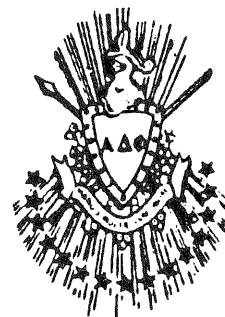




# THE CORNELL ALPHA DELTA

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## Alpha Delt Loses A Legend

### *G. Lauriston Walsh Jr. Dies In January Car Crash*

The Alpha Delta Phi has lost one of its most loyal brothers. On January 10, G. Lauriston Walsh Jr. '61 was killed in an automobile accident after leaving the Alpha Delta chapter house to return to his home in Corning, New York.

Lauri leaves behind a legacy of service to the Alpha Delta Phi. From 1987 until his death, Lauri was president of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell, Inc., and served as alumni advisor. He was also a trustee of the Adelpheic Cornell Educational Fund and a member of the board of the Alpha Delta Phi International Fraternity.

Lauri was born in Corning in 1938. He attended the Trinity School and the Berkshire School before entering Cornell. Much of his professional career was involved with real estate and property management.

Lauri was a member of many organizations, including the Knickerbocker Greys, Order of the Founders and Patriots, Society of Colonial Wars, the St. Nicholas Society, Sons of the Revolution, and the Society of the War of 1812.

Funeral services were held in Corning on Saturday, January 16, and were officiated by the Reverend Douglas Bond '66, chairman of the board of governors of the Alpha Delta Phi. The service was followed by burial at Hope Cemetery in Corning. The Alpha Delta Phi and the Cornell community said a fond farewell to Lauri at a memorial service held in Anabel Taylor Chapel on Saturday, April 17.

His involvement with the fraternity was a passion in his life, and his impact on our fraternity and its members will carry forward as a lasting tribute to his belief in the greatness of the Alpha Delta Phi.

### *A Recent Grad Reflects On A Most Loyal Brother*

When I first met Lauri Walsh, I was a young rushee and a freshman. Of course, I was intimidated. I was having a great deal of fun being introduced to a fraternal organization. The Alpha Delta Phi appeared to be an autonomous group of individuals, much like I myself, whose sole responsibilities were to enjoy one

another's company and to occasionally give a literary presentation. All of this was taking place far above Cayuga's waters in a \$7 million stone castle. This fantastical world that was the Alpha Delta Phi had only one peculiarity, Lauri Walsh. Lauri was an adult with a deep, gravelly voice and a worldly perspective smack in the middle of Peter Pan's never-never land.

I soon was initiated as a pledge, and my opinion of Lauri solidified as that of a stern elder alumnus whose job was to maintain the standards of the Alpha Delta Phi by weeding out the weak and substandard.

By the time brotherhood had arrived, it was difficult to overcome my first impressions of Lauri Walsh. Younger brothers often observed Lauri negotiating with older brothers about serious matters such as bricks and mortar and the annual rent increase. Such intensive discussions could quickly destroy a young man's imaginative preparation for a Tuesday night mixer with Kappa Kappa Gamma, and, thus, as a younger brother, involvement with Lauri was limited. But as my responsibilities grew in the house, so, too, did my interaction with Lauri.

In the fall of my junior year I was elected treasurer, and as treasurer, I felt it was my job to protect undergraduate funds from any possible assailants. As the alumni representative, Lauri

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G. Lauriston Walsh Jr. '61

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## A Recent Grad Reflects

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appeared to be my first antagonist. Lauri had an uncountable staff of workers who could be seen scurrying through Alpha Delt's corridors around the clock and throughout the holidays. At first I was skeptical of Lauri's operational style, but as the year passed, I came to realize that Lauri was using every possible resource solely for the benefit of Alpha Delt. Lauri was working 40 hours a week to maintain the Alpha Delta Phi fantasy world for me, for the brotherhood, and for himself. He, like the rest of us, loved the Alpha Delta Phi because it is an organization founded purely upon the ideals of friendship and mutual growth.

The following year, as I became more involved with Alpha Delt, the trust and mutual respect between Lauri and me grew. I was reminded of a saying: "When I was 18, I thought Lauri was crazy; by the time I had turned 21, I was amazed how much he had grown in three years."

On the morning of January 10, many of us were shocked awake with the news that Lauri had died in a car accident while returning from the chapter house at Cornell to his home in Corning. On April 17 Lauri's family, friends, and the Alpha Delta Phi hosted a memorial service at Anabel Taylor Hall on Cornell's campus. It was initiation weekend; Alpha Delt's young and old from Cornell, Johns Hopkins, Northwestern, and Stanford were in attendance. Many were inspired to speak, including a representative from the Alpha Delta Phi International. From an undergraduate perspective, it was the words of the recent graduates that best portrayed Lauri Walsh.

For the students at Cornell, Lauri was remembered as a father figure who motivated many of us from childhood to manhood. He was the first person who treated us as adults with intelligent opinions. He respected our decisions and worked with us to arrive at compromise. Lauri was also famous for listening to our concerns. If anyone had a problem, personal or otherwise, Lauri was always willing to help. When greeting a young alumnus, Lauri was always eager to learn of his successes in life, making him feel as though he were the single most important person in the world at that time. The undergraduates of the Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell are going to miss Lauri Walsh for all the warmth and support he brought through our front door.

