

# THE ALPHA DELT

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## Many Alumni To Celebrate Class Reunions June 14 Weekend

### Rush-Rule Changes Make Problem Greater

#### Need for Summer Rushing Is Greater than Ever

While there is no question in our minds that fraternity rushing is always a major project for the chapter, the project this year may easily be regarded as a major *problem* for two principal reasons.

First of all, as you realize, we need to pledge more men to fill gaps in our ranks because of calls to service and positions in defense industries. Coupled with this difficulty is a new set of rushing rules for the fall which tend to take some of the pressure off rushees, but make it more difficult for fraternities.

The chief change, as far as we are concerned, is that freshmen may not be pledged in person by a fraternity man. He may be offered a formal bid, on and after the second Tuesday night of school, but a rushee may pledge a house only by presenting his bid to Willard Straight desk and announcing his decision.

While this is excellent in theory, we have the feeling it may encourage freshmen to delay pledging (just as you might delay buying life insurance until someone kept after you to do it), and this seems to be a year when fraternities need help rather than hindrance to their rushing problem.

This is a long way 'round to ask you to be on the alert more than ever this year to dig up rushing prospects for the chapter, and to send in those names early in the summer so we may make many contacts during the summer months.

### "Chan" Young, New Secretary, Treated to Picnic at Cornell

The chapter had the pleasure of a visit from the travelling secretary of the Alpha Delta Phi—F. Chandler Young—from May 5 to May 11th. "Chan" is from the Wisconsin chapter, class of '40, and proved to be extremely popular with the chapter. We roped him in on a spring picnic, complete to a very charming date.

### Alumni to Vote on Change Of Corporation Meeting Date

On March 15, 1941, a special meeting of the Corporation was called and held in conjunction with the annual initiation of the chapter. This was so successful from a standpoint of attendance and freedom from other distracting interests that it was voted to conduct an Alpha Delt reunion each year at initiation time and hold the annual Corporation meeting the Saturday afternoon preceding the formal ceremonies.

As set forth in Article 9 of the Constitution, you are hereby notified that action will be taken on the motion, Saturday at 10:00 a. m., June 14, 1941, at the chapter house, to change Article 5, Section 1, to read: The regular meetings of this Corporation shall be held annually at Ithaca, N. Y., at the time of the annual chapter initiation at the chapter house.

A vote of three-fourths of the members present at the regular meeting is required to change the Constitution.

Signed, Paul K. Rice '25  
Sec'y. and Treas.

### Chapter Elects Cush Smith New President for '41-'42, Succeeding Pete Peterson '41

At a regular formal house meeting on April 14 the Cornell chapter elected officers for the year 1941-42. The new president is Frank Cushing Smith '42 of Wilmette, Ill., succeeding Pete Peterson '41. "Cush" is enrolled in chemical engineering which means he has two more years of study on the Hill.

Vice-president is John C. Eddison '42, a chemistry major, from Ardsley-on-Hudson. He succeeds Bill Robinson '41. Recording-secretary is Robert J. Woods '44, Ad Engineering, Pelham Manor, succeeding Julio Cadenas '43. Steward is Harry Embry '43, Arts & Sciences, Louisville, Ky., succeeding Will Herbert '42. And House-manager is James C. Totman '44, Arts, Baltimore, Md., succeeding Embry.

### Zeigler '42 New Track Captain

Just before going to press we learn that Ken Zeigler '42 of White Plains, N. Y., has been elected captain of track.

### All Invited to Attend Meeting of Corporation

#### At Chapter House, Saturday Morning at Ten O'Clock

A hearty welcome awaits all alumni returning for their class reunions this month. Festivities begin on Wednesday, June 11, and last over the weekend, climaxed by commencement on Monday, June 16. Classes with the biggest reunions planned are '81, '91, '01, '11, '16, '21, '26, '31, '36 and '39.

The chapter house is wide open to you and we hope many will take advantage of the rooming facilities. If you don't stay at the house be sure to visit and spend as much time as you can. Many are planning to attend the corporation meeting at the house Saturday morning, June 14, at 10 a. m., so be sure to include that on your schedule.

