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Jim Easter Captains Polo Team; Plays Number One Position

Is Third Alpha Delt In Three Years On Varsity

Alpha Delts have been well represented on Cornell's polo team in recent years, and this year is no exception. Jim Easter '41 of Owings Mills, Md., came up from the junior varsity ranks to take over the number one spot and to become captain of the team.

Last year Mert Gerhauser '39 held down the number one position on the varsity; and two years ago both Mert and Bobby Young '39 were on the varsity team.

Jim Easter is a junior at Cornell enrolled in administrative engineering, and thus has another year for polo. He is manager of the frosh golf team and is advertising manager of the *Widow*.

Interesting note about the team is that, although not supported by the University, it engages in more games than any other team at Cornell.

Hooker Electrochemical Co. Moves to Niagara Falls

The Hooker Electrochemical Company, of which R. W. Hooker '21 is sales manager, moved its main offices last fall from New York City to Niagara Falls which necessitated moving the Hooker home to Lewiston, a Niagara Falls suburb.

"Woos" finds himself in the midst of a small, though faithfully-interested, group of Alpha Delts, and spent New Year's Eve with F. J. Tone, Jr. '24, Ansley Wilcox, II '21, Leonard V. Spanberg '20, and his brother Horace W. Hooker, Jr. '28, all neighbors. Horace (better known as "Hook") is also with the Hooker Electrochemical Company.

Return your Who's Who blank to the editor at the chapter house.

Captains Polo Team



CAPTAIN JIM EASTER '41 is carrying on the Alpha Delt representation in polo by leading the 1940 team from number one position.

Prof. M. C. Ernsberger, Rochester AD, Passes

While never an active member of the Cornell chapter, Millard Clayton Ernsberger of the Rochester chapter was known to many Cornellians as a professor of heat power engineering in Sibley College; and many will regret to know of his death which took place recently. He was 78.

He received his M. E. degree at Cornell in 1908 after having practiced law for four years. He became a professor of mechanical engineering at Rochester shortly afterwards, returning to Cornell in 1921 where he taught until his retirement in 1930 when he became professor emeritus.

Committee Reports 43 Men Contribute To Mortgage Drive

Chairman Urges Others To Join Growing List of Donors

"We are now well under way in our campaign to secure contributions toward reducing the mortgage on the house and grounds at Ithaca. *Jack Crawford '07* reports that as of February 27 we had received subscriptions from 43 men for a total of \$2,452.00.

"We urge that every alumnus consider promptly what he can give toward the cause at the present time, and to send his contribution along. We wish to keep the ball rolling vigorously, and we need your help. We must keep everlastingly at it if we are to succeed."

Signed:

Roger W. Hooker '21 Niagara Falls, N. Y. Chairman Leonard B. Colt '22 Providence, R. I. Vice-chairman

The above message comes directly from R. W. (Woos) Hooker in response to our invitation for a report in the Alpha Delt on the progress of the campaign.

May we assure you the resident chapter is deeply impressed by the loyal interest and industry on the part of our alumni. We can think of no finer tribute to the Fraternity than to point to the work of the men who are alumni of the Cornell chapter.

We hope very earnestly that the program for mortgage amortization is a successful one, not only for the welfare of future generations of Cornell Alpha Delts, but to justify the work of the men behind the program.

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Editor

News contributions and communications to the editor are solicited at all times. Direct corespondence to the editor, Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity, 777 Stewart Avenue, Ithaca, New York.

Re-decorated Alumni Suite Welcomes You to Visit Us

Any alumni who contemplate a visit to Cornell may be assured of a private suite at the house that is now even more home-like than ever since the recent "sprucing-up" it received through the interest and industry of Mrs. John P. Young, wife of John P. Young '94.

New chintz curtains have been hung, a new rug added, chairs have been re-covered; the bedroom has been enlivened with new curtains and bed covers. We think you would find the suite rather luxurious, and we hope many of you will visit us and make good use of the suite provided for you. It is on the first floor, just off the main hall.

Cornell Experiences Good Season for Winter Sports

During January, Cornell students had one of the best months for winter sports that has been known around Ithaca in a long time. The temperature was below freezing constantly except for one or two days; there was little snow on the campus, which permitted an abundance of skating; but there was ample snow on the several ski slopes near Ithaca.

The toboggan slide was operated constantly for over four weeks; whereas in recent years, several days of tobogganing for an entire winter had to suffice those interested. Skiing and skating are ever becoming more popular on the Hill, and the number of "experts" likewise increases. This year the Cornell Figure Skating Club made an excellent skating rink on the Sage tennis courts.