During our Monday night house meetings, Lauri was never shy in presence, nor opinion. But at the end of each meeting, Lauri would depart before mystic circle (a time for each person to contribute an idea or relate an experience "for the good of the brotherhood") and before we would count off the total number of brothers present at the meeting. At the end of every counting, the house president used to add one for Samuel Eells, and I am proud that in today's meetings we also add one for Lauri Walsh.

As I think about all the support and dedication that Lauri has given to all the members of the Alpha Delta Phi, both here at Cornell and abroad, I am reminded of the four elements of brotherhood that our pledges can be heard singing in the spring: brotherhood, leadership, service, and sacrifice. In the history of the Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell, I cannot think of anyone who better exemplified these ideals.

The Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell would not be where it is today if it were not for the efforts of G. Lauriston Walsh. He was elemental in the support and growth of both the physical plant and of each young man he worked with during his tenure as alumni representative. Thank you, Lauri, for all that you have done, and may your dedication to Alpha Delt be as long remembered as that of Samuel Eells.

Denton S. Chase '92

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## ACEF: An Invaluable Resource

In 1954 Ted Booth and a group of Alpha Delt alumni, realizing the need to support our literary heritage and promote greater giving, created the tax-deductible vehicle known as the Adelpic Cornell Educational Fund (ACEF).

It's 1993, and although Ted has passed away, his fund—your fund—lives! The ACEF's assets currently stand at approximately \$200,000, \$150,000 of which is in marketable securities and mutual funds, with the remainder being in illiquid (yet valuable) assets such as Fuertes's *Marsh Scene* painting and a mortgage to the chapter house.

As in Ted's era, the ACEF continues to fund Alpha Delta Phi student excellence awards, grant loans to assist deserving Alpha Delta Phi students with tuition payments, and provide for the purchase of literary and educational materials for the chapter house—although such items are more likely to be of a computer/electronic-information nature than in Ted's time. Additionally, the fund has initiated several programs designed to (a) creatively/legally support the active chapter's physical plant and operation and (b) promote the active chapter's reputation in this era of anti-fraternity sentiment. To this end the ACEF has underwritten the room and board charges of a deserving international student living in the house and several awards for the Cornell University writing program—as well as sponsoring the publication *The Cornell Political Forum*.

As you can see, we have been walking a fine line: We have been working to grow the corpus of the fund and at the same time increase our programs. This is a line that you have asked us to walk. We are ever mindful that some of you prefer to see the fund grow "for a rainy day" (as when we made the mortgage) and that others want program expansion to support the house now. We believe that we are maintaining the balance and hope that we have earned your trust over the years.

Remember, the Adelpic Fund is your fund. We are interested in your thoughts and suggestions. The following is a list of the recently elected directors and officers—feel free to contact whomever you like. If you know particular individuals well, contact them directly; otherwise, we all can be reached through our alumni records office at P.O. Box 876, Ithaca, NY 14851-0876.

### Directors

Robert A. Engle '65  
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Steven D. Ritchey '81

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## THE PRIDE IS BACK

### Capital Improvements Program '93

With the capable assistance of brothers Dyson '65 and Sinclair '65, an inspectional tour of the chapter house was conducted on Friday, April 10, just prior to the board of directors meeting and pledge initiation, for the purposes of reviewing the considerable progress already made on life-safety, code compliance, and capital repairs to the structure, as well as compiling a list of additional repairs and building code improvements that need to be accomplished to maintain livability and occupancy. A list of the major capital improvement items that will likely be needed over the next 12- to 24-month period, along with the estimated cost thereof, is as follows:

Front porch and patio stonework	\$5,000
Heat exchanger replacement (partial warranty)	\$1,000
Hot water heater & tank replacement	\$4,000
Areaway drain for boiler room	\$1,500
Down spout & gutter replacements	\$8,500
Tuck-pointing	\$5,000
Driveway sinkhole	\$500
Back flow preventer for fire suppression system	\$6,500
Kitchen grease traps	\$18,500
Bathroom shower stall repairs	\$2,500
Miscellaneous plaster repairs	\$1,000
Miscellaneous painting & redecorating	\$1,000
Electrical/light fixtures	\$1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$56,000</b>

Although some of the needed improvements can be deferred in the short term, many, such as the hot water and heating system, front porch, tuck-pointing, driveway, gutter and down spouts, and bathroom shower stall repairs, are of a more important nature in order to maintain occupancy next fall, for liability reasons, or to curtail more extensive structural deterioration.

While the John A. Brooke '57 Fund has a small balance that would pay for a few of the minor repairs (possibly, as we go to press, before Reunion Weekend), the board of directors is seeking to apply for a \$25,000 guaranteed loan through the new Cornell University program (thanks to the efforts of John Dyson '65) so that those more urgent repairs can be initiated. Brother Sinclair has consented to process the documentation for the loan and present the application for approval and execution at the board of directors meeting in June.

Much needed contributions to help fund the remaining portion of the original \$400,000 capital improvements program, undertaken by and largely through the efforts of Lauri Walsh '61, should be directed to the John A. Brooke '57 Fund. Those Alpha Delta Phi alumni returning to Cornell this year should especially note the substantial improvement in physical condition and overall appearance of the chapter house. The active chapter and alumni have truly joined forces in this renewed commitment to maintaining and sustaining the pride of Alpha Delt.

