERVICE TO OLD CORNELL

While sitting in the kitchen at the Phi, brothers discuss the day's current events. Scooter gloats about the victory of his favorite team in the NFL, the Dallas Cowboys, while other brothers who play with him in an online fantasy football league struggle to make excuses for their poor picks of running backs. Two brothers debate the headline of the day's *Wall Street Journal*, while another attentively watches the television, where a *Modern Marvels* special on whiskey distilleries amazes him, causing him to long for Friday afternoon.

A loud screech interrupts the daily affairs. It is the portable transceiver of Brother Pierre Estey '11, distinguished senior, former president of the Phi, and volunteer firefighter at the Cayuga Heights Fire Department (CHFD).

"I've got to run, Scooter. I'll finish this when I get back," he says, as he places his breakfast omelet under the heating lamp and storms out the door.

Brother Estey has spent 10 hours a week for almost a year training to be a firefighter and performing the duties of a volunteer firefighter at CHFD. He has learned how to drive a fire truck, assemble ladders and hoses in record time, and to survive in deadly concentration of carbon monoxide or smoke. He has practiced breathing through air tanks, jumping out of windows, and even breaking through doors and walls. Though he has not yet helped a real fire, when he does, he will be prepared.

For Brother Estey, the motivation to join the force was two-fold. "I was an athlete in high school, but I could not play extensively because I had injured my knee. Working as a volunteer firefighter, I get to help out and give back to the community." In an off-the-record statement, Brother Estey also informed me that his volunteer profession gives him great rewards in his relations with the ladies, an area in which he never had problems in the first place.

But Brother Estey is just one of many Alpha Delt's who is involved in leadership on campus

or in the community. Two other newly initiated brothers of the Phi, David Estey '13 and Mikhail Dejesus '13, have also joined the CHFD as junior volunteer firefighters.

Brothers Dave Shim '12, Michael Chen '11, and Ben Olson '13 are members and officers of the Mutual Investment Club of Cornell. They attend weekly meetings where they discuss the performance of different sectors and decide how to invest the club's \$16,000 in capital. MICC provides these Wall Street-bound Alpha Delt's the skills they will need to succeed in the ever competitive world of financial analysts.

I, myself, am a three-year member of the Cornell University Glee Club. I rehearse twice a week to prepare for a number of concerts that we have each semester, including Homecoming, Lessons and Carols, and New York Young Men Sing, a program where inner-city youths are invited to a one-day singing workshop at Ithaca College to encourage them to participate in their high school's extracurricular activities.

Of course, my favorite part of the Glee Club is the opportunities I get to learn the Cornell songs. I gladly and often share these songs with my brothers living at the Phi, and I would like to share one of my favorite songs with you now: "The Cornell Evening Song."

*"When the sun fades far away  
In the crimson of the west,  
And the voices of the day  
Murmur low and sink to rest,  
Music with the twilight falls  
O'er the dreaming lake and dell;  
'Tis an echo from the walls  
Of our own, our fair Cornell."*

Whether in finance clubs, campus governance, or as volunteers in the Ithaca community, Alpha Delt's are campus leaders who do their part to shape the future of Cornell.

Xaipe,  
Gleb Drobkov '12



Pierre Estey '11 (far right) with fellow Cayuga Heights Fire Department firefighters.

# THE ANNUAL NEW ENGLAND CROQUET CLASH



Discussing strategy before the croquet match are Mal Johnston '58, Dan Hall '59, and Jim Hunt '59.

The annual Alpha Delta Phi croquet event was contested this summer in Andover, Massachusetts. The winner was John Post '57, who attended with his wife, Judie. Also on hand were Nancy and Dave Brown '58, Bob Bryant '58, Ginger and Cal Carr '59, Ann and Jim Hunt '59, Sally and Mal Johnston '58, Dale R. Marshall (Cornell '59), Don Marshall '59, and Bob McClellan '60. Hosts were Ann and Dan Hall '59.