In addition to sitting in on the meeting and hearing a few reports, you will have the opportunity of meeting some Alpha Deltas you know, and some you may not know. Be assured the resident chapter extends you a hearty welcome for a visit. Although many will have left by that time, there will be a good number around, particularly the graduating seniors. Give the weekend another thought, pack your grip and come along. Ithaca looks mighty good this spring!

### Receives High Scientific Honor

Many alumni will be interested to know that Thomas Midgley, Jr., Cornell '11 and father of Tom Midgley, III, '36, is considered one of the nations greatest chemists and was recently awarded the Priestley Medal, highest honor of the American Chemical Society. Inventor of ethyl gasoline, he is vice-president of Ethyl Gasoline Corp. He was stricken six months ago with infantile paralysis, but is making progress in conquering the disease. Tom, III is with Pontiac Motor Car Co., lives at 938 Westwood Ave, Birmingham, Mich.

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**Never Tasted Better Chicken Than the Rice Brothers Serve**


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These Rice brothers know how to select a good night for the annual chicken fry at their farm. You may recall that each year, lately, they have entertained the undergraduate chapter at a spring outing at their farm near Trumansburg, and chicken is the main item on the menu.

May 26 was the date this year, and it was a perfect spring evening. The chapter turned out *en masse*, along with a group of guests which included Mrs. Franklin C. Cornell and her daughter Margie; Mrs. Louis Agassiz Fuertes; *Charles V. P. Young* '99 and Mrs. Young; *Fred Brown* '36 and Mrs. Brown.

*Paul, Jim* and *John* were the hosts assisted no end by their respective wives. The chapter is most appreciative of this annual event and looks forward to it with genuine pleasure.

From May 2 to 4 the chapter entertained 17 sub-freshmen guests who came to Cornell this spring for a preview of the campus and its activities before they matriculate next fall. A wide variety of entertainment was provided for the high school and prep school visitors.

Friday night the various engineering colleges put on a typical exhibition of work done in their various schools. On Saturday morning there were organized tours of the different colleges, and in the afternoon the visitors attended various athletic events on the Hill.

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**Named Director of Steel Company**


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*L. W. (Cupe) Franzheim* '17, vice-president and treasurer of Wheeling Steel Corp., Wheeling, W. Va., was recently elected a director of that company.

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**Editor's Mailbox**


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**Get Sellery off Our Necks**

To the Editor:

Will you kindly change my mailing address from Rockford, Ill., to 1415 Hudson Avenue, Chicago, Ill. I trust this will get *R. T. Sellery* '32 off your neck. I'll take care of that inquiring through your columns as to my address. I'll take care of that personally with him.

Have received much pleasure from *The Alpha Delt* since its inception. My news contribution for you is the announcement of the birth of a son to *Edward H. Rogers* '33 and wife on April 27. The son is named Edward H., Jr.

Wm. F. Miller '33

*Bill is a sales engineer for Dean Machinery Company of Chicago. He married Elizabeth Kelley in June of 1939, but hasn't done any cigar-passing in his own right as yet—Ed.*

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**Larry Smith with the Army**


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*L. H. (Larry) Smith* '40, who studied Hotel two years at Cornell, enlisted in the army last September and is with the 126th Field Artillery at Camp Livingston, Louisiana. He was formerly assistant manager of Hotel Pfister in Milwaukee, Wis.

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**New University Golf Course Is Challenge to Us Duffers**


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Cornell finally has its own golf course—a nine-hole layout just across Kline Road from the Country Club course, with the first tee close to the broadcasting towers of WHCU.

The course was designed by Robert T. Jones, Cornell '31, member of DKE, and was opened this spring. It is of championship calibre, one that calls for the use of nearly every club in the bag. Tees are long and adjustable which gives the course flexibility in length. Some 20 carloads of white sand provide many (too many!) traps, and the greens are well-guarded and rolling.

Membership is limited to students during regular session, and to students, faculty and administration during the summer. Fees are five dollars per term for students, \$15 for a summer membership. If this first nine proves successful, a second nine will be completed (if and when the funds are available.)

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**Spring Day Open-House Enjoyed by Chapter And Twenty-Three Guests**


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**Saturday Program Marred By Annual Rain; Ball Proves Successful**

Over the weekend of May 17 the chapter entertained 23 young women guests at our annual Spring Day open house. Celebration began Friday noon and extended until Sunday noon, and included the Navy Day Ball on Friday night for which Jimmy Dorsey and Charlie Spivak played.