Randall W. Bus '68

Mark Your Calendars Today  
**HOMEcoming 1993**

November 6  
Cornell vs. Yale

## New Corporation President Takes Stock Of Chapter

Dear Brothers:

A few months ago, I would not have envisioned myself addressing you as the new president of the alumni corporation. However, much has changed in a short period of time.

Lauri's passing was sudden and unexpected and left a tremendous void that will be filled by a lot of people. To plagiarize from one of our active alumni—many hands make light work. Lauri stirred up and involved a tremendous number of us, and this will allow us to proceed from strength. I must add, however, that we always want, need, and welcome your involvement and opinions. Get involved, and add your two cents—verbally or monetarily!

As Randy Bus, Roy Sinclair, and John Dyson will tell you, the physical plant at 777 Stewart Avenue is in good condition overall, but still needs an awful lot of attention. To this end, we are asking that you all send your annual dues, as many of you have consistently—we need the financial support. Within the coming weeks, we will be contacting all Cornell Alpha Deltis regarding our efforts to raise \$100,000 to carry out needed repairs to the house. Randy Bus's article, at left, details a number of the most immediate projects. We are very fortunate to have received a challenge gift of \$25,000. The donor has agreed to match, dollar for dollar, the first \$25,000 given to this project. This challenge has been extended through the current year, so we must move promptly on this most generous offer.

The Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell is strong and maintains its position as one of the premier houses at Cornell. As long as we have an active and interested alumni network, we will improve on this. Please dig deep, and remember what the house did for you, and give what you can. Feel free to contact me directly if you would like to discuss anything. My home is 914/358-1226 and office is 914/631-4848.

I look forward to catching up with you all and hope that together we can keep the Star and Crescent shining brightly.

Xaire,  
Kenneth E. Growney '82

## ACEF: An Invaluable Resource

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LeRoy W. Sinclair '65  
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( ), Fund-raising Chairman

As you can see, with Lauri Walsh's recent death, we have lost our fund-raising chairman—and all-around "utility player." He will be sorely missed; and while we are saddened, we are optimistic that someone will take on this challenge. For anyone interested in greater involvement in the ACEF: Semiannual board meetings take place on the Friday of Cornell's Homecoming Weekend and the Friday following Easter (spring). All are welcome.

Xaire,  
Douglas J. Smith '78

## Care For The Physical Plant Goes Beyond Day-To-Day Repairs

The brothers of the undergraduate chapter of the Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell truly believe that the house that we live in is one of the finest fraternity houses in the country. This belief is reflected in the great care we take maintaining the physical structure. There have been several major projects undertaken in this last semester that will make the house more livable, more sound, and even more beautiful, as well as new ideas that could make the house even better.

First of all, the second floor has for some years been in need of refinishing, as the carpet that had lined the floor was entirely worn out. Instead of recarpeting, a red terra cotta tile was laid and finished over spring break this semester. The work is excellent and the result practical. Most alumni were more than satisfied over initiation weekend.

Furthermore, a leak in the tower bathroom that had begun to show in the showers directly below on the second floor was repaired along with the damaged ceiling during spring break.

There were many other small repairs of lesser consequence, i.e. benches, library heating ducts, heat exchanger in boiler, etc. All of these repairs promise that the house will remain in top condition.

The actives would once again like to thank John S. Dyson '65 for the generous donation of the new boiler room/heating system that was installed one year ago. Its performance remains topnotch. I know you all remember the lovely winters of Cornell, and if it were not for your generosity, brother Dyson, we would all be shivering in our beds during the long, cold Cornell winter nights. Another warm thanks from the actives!

Other than the day-to-day repairs and the few larger jobs just mentioned, the active chapter has thought of several capital improvements that are not within the house budget to finance. Two of the most exciting projects proposed by and to the brotherhood are entrance masonry work

and the construction of a wine cellar.

First, the masonry work. The floors that were installed just last year are in excellent shape, save just before the great hall door. With the weather, salt, and traffic, not even stainless steel could last a semester. The idea is to cut from the floors a 5' x 5' section and reinforce a tiled floor that contains an Alpha Delta Phi crest.

This would not only preserve the floor, but it would improve its appearance. Appropriate skilled labor has been consulted, and estimates have been obtained.

We have also consulted a carpenter in hopes that we find support to convert the old coal storage room in the basement into a functioning wine cellar. The carpenter felt that a wine cellar could be built that could store enough wine to meet the needs of the chapter. One idea is to begin a tradition: When the pledges are initiated, they will donate two cases of wine to the cellar. One case will age one semester to be enjoyed during their own initiation, and the other will age for 10, 15, 30-plus years for a reunion later in life to celebrate their success and enduring friendships.

Both of these projects will need support from Bricks and Mortar and/or alumni if they are to be realized. The actives will keep you posted as progress with these projects continues.

Alpha Delt remains the house in top demand for rentals, and we receive between \$800 and \$1,200 for evening rentals of sorority, fraternity, and university functions.

I sincerely hope you will be able to visit the active chapter. Your suggestions and company are always most warmly appreciated.