## ALPHA DELT HISTORY IS EVERYWHERE

I was driving around the Lake George area when my partner, Mary Beth, suggested we go to a mansion on the lake to check out the property (which is now a hotel and restaurant with adjacent townhouses). We settled outdoors with a view of the lake and a new fire that was built in an outdoor stone fireplace. I looked up at the fireplace and noticed a star and crescent, and then our Greek letters, Alpha Delta Phi, above the fire pit. Upon investigating this with the manager of the property, I was treated to an abundance of energy and interest about our beloved organization.

The story is this—Edward Morse Shepard (Manhattan, 1869)—“... a prominent attorney and politician from Brooklyn, was also an author, humanitarian and vestryman ...” originally built

[the mansion] in 1898, part of “Millionaire’s Row” in the Adirondack Park on Lake George. The stone carving (see photo at right) was originally above the entrance to the home. His family remained owners until the 50’s, and the residence remained private until 1998 or so (and had been largely unoccupied for some time). There is also a stained glass star and crescent (see photo below) above the staircase in the main foyer.

In the bar, they had a binder with the history of Alpha Delt included in it. The proprietor had done some of her own research, but was a sponge as to more of its history, the meaning of the symbols (including the sword and spear), etc. I told her I would prepare some additional info and send it on in a more formal “package”



ADPhi insignia over the stone fireplace.

(don’t know what that means yet—probably [something] laminated).

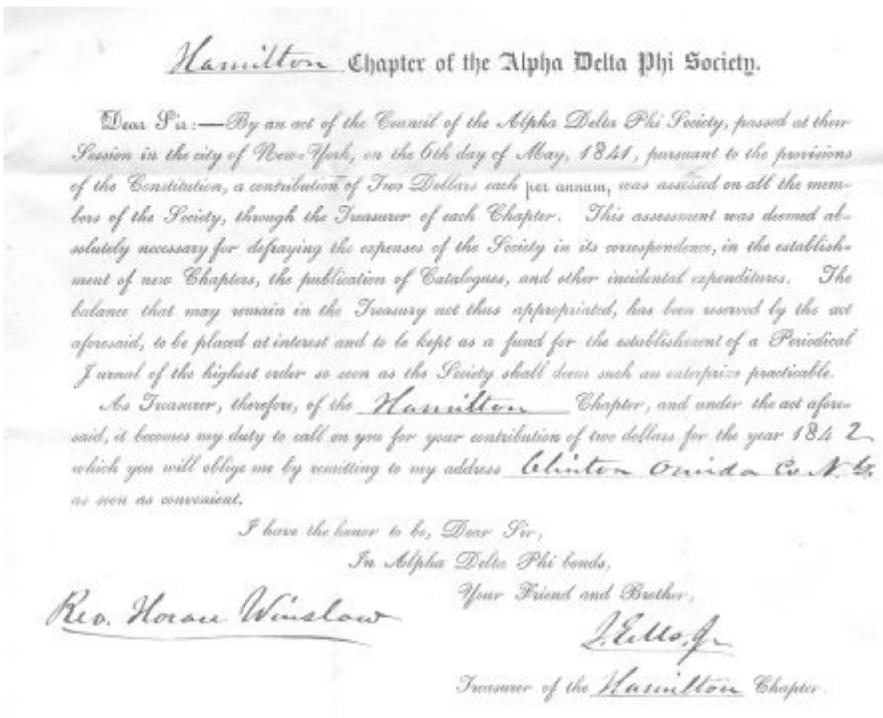
I also did some research and discovered a PDF document (assembled by Google)—a 1915 catalogue of the fraternity. Turns out Mr. Shepard was also the chairman of the executive council from 1886 through 1889.

The [webpage] picturehistory.com/product/id/19284# also describes him: “Edward Morse Shepard was a lawyer and political reformer in New York. He drew up the bill that addressed principles of civil service reform in New York and when it passed in 1883 he was named to the Brooklyn civil service commission (1883–85 and 1888–90). Shepard wrote *The Competitive Test and the Civil Service of States and Cities* (1884).”

I highly recommend the property (see [www.theinnatelowest.com](http://www.theinnatelowest.com)) for a getaway.

Xaipe,  
John Tuttle '81

FROM THE ARCHIVES ...



A stained-glass star and crescent in the foyer.