Gay Nineties was the theme of the the weekend, but from the way things turned out on Saturday you might have thought it was "The Rains Came," or some similar title. The Spring Day parade of fraternity floats managed to proceed up the hill from downtown in the morning after a short delay, but some of the floats looked a little bedraggled.

The circus just nicely got underway about 11:00 a. m. when old Jupe really let go, and the grounds at Lower Alumni were quickly abandoned. A ball game with Yale in the afternoon was played through drizzle; and as if that wasn't bad enough, Yale won 8-6. Carnegie Cup crew races with Princeton, Yale and Cornell were postponed from Saturday night to Sunday morning, and then cancelled because of continued rough water.

The Ball was a successful affair, however, and Barton Hall, was appropriately decorated with caricatures of old-time styles. This was the 51st observance of Navy Day Ball since its origin in 1890. Original purpose was to raise funds for crew. Now that crew is subsidized by the University, profits from the weekend send the Big Red band on football trips.

While we had no organized dance at the house, we did have a number of impromptu social sessions during the weekend. Chaperons were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Watson of Ithaca. Ted is an Alpha Delt from Amherst.

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*Henry K. Williams* '80, publisher from Dunkirk, N. Y., has been wintering at the Highlands Hotel, Florida, for the tenth consecutive year; and although he is 85 years old, his daily program includes nine holes of golf which he manages to shoot in about 50.

## Long Activities List Shows Alpha Delt Busy in Campus Affairs

### Jack Eddison Works Hard On Campaign to Send Ambulance to Britain

Since this is the last issue of the chapter paper for the college year, 1940-41, we thought it might be appropriate to run a list of undergraduate activities—not repeating the seniors, of course, whose doings appear in their graduation story.

First, the junior class. *Jack Eddison* is manager of crew for next year, Quill & Dagger, Aleph Samach, AlDjebbar, secretary of Crew Club, Ski Club, Frosh Advisory Committee, Chairman Ambulance to Britain Committee, Cornell Corinthian Yacht Club.

*Al Entenman* is in Red Key, Crew Club, varsity 150-pound crew, Frosh Advisory Committee, president of Officers' Club, Scabbard & Blade, Wearer of the C. *Will Herbert* is in Atmos, Wearer of the C, Glee Club, Frosh Advisory Committee, 150-lb. football, lacrosse, fencing, Officers' Club.

*Ed Miller* is in Mummy, Pyramid, Scabbard & Blade, Crew Club, Jay-vee crew, Frosh Advisory Committee, Officers' Club, Wearer of the C. *Cushing Smith* is in Quill & Dagger, president of Widow, secretary of AlDjebbar, Glee Club, Honorary Musical Club, Book & Bowl, Frosh Advisory Committee. *Ken Zeigler* is in

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### Miller '38 Married; Receives BS Degree from Penn College

We are pleased to pass along congratulations to *R. Gurden (Gurdy) Miller, III '38*, upon his marriage to *Jane Williams* which took place February 8, 1941. The bride is a Kappa Kappa Gamma from DePauw University.

The son of *Ransom G. Miller, Jr. '13* of Cleveland, Ohio, "Gurdy" attended Cornell two and one-half years in Administrative Engineering. He is production clerk for Lincoln Electric Co., 12818 Coit Road, Cleveland, lives at 1138 East 141st Street. He has been taking night work at Fenn College in Cleveland and expects to receive the BS degree in June of this year. The address of his father, "Ranny" Miller is 16907 Aldersyde Drive, Shaker Heights.

## Eight Seniors Complete Four Years' Work; Army Claims Two; Three to Return in Fall

Alpha Delt at Cornell has eight seniors in the chapter this year who are winding up four years of work on the Hill and some are looking forward to new duties next year. Three men will return, however, since they are in a five-year course.

*Walker F. Peterson, M. E.*, Baltimore, Md., son of *W. F. Peterson '11*. Pete is still somewhat undecided about his plans for the coming year although he may take a crack at the insurance field. He was president of the chapter

*James M. Easter, Ad Eng.*, Owings Mills, Md. Jim is planning to work for Standard Oil of Ohio Co. either in or near Cleveland. Activities include captain of polo, manager of golf, Quill & Dagger, Scabbard & Blade, president of Officers' Club, advertising manager of *Widow*, Wearer of the C.