William H. Marsh '95  
House Manager

## OUR ALPHA DELTA PHI ALUMNI WRITE TO US FROM NEAR AND FAR

About the passing of LAURI WALSH '61, RICHARD F. PIETSCH '26 writes, "What a lovable dynamo! He'll be missed every day, every week." Dick also sends congratulations to the new initiates. "I have not been to an initiation ceremony since my son, Rick, was taken in the Williams Chapter (now gone) about 1959. I trust we continue with an impressive, meaningful ceremony—no hazing or rough stuff." For the past two and a half years, Dick has lived at an attractive new retirement home. "It suits me fine. We have a great family feeling here. This is our last home; we won't have to move again. I am reasonably well. Arthritis has me clumping around with a cane (and that has added some pounds), but from the waist up, I do right well." Send best wishes to Dick at 250 Pantops Mountain Rd., Apt. 312, Charlottesville, VA 22901.

Real estate developer LLOYD B. LOVITT JR. '34 laments LAURI WALSH's ('61) passing: "It will take half a dozen dedicated Alpha Delt workers to replace him." Lloyd recently spent five weeks in Barbados and Jamaica. He keeps in touch with ALEX DANN JR. '45 and wonders how CARLTON HUTCHINS JR. '34 (1540 E. Trenton, #39, Orange, CA 92667) is doing. Drop Lloyd a line at 7500 Miniosa Rd., Germantown, TN 38138.

"I sold my business, Peoria Union Stock Yards Company, late in 1992," writes HARRY W. EMBRY JR. '43 (4400 Kinloch Rd., Louisville, KY 40207). He retired on January 1 this year. His wife died in March 1989, and when he wrote us, he was planning to remarry in April.

RAYMOND E. TUTTLE JR. '48 receives correspondence at 65 Oyster Reef Dr., Hilton Head, SC 29928.

Write ROBERT J. ENTENMAN '50 at 82 Church St., Hudson, OH 44236.

Several years back JAMES A. THATCHER '56 abandoned the corporate life to start his own business. "The company consults with research and development organizations and new ventures, mainly in the chemical industry." For further details, contact James at 1504 Linden Way, King of Prussia, PA 19406.

DAVID W. COOK '59 resides at 6 Studio Place, Colorado Springs, CO 80904.

Keep in touch with JOHN M. BEEMAN '63 at Citibank NA, KPO Box 749, Seoul 110, SOUTH KOREA.

DONALD A. BOOTH JR. '66 is also out of the country and will be for a couple of years. We'll pass along an address when we receive it.

Pens JOHN F. JOLIS '67, "I'm still in the (rough) diamond business, working for a South African mining company and living in Antwerp, Belgium (Oudstrijderslei 16, Brasschaat BELGIUM 2930). In the last year I've found myself traveling to and trying to do business in Russia." Jack congratulates the "fine new pledges."

Drop a line to E. DANIEL BORS JR. '68 at 25 Morning Glory, Irvine, CA 92715.

To get in touch with MICHAEL A. STRONG '68, write him c/o Ruth P. Dixon, 10450 Lottsford Rd., #2217, Mitchellville, MD 20721.

Attorney STEVEN A. LEVY '71 has been commuting between the U.S. and Russia. "I was recently notified of a grant award by the U.S. government to fund major study of the Russian national phone  
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# The Active Chapter Embarks On A New Era Of Leadership

With the tragic death of G. Lauriston Walsh Jr. '61 this last January, the house has entered a new era of leadership, primarily by the active chapter. When Lauri was the chapter advisor, many of the duties of the officers of the active chapter were accomplished by Lauri himself. In fact, Lauri practically ran the entire day-to-day operations of the house single-handedly. However, upon returning from break this January, the officers quickly realized the responsibilities placed on their shoulders that officers in the recent past had not encountered. Therefore, this semester has been a great one of realization and learning.

The real impact that Lauri's unexpected death had upon the active chapter of the Alpha Delt at Cornell was not fully comprehended until we attended the board meeting of the alumni association in New York City this past January. We were both extremely pleased with the multitudinous offers of assistance made by the alumni present at the meeting and equally overwhelmed by the amount of latent chaos that stared us in the face. With great assistance from the active chapter, we have been able to turn this potentially disastrous situation into a semester in which great strides have been made.

Adding to our troubles, the Cornell Greek community has recently been hit with a new wave of anti-Greek sentiment. This was exemplified by the university's unfounded allegations that resulted in a social probationary period last spring. In the ensuing deliberations with the university's administration, brother John S. Dyson '65 and the late brother G. Lauriston Walsh Jr. '61, in conjunction with the efforts of brothers David L. Wiseman '92 and Gavin H. Davis II '91, proved the university's accusations to be tainted, and a lessened penalty was handed down. This rekindled anti-Greek sentiment caused the number of rushees campus-wide to dwindle by over 50 percent. To deal with problems such as these, we have kept in close contact with university officials, and, therefore, we have managed to remain one of the strongest houses on the hill.

In that same strain, the ongoing of the house have remained in good standing. The house is at full capacity, the physical structure

has been kept up, and constant renovations, compliments of the alumni's cooperative efforts, have accentuated the beauty of 777 Stewart Avenue. Some of the most recent renovations have included a new boiler system, tiles for the second-floor hallways, and new wood floors on the first floor of the house. Many other capital improvements are in the planning stages at this time.