The Editor's Mailbox

Even At Her Age

To the Editor:

I enjoy talking over old times with Jack Taylor '28 and family who have moved here (Dallas, Texas) from Chicago. I would enjoy hearing from other men I know in the chapter. What is Denny Hall's address?

We have a four-year-old daughter named Joan; with her southern accent I believe she would get over big at an Alpha Delt houseparty even at her age. Please give Mrs. Cornell my warmest regards.

Munson McKinney '30
"Mac" is with Rauscher, Pierce & Company, dealers in municipal bonds, at 204 Magnolia Building, Dallas. We hadn't heard about Jack Taylor's transfer and would like to have particulars, including his address. Our latest address for Denny Hall '29 is Route 2, Gulfport, Miss.—Ed.

New A. D. Prospect

To the Editor:

Have a new Alpha Delt prospect born last summer—William Riddle Tone. I see Bob Storm '28 often—he has three boys. T. W. (Tom) Bright '26 is the leading golfer around these parts; he is working hard supplying canned goods to Great Britain from a very fine canning plant in Stamford, Ont. His address is Queenston, Ontario, Canada, in case you dont' have it.

F. J. Tone, Jr. '24
"Jerry" is sales manager of the
Carborundum Company and may be
addressed at 167 Buffalo Avenue,
Niagara Falls. William Riddle is
the third child. Frank Jerome, III
is 11, Mary Louise 9—Ed.

Sellery '32 in Columbus

R. T. Sellery '32, insurance adjuster for the Western Adjustment Company, has moved to Columbus, Ohio, from Cincinnati, and may be addressed at 2339 East Livingston Avenue. "R. T." is the father of Thomas Hills Sellery who celebrated his first birthday last December. He requested us to list the new Chicago address of William F. Miller '32; unfortunately, the only address we have for Miller is his old one of 405 Summer Street, Rockford, Ill.

What is Reunion Date?

To the Editor:

I am still holding down the job of assistant district manager of Federal buildings on the Pacific Coast. We have seven states in the district with a total of more than 300 government buildings to operate and repair, and about 80 new ones coming along.

Saw Al Peters '10 and his charming wife at Hood River, Oregon, last fall. Al very kindly showed me through his apple plant. They certainly know how to grow, sort. pack, sell and ship the best of apples.

Will someone please tell me what time during the month of June the reunions take place this year? I am making plans and am going to use all efforts to get there.

Thos. H. Farrington '10 Brother Tom's 30th class reunion is scheduled for the June 13 to 16. We hope his plans to come will inspire other men of that class to attend also. We address him at 232 Federal Office Building, San Francisco—Ed.

The Brightest Spot

To the Editor:

Mrs. Gallagher, my children Mercedes 21 and DeWitt, Jr. 18, and I returned recently from a year's sojourn in Califorma, the brightest spot of which is Sacramento Valley where M. C. C. van Loben Sels '04 lives and entertains.

DeWitt Gallagher '05
We haven't heard from Brother
van Loben Sels in a long time and
wonder whether or not our address
for him is correct—Courtland, Sacramento County, Galif. Brother
Gallagher is back in the harness in
his insurance business at Capitol
Street, Charleston, W. Va.—Ed.

New Farming Frontier

To the Editor:

My youngest daughter is preparing for Vassar.

My specialty as a farmer is detailed in my book *Nut Growing* which includes the idea of a new frontier in agriculture, two feet or more underground, i. e., crops from trees as explained at great length in

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Junior Week Party Held in Conjunction With K. A., Chi Psi

Orchestras of Glen Gray, Jan Savitt, Play For the Prom

The resident chapter recently enjoyed a three-way houseparty during Junior Week which included dances with Chi Psi and Kappa Alpha. We regretted the inability of W. F. (Pete) Peterson '11 to attend as a chaperone, but business interfered.

However, Mrs. Peterson was present, and was assisted by Mr. and Mrs. John H. Sturgis, relatives of Jon Bullard '42. Details of the party were handled very capably by social chairman Bill Robinson '41.

Ice Carnival is Success

Since the annual ice carnivals are often hit-or-miss affairs, we think it worth mentioning that the show this year was a credit to Cornell. Held on Beebe Lake before some 3,500 people, the carnival presented five Canadian skating stars including a clever juggler, and the women's open champion.