*Norman F. Rohn, M. E.*, Milwaukee, Wis. Norm receives his second-lieutenant's commission in June and will go into the army probably for the duration of the present crisis. Quill & Dagger, Scabbard & Blade, Officers' Club, Majura, Kappa Tau Chi, Senior Ball Committee, chairman Student Council Committee on Student conduct.

*Herbert G. Drew, Hotel*, Lyons Falls, N.Y. Herb will enter the army for a year's training in July, and la-

ter on plans to enter some phase of hotel work. Varsity Band, Hotel Ezra Cornell staff.

*Henry B. R. Richardson, Pre-med*, Lowville, N. Y. "Bud" plans to enter Tufts Dental School in the fall. Skulls, varsity Band, house athletic manager.

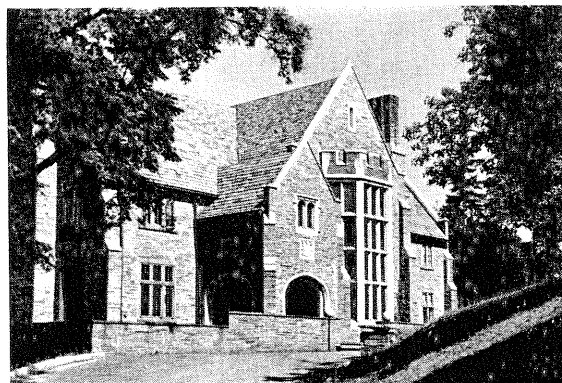
*William F. Robinson, Robert H. Herrmann* and *Julian C. Smith* all take the five-year course in Chem Engineering, hence, the chapter looks forward to having them back in the fall. Julie is just a little doubtful about his return since he comes from Canada and may possibly be called for military service. It is very probable, however, the Canadian government will find it more profitable to allow him to complete his course and then enter some phase of war industry in his capacity as a chemical engineer.

He comes from Montreal, is a brother of *Jos Smith '38*. Tau Beta Pi, Phi Kappa Phi, AlDjebbar, manager of skiing, treasurer of Ski Club, Dean's List, Musical Club.

*Bill Robinson* comes from Garden City, N. Y. Quill & Dagger, manager of track, Spiked Shoe, Aleph Samach, Frosh Advisory Committee, Student Council, Glee Club, Honorary Musical Club, AlDjebbar.

*Bob Herrmann* also comes from Garden City. AlDjebbar, Frosh Advisory Committee, publicity chairman of Spring Day Committee.

### Latest Picture of 777 Stewart Avenue



THIS NEW SHOT of the chapter house was taken by *Ned Friend '44*, brother of *Carl '38*, for the main purpose of having a new cut made for the Cornellian. Thought you might like to have a squint at it.

## News Briefs About Alpha Delta Alumni

### Southworth Retired in Dryden

*John H. Southworth '92*, former customs clerk for Furness Withy Co., Ltd., Steamship Lines, has been living in Dryden, N. Y., since 1924, and at present is treasurer of Dryden Central School District. He is also treasurer of Southworth Library Association. He served as mayor of the town (located on the road to Cortland, remember?) in 1925-27. After leaving Cornell he was in cattle ranching to 1898, then for several years was in the real estate and insurance business in Ithaca.

### Two Recent Alumni in Service

*Warren Tubbs, Jr. '36*, who received the law degree in 1939, is a 1st lieutenant with 209th Coast Artillery (anti-aircraft) stationed at Camp Stewart, Savannah, Ga. His brother, *Elliott Tubbs '39*, is a 2nd lieutenant with 102 Coast Artillery (anti-aircraft) stationed at Camp Edwards, Falmouth, Mass. Their permanent mailing address is 72 Highland Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

### Member Official Scorers, Local 000

*William L. Cressman '27*, district manager of American Rolling Mill Co. Oliver Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa., states he is official scorer in the *Bill Knight '27 vs Ed Trimble '27*, contest in number of sons. To date, Ed is ahead 4 to 3. As a footnote, Brother Cressman rather wistfully mentions he is not doing very well in this direction himself.