While improvements upon the physical structure of the house are constantly occurring, so are improvements on the inner-workings of the house. W. James Hamilton '94 is currently serving his second consecutive term as literary chairman. He has already put together extremely successful programs, including a faculty reception, a scholar-in-residence, and multiple presentations both by faculty, active brothers, and pledges; and he is also continuing an attempt to arrange an Alpha Delt sponsored political debate to be held at Bailey Hall. Our social program has thrived over the last few years, most recently under the supervision of Greame B. Samuels '95. Our calendar has been full with events, including many non-alcoholic functions. We have had many excellent parties, mixers with sororities, formals, date nights, and one all-brother retreat so far this year. Finally, newly elected Rush Chairman John D. Anderson '95 has plans to adjust the rush program toward the current trends at Cornell. He is very enthusiastic about this coming year and intends to put together a program encompassing all facets of the Alpha Delta Phi.

We feel that the house has come together as a whole in order to overcome the dilemmas that recently faced us, and we also feel that this brotherhood will be a powerful leader for years to come. We are confident that Alpha Delt will remain an exemplary organization at Cornell, as it has been for 124 years thus far.

Rand C. Hopkins '93

President

Thomas E. Goldstone '94

Vice President

## It's All Greek To Cornell

Recently, certain factions within the university's administration have been attempting to radically alter its housing programs in what could be construed as a masked attempt to subvert Greek life. Principally, Larry I. Palmer and others have been attempting to imbue Cornell with a residential college system like those employed by Yale, Princeton, and Harvard. This proposal, though temporarily struck down, still threatens to mortally wound Greek life by requiring students to live in university housing through their sophomore year, cutting by a third the Greek experience.

Minding that approximately 80 percent of alumni donations come from Greeks, it seems that Mr. Palmer is not only targeting fraternities and sororities, but also, and perhaps unwittingly, Cornell University. His intentions of unifying a very disparate student body are admirable, but why subvert a venerable system that is a proven source of revenue? Why close off the Greek gold mine? Cornell is not a Yale, Princeton, or Harvard and need not copycat their styles. The current housing system is as eclectic as the student body. Will homogenizing housing bring students closer together, or will they, as at most other colleges, associate by choice regardless of where they live? And are the financial risks involved with changing the system worthy of this experiment?

The actives have nothing but sharp wits and words to fight future attempts at installing a residential college system. But alumni can speak with their pocketbooks. Next time you write a check for dear old Cornell, please let them know how happy and generous a healthy Greek system makes you feel, because every grand scheme is ultimately tethered by purse strings.

James Harberson '95

## ACEF Holiday Faculty Reception Dispels Myths About Greeks

We are sure that you'll be glad to hear that the literary program is alive and well at Alpha Delta Phi. In addition to being graced with the occasional presence of faculty at protocol dinners, we have had outstanding literary presentations by both brothers and pledges. Some of the most notable literaries discussed such topics as Dinesh D'Souza's book *Illiberal Education*, the life of John Russel Pope, and the field of entomology.

Perhaps the highlight of the literary program this year has been the ACEF holiday faculty reception. Thanks to the very generous donation of John S. Dyson '65, our chapter was able to continue this longstanding tradition. More than 30 faculty attended the event, most notably Dr. Larry Palmer, vice president for academic programs and campus affairs, and Dr. John Ford, dean of students. The reception was a tremendous success, and we are positive that it helped to dispel many myths about the Greek system.

We would also like to thank the board of the ACEF for its kind donation to the literary program of the Alpha Delta Phi. The ACEF allotted funds to be used to purchase a slide projector and a screen that will certainly further enhance our literary presentations.

As for the future, we have been strongly considering the purchase of a video library, similar to one at the University of Rochester (see *XAIPE*, winter 1993). We believe that a library of video classics will enhance our literary program and will keep the tradition strong well into the future. Xaire.

W. James Hamilton '94

Literary Chairman



## Undergraduates Amend Bylaws To Expand Rush Office

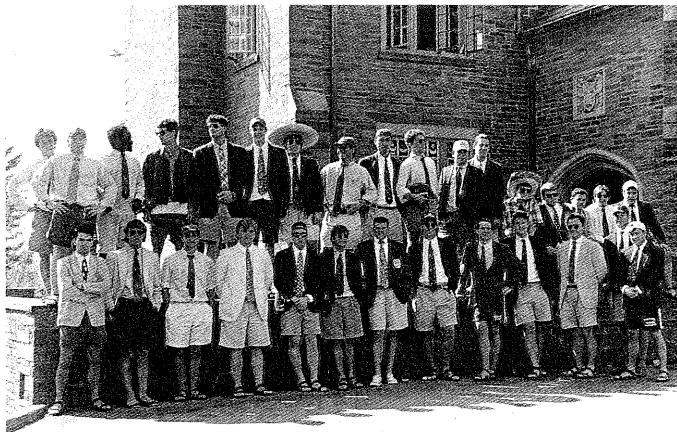
The active chapter has chosen to amend the bylaws regarding rush, opting to expand the office for more organized and intensified implementation of its duties. Specifically, this amendment deals with the election of rush officers. In the past it had been customary to elect a rush chairman and an assistant for him. However, as formal rush numbers go down and the process becomes more competitive with other houses, it is clear that our rush program needs to be more comprehensive.

This has prompted the actives to amend the bylaws so that we will have a rush assistant exclusively for fall rushing in addition to the already existing offices. This will ensure that we have a brother devoting his time to keeping the fall prospects interested in the house. The fall post is dramatically more social and less organizational than the spring's. Analysis of past rush programs shows that though the fall program could certainly benefit from an active, organizational hand, its primary successes come from brother/potential rushee interaction. With that in mind, the most recent election went to a brother well acknowledged as a "BMOC" and a prominent figure in last winter's rush. Geoffrey C. Chick Jr. '96 is the new and pioneering fall rush figurehead. His social abilities are many and well proven.