# ADPHI EXCEEDS CORNELL'S EXPECTATIONS

*For the first time in nearly a decade, Alpha Delta Phi was rated in the category of "exceeds expectations" in the chapter's annual evaluation by Cornell's Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs.*

Dear President:

The End of Year Chapter Evaluation Team, composed of students, faculty, alumni and staff, recently completed the annual comprehensive review of your chapter and the materials submitted on behalf of your organization for the 2009-2010 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 Recognition Policy for Fraternities and Sororities and the Fraternity and Sorority Community's Core Principles. It is in this advisory capacity that the team makes comments and recommendations to identify each chapter's strengths and provide guidance for areas of improvement. The evaluation team assigned a category rating, 1 (exceeds expectations), 2 (meets expectations) or 3 (does not meet expectations), for each section of the report. These ratings are then compiled for a chapter raw score. Chapter rating: 1.9

I think that this is a very sincere reflection of Alpha Delta Phi, and I thank you for taking the time.

You are a close knit group of brothers, and I'm glad you embraced Dean Hubbell's words because they are very poignant, and exactly true. "Who better to care for each other on campus than a group of friends who call themselves brothers?"

You are truly fortunate to have such a large and committed group of involved alumni who as you stated value their Alpha Delta Phi experience so much.

[Your] chapter [is working] to remedy the current chapter climate and environment. With some of the actions you outlined in your introduction and the support of your alumni, each other, and OFSA, I am confident you will seize the opportunity to improve.

Kara Miller  
Chapter Reviewer, OFSA Staff

View the rest of this report in its entirety on our website at [www.adphicornell.org](http://www.adphicornell.org).

# PHILANTHROPY PICKS UP AT THE PHI

Alpha Delta Phi has once again established itself as the leader on Cornell's campus for disaster relief-related fundraising this semester. The "Hands for HEALTH" benefit concert, held on Saturday, September 11 at the chapter house, continued the tradition started in the spring 2010 semester with "Hands for Haiti."

The concert featured performances by the Attic Tones, Debbie's Granola, Collin McLoughlin, Cornell Bhangra, Big Red Raas, and Sitara, in support of desperately needed flood relief in Pakistan and India. Half of the money raised will support the work of Save the Children in Pakistan, with the other half going to HEALTH Inc., a small NGO in northern India. More than 10 student organizations, including the Student Assembly and four other fraternities, co-sponsored the event.

In the interest of raising campus awareness about the flooding crisis and initiating dialogue



*Dancers perform at "Hands for HEALTH."*

between Pakistani and Indian students, I, with the help of many undergraduate brothers, organized "Peace Postponed?," an academic lecture and student panel discussion. This event, held in the Lewis Auditorium of Goldwin Smith Hall on Wednesday, September 8, was highly visible on campus and attracted around 100 participants.

For more information about "Peace Postponed," please see the article "Pakistan Floods Weaken Government and Hurt Peace Talks, Panelists Say" from the September 9 *Cornell Daily Sun* at <http://cornellsun.com/section/news/content/2010/09/09/pakistan-floods-weaken-government-and-hurt-peace-talks-panelists-say>.

With these successful events already under our belt, and Victory Club in the works, 2010-2011 looks to be another promising year for philanthropy here at the Phi. The undergraduate brotherhood is excited to uphold this tradition of service.

*Xaibe,*  
Rob Morrissey '12  
Philanthropy Chair



*The Attic Tones rock the house.*

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SITARA

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To learn more about HEALTH Inc.'s efforts, please visit  
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Cornell International Affairs Review

Lewis Auditorium, Goldwin Smith Hall  
Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>  
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**PEACE POSTPONED?**

Floods, foreign aid, and their implications for peace between India and Pakistan.

featuring  
**Professor Durba Ghosh**  
Acting Director, South Asia Program, Mott Center

with student representatives from  
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## RESTORING THE PHI'S STEEL CASEMENT WINDOWS: WE NEED YOUR HELP!



*A dining-room window, after restoration (left) and before (right).*

Frost on the inside of windows. Water freezing in cracks of exterior stone. Ice damage to sills. Simply put, the windows at the Phi are in much need of repair. It has been recommended by two engineering firms (EwingCole and Taitem) in two separate reports (2008 structural report and 2009 energy audit), that steel casement windows should be restored rather than replaced. In 2010, we are planning to restore 21 windows in the dining room, the rotunda, and the tower.