The Cornell Figure Skating Club also took part with several group numbers. The customary Junior Week inclement weather held off just long enough for the Carnival on Thursday night, February 8, but was consistent for the remainder of the weekend.

Dance Held at Kap House

The Thursday night dance held at the Kappa Alpha Lodge was of the hillbilly theme. The prom in Barton Hall (formerly Drill Hall) featured the bands of Glen Gray and Jan Savitt who played midst a clever setting which carried out the theme of "Satan Takes a Holiday." There were "ladies of Hades," devils, and "bats out of Hell." From two fiery pits on the dance floor came streamers of flame.

Saturday afternoon was a tea dance, and the party wound up at the Alpha Delt house Saturday night with the final formal dance.

Howard '83 Changes Address

William E. Howard '83, retired, has asked us to change his address to Box 704 Grand Central Post Office Station, New York City.

Donors to Current Financial Program

The following list contains the names of those men who had contributed to the financial campaign up to February 27, 1940, for a total of \$2,452.00. If your name is not on the list we hope we may have the pleasure of adding it in the next issue of the *Delt*.

A. S. Olmstead '79 George Shiras, III '81 R. L. Gifford '90 Maurice Hoopes '91 Charles Russell '91 John Southworth '92 P. H. Deming '94 J. P. Young '94 J. R. Ammon '98 C. K. Conrad '98 E. P. Smith 'oo M. T. Halliday '06 Alva Bradley '07 W. J. Crawford, Jr. '07 D. P. Eells '07 W. H. Tappan '12 R. G. Miller, Jr. '13 Donald Alexander '14 H. H. Micou '15 C. F. Clark '16 Hugh Millard '16 R. G. Miller, II '38

Alden Sherry '16 C. S. Bailey '18 R. W. Hooker '21 Ansley Wilcox, Il '21 L. B. Colt '22 P. K. Rice '25 Seward Baldwin '28 B. P. Gale '29 J. E. Rice, Jr. '30 Birny Mason, Ji. '31 A. R. Graff '32 J. V. B. Rice '32 G. D. Beck '34 C. M. Reppert, Jr. '34 M. A. Bradley '35 H. W. Lowe '35 W. J. Crawford, III '36 J. V. Owens '36 Reinald Werrenrath '36 J. B. Perkins, II '37 E. D. Wattles '37

Wheeler Is Among Victims Of Student Council Hoax

Among the several hoaxes already pulled on campus this year was one at the expense of the Student Council, of which *Larry Wheeler '40* is a member.

Some weeks ago all Council members received invitations on official-looking stationery to a surprise birthday party for Cornell's President Day, and were signed Mrs. Edmund E. Day. Council members were to keep the secret, and were to enter the President's house in a body, and through the rear door.

At the designated hour the "honored" Council tip-toed to the rear door, shushed the maid who opened the door, crept through the house to the main living room and burst in upon the bewildered Mrs. Day.

The wind slowly escaped from inflated chests as Mrs. Day patiently explained that no invitations had been sent out from the Day household, that President Day's birthday was some weeks passed, and that the President wasn't even at home! Mrs. Day proffered her best hospitality for a little while; the members left their gift, then departed seeking the culprits and revenge.

Henry C. Charpiot '86, Retired Jurist, Dies

The death of *Henry Charles Charpiot '86*, retired international jurist, took place November 21, 19-39, in San Francisco, Calif. He was 76.

He had been a lecturer on law at the University of Colorado, professor of law at the University of Denver, consular agent of France at Denver, Colo.

He was president of the law-examination board of the Supreme Court for admittance to the Bar, and an international lawyer with Morgan Harjas & Company, Paris, France. At Cornell he was crew commodore, member of Bench and Board, and Mermaid.

McNamara With Phelps Dodge

Bob J. (Bibber) McNamara '27, who has been with the Fidelity & Casualty Company in the insurance business, is with the Phelps Dodge Copper Products Company at 40 Wall Street, New York City. The Bibber is still single, is definitely not behaving himself, and would be glad to hear from Alpha Delt friends.

Hobbies of McCarroll '95 Bring Him Much Enjoyment

We have picked up some items about the activities of Joseph A. McCarroll '95 which reveal his life to be an interesting one. His chief profession is architecture, conducting a private practice, but other interests now take up much of his

An amateur astronomer of some note, he has constructed two telescopes using six and nine inch mirrors respectively, pictures of which appeared some years ago in the Scientific American, accompanied by "Joe's" articles on telescope making.