Matthew A. Zaute '96, a new initiate, holds the winter position under Rush Chairman John Anderson '95. Zaute's dedication to the house during and after the pledge period is exemplary, and he was voted in over many older brothers. This new arrangement will, we hope, offer brother Zaute a chance to demonstrate his dedication and to cut his teeth in the rush process, which will perhaps groom him to be rush chairman someday.

We feel that this newer demarcation of responsibility will help the house take a more dominant role in rush. Despite the seeming whimsy involved in such an intense yet short process, general sentiment concludes that rushees need to have many of their decisions made for them. These new measures will help us overwhelm their time and help us mold their decisions more. Most often, we lose rushees in cross-rush because our process fails to compromise the time they spend at other houses. These new measures will, in both fall and spring, help us to ease the befuddlement of desirable prospects and convince them that the Alpha Delta Phi is their most outstanding choice.

Xaire,  
Joseph Welch '94  
James Harberson '95



*The Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell.*

## Actives And Alumni Join To Initiate 16 Pledges

Recently, actives and alumni joined together to initiate 16 strong pledges. Throughout the pledging period, the group developed pride and respect for the traditions and ideals of the Alpha Delta Phi. They were led by me, Pledgemaster Jason Conway '93, and pledge captains Andrew Warren '96 and Matthew Zaute '96. The pledges also showed a great deal of initiative beyond learning their information. They did an outstanding job maintaining the appearance of the house and made structural improvements to the third floor as part of their pledge project. Together with Vice President Thomas Goldstone '94, the pledges participated in a phonathon for Cornell and raised over \$30,000.

The pledges have brought as much to the house as individuals as they have as a group. Andrew Warren is a famous collector of rare butterflies who has been published in many scientific journals. Lizwe Beck '96, a black belt in karate, has spent his life traveling the world and now resides in Cologne, Germany. Their individual contributions to the diversity of the house are indicative of the profound contributions of the entire class.

Finally, all the neophytes were initiated on Saturday, April 17. The attendance by both recent and older alumni was impressive. A good time was had by most during the ceremonies, and we encourage alumni to plan an excursion to Ithaca for next spring.

Jason Conway '93

## A Comrade In Arms: International Scholar Hails From The Ukraine

Who lives in Alpha Delta Phi? Well, we have 39 brothers and one comrade. Unthinkable only five years ago, we are blessed to have Alexander Ponomarenko as our international scholar, sponsored by the Adelpic Cornell Educational Fund. This former senior sergeant in the Soviet Army has greatly increased our knowledge of Russia and the Ukraine, and we are very pleased to have him here.

Alex's journey to the United States began over two years ago. Eager to come to the States, he joined the Unification Church of the Reverend Moon, not realizing they intended to brainwash him. Upon his trying to leave the church, they ripped a page from his passport, which forced him to return to the Ukraine.

Alex was not discouraged. He managed to raise enough money to return to the United States (during the coup in the former Soviet Union, no less) and attend a community college in Connecticut. After being admitted to Cornell, Alex was faced with the impossible challenge of raising \$25,000 in just 45 days. By issuing educational bonds, he was able to achieve his ultimate dream...to attend an Ivy League university. Alex enjoys Cornell and hopes to return next year to complete his schooling, but he must once again raise a large sum of money before the fall.

As for future plans, Alex would like to enter the job market as an investment banker on Wall Street. He plans to work this summer as an intern. We have enjoyed Alex's presence in our house and look forward to having many more international scholars living with us in the future.

James Hamilton '94

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# The Alpha Delta Phi Wages War On Barnes Hall

*News of the Alpha Delta probation spangled The Cornell Daily Sun during the spring of 1992. Opinions were even shared by prominent faculty members who would have otherwise been disinterested in the affairs of Greek life. Professor Ted Lowi, renowned mentor of government 111, lent his opinion by saying, "Not even the Senate could get around that bill...a Cornell fraternity could...but not the Senate." Most thought of the entire affair as CU trustees throwing around their weight for the benefit of a single fraternity. With the expert dedication of David L. Wiseman '92, the ordeal proved to be not only a victory for the Alpha Delta Phi, but a victory for the entire Greek community at Cornell. The following is compiled from an interview with Dave and his thoughts on this very educational experience.*

For many years Greek undergrads and Greek alumni have viewed the administration as anti-Greek. For many years the administration has denied this charge despite its enforcement of disciplinary policies that target only Greeks. Until the disciplinary case of the Alpha Delta Phi, no Greek organization has been able to document the punitive and unjustifiable methods used by the administration to regulate the nation's third-largest Greek system.

The AD Phi case showed the trustees that the administration could not be trusted to support the Greek system on its own. As a result, the trustees responded with policy changes that forced the administration to support Greek life. Although the trustees publicly claimed that the AD Phi case was of a particular nature, it is obvious that the major pro-Greek policy changes made by the trustees are a direct result of the issues raised by the chapter's appeal. These changes did not come out of the blue; AD Phi won a major victory at the trustee level by doing nothing more than exposing the bush-league tactics the administration uses when it regulates fraternities and sororities. The Greek system won three major victories at the January board of trustees in New York City.