The House Corporation has hired a contractor that specializes in historic preservation who has restored a test window in the dining room (see

photos at left). The window is airtight and looks like new. It has been restored by removing the sash and all glazing and glass from the metal frame; then by cleaning all dirt, rust, and loose paint on both sides. The window was reglazed using the existing glass, and both sides were finished with exterior metal paint. The existing wooden frame was prepped and repaired before the wood frame was primed and painted. Then the metal sash was reinstalled. The cost to restore a pair of windows is around \$1,000 for labor and materials.

Please contact Ellen Reuben (ellen.reuben@stewarhowe.com) if you're interested in receiving a copy of the engineering reports.

The cost of the first phase of window replacement is \$30,000. A generous alumnus has offered \$20,000 toward the project if we can match his gift with \$10,000 from other donors.

Your support will make a huge difference in protecting the moisture envelope of the Phi and helping to complete this much-needed project.

## REFLECTIONS OF THE HOUSE MANAGER

As house manager of the Alpha Delta Phi mansion at Cornell, I have the pleasure of watching over and performing general upkeep of the premises. I have an awesome job. The house is by far the most beautiful and has the most character of any on campus, and perhaps the world (It certainly is described that way when brothers give tours of the house to rushes or presumably impressionable young women).

As I walk the halls at night, carefully inspecting the premises, it is not uncommon to be startled by the sound of loud music, the brothers moving around, or the soundtracks to eventful nights (the details of which will grow with each retelling the following morning).

Each room of the house has its own character, reflecting the impacts of different brothers and activities, (many of which are best left to the imagination.) Together, these disparate rooms create something larger, a defining and ever present character that represents Alpha Delta Phi; a character distinguished by power, brotherhood, and creativity.

The nicely manicured lawns of the Alpha Delta Phi offer endless hours of recreation and

relaxation. Many of the brothers use the lawns for multitasking, combining diligent studying with the replenishment of vitamin D (depleted by the bleakness of an Ithaca winter) or a summer spent with nose to a fluorescently lit grindstone.

As they say, "cleanliness is next to godliness," and godliness is second only to being an Alpha Delt. As such, the house gets cleaned quite regularly. This is not always fun and games, but it's a necessary task that the brotherhood is dedicated to performing.

It is quite disappointing that we cannot use our cherished chapter room, i.e. the Goat House, but I am told that plans are in the works to get the restoration finished quickly. The temporary unavailability of the Goat House has served to increase the urban legends as to what occurs inside. (A secret we all hold to the grave.) We all look forward to the re-opening of that sacred shrine.

My favorite part of the house is the balcony of the Tower. It is a wonderful place to congregate (in the warmer months), and, despite one obtrusively gargantuan tree, it offers the best

view on campus. There is no better to place to take in a sunset or a thunderstorm.

In sum, we have a wonderful house, with character and history that should not be forgotten, but instead appreciated and maintained for ourselves and future generations of Alpha Deltas.

*Xaipe* Alpha Delta Phi,  
R. Bailey Rogg '13  
House Manager



*It doesn't get much better!*



*Keep up the good work!*

## HOUSE CONDITION IMPRESSES INSPECTORS

A recent inspection of the Phi resulted in kudos from insurance company auditors who praised the condition of the Phi. In their report, they commented that among the 15 Cornell fraternities they inspected, the Phi appeared in the best overall condition both in terms of schedule of renovations, student upkeep, and kitchen safety and cleanliness. The result was a reduction

in insurance-premium costs. We all know that the Phi can appear in rough condition in the days following a social event, or over the summer. However, it is good to have validation that beneath the occasional cosmetic disorder, the Phi stands a bit above our peers as a result of undergraduate effort and alumni support. Thank you to all for doing your part.