### Son Graduates from Arts College

Benjamin Patterson, III, son of *Benjamin Patterson, Jr. '14*, and Mrs. Patterson of 108 10th Street, Garden City, L. I., N. Y., graduates from the College of Arts & Sciences this year. He is a member of Chi Psi. Brother Ben and Mrs. Patterson recently gave a tea at their home in honor of their son's fiancée.

### Bailey '99 Grandfather Again

*Theodore L. (Port) Bailey '99*, became a grandfather again on April 1, 1941, when his daughter, Mrs. Thomas W. Phelps of New York City, had her third child. Brother Bailey is a New York attorney and lives at Harriman, N. Y.

### Teagle '99 on Mediation Board

*Walter C. Teagle '99*, University trustee, is one of the members of the National Defense Mediation Board appointed by the President to prevent and end strikes in defense industries.

### Werrenrath '36 in Television

*Reinald (Werry) Werrenrath, Jr. '36*, formerly with National Broadcasting Company in New York City, is in the television department of Balaban and Katz in Chicago. A former president of the chapter, he became a father on March 18 of this year to Kirsten Werrenrath, a daughter. Mrs. Werrenrath is the former Elizabeth Imbrie of Wells College. Their residence is 638 Hinman Avenue, Evanston, Ill.

### Fred Pease with Pursglove Co.

*Fred A. Pease, Jr. '30*, formerly of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, has been with the Pursglove Coal Mining Co., for a little over a year and is the chief engineer. That brings him in close contact with *Joe Pursglove '30*, general manager of the company. Fred married Ann Bradley Villas in 1938 and has a two-year old son—James Villas. His residence is 30 West Street, Morgantown, W. Va.

### Dan Higgins Married May 16

#### Bob McNamara Serves as Usher

The wedding of *Daniel Paul Higgins, Jr. '38* and Miss Margaret Konow of Baltimore, Md., took place in that city May 16. Dan's father was bestman and *Bob (The Bibber) McNamara '37* was one of the ushers.

The bride attended Peabody Institute in Baltimore, and Western Maryland College. Dan attended the Berkshire School, Cornell and Columbia. He is a member of the Cornell Club of New York. An architect, he is connected with Eggers and Higgins of which his father is senior partner.

Following the ceremony the couple left on a trip to Sea Island, Ga., and will make their residence in Scarsdale, N. Y. Earlier in the spring Dan gave a dinner in the Persian room of the Plaza and took his guests ("Bibber" among them) to the opening of the Skating Club's annual carnival at Madison Square Garden.

### Celebrates First Anniversary

*(Walter) Stewart Johnston '34* who attended Cornell two years, celebrated his first wedding anniversary to Jane Rogers on April 20. Mrs. Johnston is a Kappa Kappa Gamma from Northwestern. Stew is territorial manager for General Motors Acceptance Corp., lives at 2004 Fargo Avenue, Chicago. He writes: "I saw *Bill Miller '33* recently and he told me he hardly gets home at all now, with the present activity in the tool and die industry."

### Ted Freeman Captain in Army

*Theodore B. (Ted) Freeman '27*, formerly with Price Waterhouse & Company, New York City, is a captain in field artillery, U. S. Army, Staff & Faculty Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Single Ted may be permanently addressed at 47 Curtis Pl., Maplewood, N. J.

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Quill & Dagger, Wearer of the C, Spiked Shoe, varsity track, Aleph Samach, Mummy, Frosh Advisory Committee.

In the sophomore class, *Harry Embry* is secretary of Rugby Club, and member of "39-43" Society, a club of Southern students. *Ed Ricaurte* is in Rugby Club, Sophomore Smoker Committee, minor sports manager, Cosmopolitan Club.

*John H'caver* is on varsity pistol team. Interfraternity Discussion Group Committee, Glee Club, chapel choir. In the freshman class, *Bob Woods* is out for *Widow* business board, freshman polo, Pershing Rifles, and Frosh Banquet Committee. *Len Pratt* is on soccer team, *Widow*, photo competition. Willard Straight Dance Committee. *Hendy Riggs* is out for *Widow* business competition. *Wes Whittier* rowing with frosh crew. *Bill Arthur* is on 150-pound crew.

*Vern Whitaker*, freshman rifle team, *Widow* business competition. *Linc Scafe*, frosh hockey and Johnny Parsons Club Committee. *Ned Friend*, *Widow* board. And *Jim Totman*, football competition and associate member of Dramatic Club.