First, the administration and the trustees officially recognized that university alcohol policy must be "equally and fairly applied." Put simply, this means that the Greek system will not be singled out for special discriminatory policies that only apply to members of Greek organizations.

Second, Vice President Larry Palmer was ordered to revamp "existing procedures for the consideration of alleged violations of the university alcohol policies, rules, and procedures relating to alcohol." Specifically, these changes are expected to include a system that is designed to allow the levying of sanctions only when violations of university policy are proven, not when allegations are supported by uncorroborated testimony alone.

Third, the trustees "reaffirmed the university's historic support of

fraternal organizations." Although this seems to be the same doubletalk the administration has been feeding Greek alumni for years, the trustees stated five new principles to which the administration is expected to adhere. These principles are revolutionary to the preservation of the Greek system. They are as follows:

1. Cornell welcomes fraternities and sororities as an integral part of undergraduate life.
2. Each fraternity and sorority is an independent, legal entity responsible for its own actions.
3. Cornell is committed to improving the quality of life in the fraternal residences with guidance and support for appropriate social policies, educational programs such as faculty in residence, and leadership training for alumni groups.
4. Cornell recognizes that many privately owned fraternal residences need extensive repairs. Cornell will provide support and training for concerned alumni who wish to be involved in fundraising for these renovation projects.
5. Cornell has an obligation to keep university-owned fraternal residences in good repair.

These pro-Greek policy moves were the price that Day Hall had to pay to save face on its handling of the allegations brought against AD Phi. For the first time, Cornell is acknowledging that the Greek system is a valuable part of undergrad life. For the first time, the administration has been ordered to help alumni groups to support the Greek system and improve conditions in fraternities. For the first time, the administration has been told that it can no longer just tolerate the Greek system, but that it must actively support the system. All these firsts came about through AD Phi's efforts.

The changes the trustees passed are beyond what the chapter realistically expected; however, they are still short of where the university should be. When about 80 percent of donations and almost all major gifts to Cornell are given by Greek alumni, the administration should be actively supporting rather than discriminating against the Greek alternative at Cornell.

The Alpha Delta Phi received coverage in local as well as national media concerning this issue. When all was said and done, we had earned 39 articles from *The Cornell Daily Sun*, *The Cornell Review*, *The Syracuse Post Standard*, as well as two from *The New York Times*. The dates on *The New York Times* articles were January 19, 1992, and January 29, 1992. Two satirical political cartoons also appeared in the *Sun*.

David Wiseman '92  
Joseph Welch '94

## Victory Club '93 Enjoys Success

This year's primary philanthropic event, the biannual victory club charity ball, was again a success. The actives donned black ties and transformed the house into a legal casino for a night on May 1. The charities that benefited from the event were Campfire and literacy education in Tompkins County.

Yaniv Blumenfeld '95 and Logan Smith '93 spearheaded the benefit with keen organizational skills. They worked hand in hand with local businesses throughout the semester to ensure that the event would go smoothly. Although they both agreed that more advertising funds were needed for the community night, the entire affair did indeed meet their expectations.

The Johnny Russo Band, a dance club, a blues band, Cornell's finest a cappella groups, and, of course, legal gambling were the highlights of the evening. It was well attended, with close to 250 couples enjoying legalized vices into the late hours of the night. The actives as well as the Cornell community eagerly await next year's victory club.

Daniel Peirce '92  
Joseph Welch '94

### Active Chapter Officers For Fall 1993

President .....	Daniel H. Peirce '92
Vice President .....	William H. Marsh '95
Xathar .....	J. Brian Gerich '96
Treasurer .....	Mark J. Beardi '94
House Manager .....	Salvatore M. Parlato '96
Social .....	Michael T. Greeby '95
Assistant Social .....	Renato Rotondo Jr. '96
Rush .....	John D. Anderson '95
Assistant Rush .....	Matthew A. Zaute '96
Fall Rush .....	Geoffrey C. Chick Jr. '96
Steward .....	Marc H. Levin '95
Assistant Steward .....	Mark J. Keiser '96
Alumni Relations .....	W. James Hamilton '94
Literary Chairman .....	Gregory T. Jeffers '96
Historian .....	D. J. Marchalonis Jr. '96
Games Chairman .....	Patrick S. Schultz '95

# MORE ALPHA DELTA PHI ALUMNI WRITE TO US

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network. I will be heading the project team, which includes specialists from EDS, Inc. My wife left the Bush administration and has her own consulting company. Her first project is to organize a series of benefit concerts by the Beach Boys in Russia and the Ukraine." Write Steven at 3002 Holly St., Edgewater, MD 21037.

"I have no doubt I will never get to the AD Phi in Ithaca ever again," writes WILLIAM J. MACKEY '71, "although I'd like to soon. We are absolutely 'socked in' here in central Arizona. Travel is prodigious. I keep thinking about getting to Cornell, but the connections from here stink. We had such a flood this season it was like the biblical flood. Also, it's great here. If you are thinking of coming out west, try Arizona first; forget California. There's gold, oil, minerals, uranium, game (and anything else) out here...great for Alpha Deltas!" Bill's address is 8750 E. McDowell Rd., #107, Scottsdale, AZ 85257.

A very happy resident of Hilton Head, JAMES A. VAUGHN III '72 writes that life for him, his wife, and their son could not be better. "Hilton Head is a terrific place to live and an even better vacation spot. Alpha Deltas are always welcome, and I would love to hear from any who pass through (24 Townhouse Tennis III, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928)." Jim sends warm greetings to BILL KIES '71 and ED THOMPSON '71.