# NEWS FROM OUR ALUMNI

"I still have my small version of the 'Brothers in Arms,' mounted on a granite block in our garden," wrote William C. Arthur Jr. '48. "It gets many questions and comments." Catch up with Bill by writing to [REDACTED]

James H. Arthur '50 sends his greetings from Colorado. Write to him at [REDACTED]

Now retired 21 years, Lawrence H. Brown '56 wrote, "I worked at Northern Trust (Chicago) for 31 years. I hope to be retired for longer than I worked! My first wife, Ann, died in 2006 after almost 50 years of marriage. I married my second wife, also Ann, in 2007. I had a total right hip replacement in April and so I am on the sidelines right now *vis-a-vis* athletics and travel, but I hope to resume both soon." Check in with Larry at [REDACTED]

Reconnect with John Post '57 at his new address: [REDACTED]

"After 25 years," wrote Robert Brandon '68, "I sold my architecture and engineering firm, Sea Consultants Inc., to the Kleinfelder Group of San Diego. I continue to practice as a principal with the new firm, albeit on a slightly less hectic basis." Write to [REDACTED]

Bob at [REDACTED]

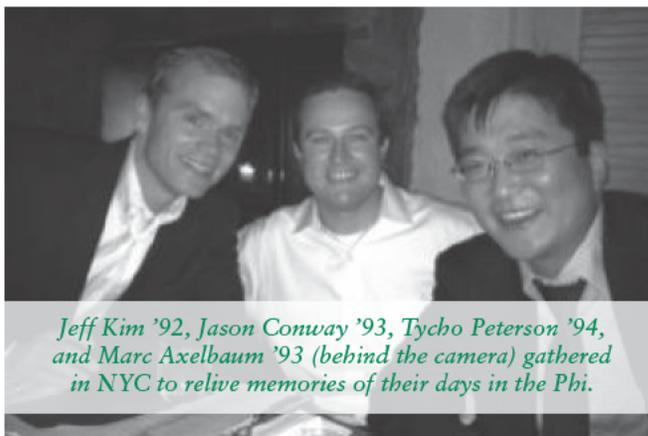
Keep in touch with Salvatore Lopez '88 by writing to him at [REDACTED]

Stay connected with John Adams '98 at [REDACTED]

Catch up with Joseph "Bubbles" C. Tucceri '00 by writing to [REDACTED]

Ask Derek Zakov '00 about his new job at Ross Retail Stores by writing to [REDACTED]

Write to Peter J. Venetos '10 at 254 [REDACTED]



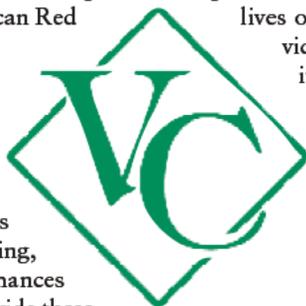
*Jeff Kim '92, Jason Conway '93, Tycho Peterson '94, and Marc Axelbaum '93 (behind the camera) gathered in NYC to relive memories of their days in the Phi.*

## A NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE RED CROSS

Dear Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity:

Thank you for your charitable contribution of \$3900.00 on May 17, 2010, to the Tompkins County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Your gift is greatly appreciated and will go immediately to work, helping individuals and families in need of vital Red Cross services and programs here in Tompkins County.

Our humanitarian mission helps prevent and relieve human suffering, improves quality of life, and enhances self-reliance. Our mission is to provide these services to members of our own community. In 2009 the Tompkins County Chapter delivered 7,135 units of blood, served 94,817 meals, assisted 43 families through our Disaster Services program, and sheltered 717 people through our Homeless Services program.



We are proud of the work we do here in Tompkins County and grateful that you chose to partner with us to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors. Together, we provide help to each other when we need it the most—often when it's a matter of life and death.

On behalf of all those we serve in Tompkins County, thank you again for your generous support.

Best Regards,  
Barry Stein, Executive Director

*[And a handwritten note from Barry:]* Thank you so much for your generous support of the Red Cross. I had an absolute ball at the Victory Club casino night. I look forward to other opportunities for working together.

## NECROLOGY

John C. Cunningham '48, BCE of Kettering, Ohio, March 29, 2010; special assistant for water policy, U.S. Dept. of Interior; waste management engineer; civil engineer; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

Henry P. Kirchner '45, BME '47 of State College, Pennsylvania, December 11, 2008; founder and president, Ceramic Finishing Co.; also worked at Linden Laboratories, Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, and Corning Glass Works; veteran; author; active in community and professional affairs. Wife, Elizabeth (Parsons) '50.



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