More recently, he was official astronomer at Radio City in New York during 1938. And he is a pastpresident of the Amateur Astronomers Association of Bergen County, N. J. Another interesting side of his life is a touch of journalism. Readers of the Bergen Evening Record find enjoyable reading on Saturday nights in his weekly column entitled "Around the House."

An active member of the Hackensack Unitarian Church where he is a member of the board of trustees, he is also a water colorist of some note in his locality. Married to Elva Jeannette Hill, he lives at 521 Palisade Avenue, Teaneck, N. J.

Drill Hall is Re-named Honoring Former Professor

Known as the Drill Hall for more than 20 years, the R. O. T. C. "hangar" at Cornell, located due east of Sage College, was officially re-named Barton Hall in January in memory of Col. Frank A. Bar-

Colonel Barton was a former professor of military science and tactics at Cornell until his death in 1921. He was graduated from Cornell in 1891, and was a member of Delta Upsilon.

Although Barton Hall is not the largest R. O. T. C. headquarters in collegiate circles, it has one of the largest wooden floors in the world. The main floor will easily accomodate three basketball games, two tennis matches, several badminton games, and storage space for considerable military equipment, and still have ample room left over for spectators.

Alpha Delt Alumni Items

With Brokerage Company

Edgar Z. Wallower '07, who attended Cornell two years after receiving his bachelor's degree from Princeton, is an investment broker with Rutter & Company, 20 Exchange Place, New York City. He is also a director of the Hbg. Steel Corporation, the Differential Wheel Corporation, and the Evans Wallower Zinc Corporation. He married Helen R. Calder (Bryn Mawr) in 1912, has two children-Richard 19, Eileen 17. An uncle of Frank C. Wallower, Jr. '31, he lives at Sunnyridge.

Court Barber Marries **During Holidays**

Alpha Delt friends of Courtenay Barber, Jr. '28 will be interested to know he joined the ranks of the marital brothers on December 28, 1939, when he married Miss Ann M. Watson of Edgartown, Mass., and New York City.

Court attended Cornell three years enrolled in mechanical engineering, and was treasurer of the chapter. He has since joined the staff of the Equitable Assurance Society at 120 So. La Salle Street, Chicago, where he is a life underwriter.

Among his activities in Chicago is the Chicago Athletic Association. He and his bride have taken residence at 5805 Dorchester Avenue, Chicago.

Editor's Mailbox

(Continued from Page Two) Russel Smith's World Farm Resources.

Prof. C. S. Sargent of Harvard claims this to be of more value to the world than anything done in my profession, to which I did not agree, but to which Dr. L. H. Bailey of Ithaca did.

Robert Tuttle Morris '80 We hope we have correctly in-

terpreted Doctor Morris' penmanship. A retired surgeon, he does farm experimental work in Connecticut where he may be addressed at Box 554, Stamford—Ed.

Murfey in New Partnership

The old organization of Murfey, Blossom & Company has been succeeded by a new partnership known as Murfey & Company of which Latham W. Murfey '14 is a general partner. Memberships are held by the company in the New York and Cleveland stock exchanges. We address Brother Murfey at 901 Guardian Building, Cleveland.

Rockwell '38 Has New Job

William S. (Rock) Rockwell '38, one of the "nine old men of '38", has foresaken the state of Iowa for an engineering position with the Public Service Electric & Gas Company in the North Hudson Division, West New York, N. J. His residence address is 68 Liberty Place, Weehawken, N. J. This move brings him much closer to his Scarsdale home.

Millard '18 Has Daughter

Joseph H. Millard '18, who married Miss Theresa Walter of Sheridan, Montana, in 1937, has a daughter, Karen, born in Oakland, California, and who celebrates her first birthday March 20 of this year. Millard is in the mining business at the Kearsarge Mine, Virginia City, Montana.

Lawrence '12 in Florida

Harry J. Lawrence, Jr. '12, who sends his correct mailing address as The Vermont, Byrn Mawr, Pa., motored to Florida late in January for a brief sojourn. He sent high praise for the alumni booklet and for the work of R. W. Hooker '21.

Manager of Mining Company

Joseph Pursglove, Jr. '30 is general manager of the Pursglove Coal Mining Company of Pursglove, W. Va. Married, he has one son, David 4. He plans to attend his 10th reunion in June accompanied by Fred A. Pease '30. By the way, we are seeking Fred's correct address.

Bradley's Son Engaged

The engagement of Alva Bradley, II, son of Alva Bradley '07, to Miss Josephine Adela Wren of Cleveland was announced recently. Mr. Bradley attended the Choate School,