The executive vice president of Gallop & Gallop Advertising, THOMAS M. ROTHFELS '76 boasts that he had a baby girl, Lana Emily, born February 15, 1993. He also has a son, Tyler Mark, who is two. Tom spent New Year's with MARK KENNEDY '79 and CHRIS BOAK '79, and he sees JOHN BRUCKEL '78 regularly. Tom welcomes visitors at 74 Balsam Ave., Toronto, Ontario, M4E 3B7 CANADA.

Write CARLO W. TANZI '78 at 259 Country Club Rd., New Canaan, CT 06840.

This past fall CONRAD M. WANGEMAN '79 passed along a change of address: General Manager, San Francisco Airport Hilton, P.O. Box 8355, San Francisco, CA 94128.

"Greetings to Alpha Delt," writes JEFFREY P. WEISS '79 (Federal Hill, Box 202, Millwood, VA 22646). Jeff keeps in touch with several brothers, including ART LOOMIS '77 and CONRAD WANGEMAN '79.

Writer and producer for New York Promotion Design, STEVE J. ROTTERDAM '80 notes that he is at work on his first screenplay. He hears from DAVE HAHN '80 frequently, CHRIS BOAK '79 less frequently, and DAVE DURFEE JR. '80 even less frequently. Write him at 299 Riverside Dr., #2B, New York, NY 10025.

Reach BENJAMIN C. FRICK '82 at 335 Radnor Chester Rd., Villanova, PA 19085-1307.

Drop a line to BARRY A. N. BLOOM '86 at 6413 Conroy Rd., #1415, Orlando, FL 32811.

A pilot with USAir, JOHN V. BURDICK '86 resides at 705 Blaine Court, #1508, Schaumburg, IL 60173.

"I bought a house and became a suburbanite of DC," reports SCOTT M. ARMSTRONG '87, "still 'inside' the beltway, mind you (518 S. Spring, Falls Church, VA 22046)." He and FRANK MacAULAY '86 have started their masters' degrees. "So far we both are straight A's—not like Cornell!" He also notes that his wife is due

with a child in late August.

Get in touch with ERIC G. HOERTDOERFER '88 at 2601 Gates Ave., #B, Redondo Beach, CA 90278.

KENNETH S. HIMMEL '90 reports an address of 435 E. 30th St., #1002, New York, NY 10016.

When he wrote, STEVEN C. PEEBLES '90 was looking forward to his wedding to Alaina Robson in June. "We met in Washington, DC, and have since moved back to Cincinnati." MARK FASCIANO '90 was to be one of the groomsmen. This fall Steve will be starting a master's program in health administration at Xavier University. He has even more news: He bought his first house, and he received his second big promotion with Choice Care, "the largest managed healthcare company in Cincinnati." Steve invites brothers to stop in at 8570 High Trail Court, Mason, OH 45040.

ANDREW L. REED '90 welcomes correspondence at 2186 California St., #31, San Francisco, CA 94115.

The president of Gardening Gators Lawn Service, PETER A. REISFELD '90 receives correspondence at 536 Bridgeton Rd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33326.

Contact SEAN E. WILLIAMS '90 at Toho Nezu Bldg., 401, Nezu 2-21-10, Bunkyo-Ku, Tokyo 113, JAPAN.

"Best regards to all the Alpha Deltas," pens PATRICK C. AYSEH '91 (117 Turtleback Rd., New Canaan, CT 06840). Patrick is enrolling in an MBA program. He keeps in touch with MIKE KIM '90, JEFF KIM '92, MIGUEL LONGO '91, and THWEN CHALOEMTIARANA '90. "For the rest of you—you know who you are—write and tell me where you are and what you are doing." He adds, "To Lauri Walsh, may you rest in peace."

This spring JASON A. SAUL '91 graduated from Harvard with a master's in public policy in international security. He is the editor-in-chief of the *Harvard Journal of World Affairs* ("and looking for people to join our executive board"). This fall he will be attending the University of Virginia Law, where he will study national security law. His address is 101 E. Bellevue, Chicago, IL 60611.

## DECEASED

We regret to report the death of the following alumni:

BENJAMIN B. ADAMS '37, March 5, 1992  
 WILLIAM B. ARNOLD '38, December 1991  
 CLIFFORD S. BAILEY '18, August 13, 1990  
 DOUGLAS K. BROWN JR. '36  
 CHARLES C. CARTER '22, February 23, 1992  
 WILLIAM D. CLENDENIN '61, March 19, 1992  
 JOHN E. DUSENBURY '48  
 JOHN C. EDDISON '42, January 22, 1993  
 MERTON F. GERHAUSER '39, May 25, 1992  
 WILLIAM W. KNIGHT JR. '38, February 19, 1993  
 J. WILLARD MARSHALL '34, June 16, 1990  
 RANSOM G. MILLER III '38, July 29, 1989  
 ROBERT L. SKILES '44, September 29, 1990  
 WILLIAM A. SPEERS '40, February 19, 1993  
 JOHN W. STEAD '39, May 10, 1991  
 G. LAURISTON WALSH JR. '61, January 10, 1993  
 PETER L. WASTROM '49, July 18, 1992  
 EDWIN P. YOUNG JR. '31