

# THE ALPHA DELT

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## Fourteen Enter Alpha Delta Phi; Hooker '20 Talks

Ten Freshmen, Four Sophomores  
Inducted in Ceremonies  
on March 27

Fourteen men, including four sophomores, were welcomed into Alpha Delta Phi at the annual initiation ceremonies Saturday, March 27. W. John Crawford, Jr. '07 presided at the traditional banquet.

Jacob B. Perkins '37 welcomed the new members into Alpha Delta Phi, and William A. Speers '40 responded for his class, Roger W. Hooker '20 delivered the charge in a most convincing manner.

### The New Members

The new members include:

John T. Johnson, III '39, Akron, Ohio, son of John T. Johnson, Jr. '09.

Elliott Tubbs '39, Buffalo, N. Y., brother of Warren Tubbs '36.

Robert J. Vinton '39, Birmingham, Mich.

Robert S. Young '39, Lexington, Ky.

Walter W. Boardman, San Francisco, Cal., son of Dr. W. Boardman, California '06.

William T. Cole, Canton, Ohio.

Hubert H. Everist, Jr., Sioux City, Ia.

Lyle L. Guslander, Alameda, Cal.

Austin W. Irwin, Jr., Canistota, N. Y.

Charles V. Munschauer, Buffalo, N. Y.

Robert Q. Reynolds, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Lawrence H. Smith, Milwaukee, Wis.

William A. Speers, Bedford Hills, N. Y.

Lawrence W. Wheeler, Sterling, Ill., son of Leroy C. Wheeler, Chicago '17.

### Several Alumni Return

Several alumni joined with the chapter in welcoming the new men. Leroy C. Wheeler Chicago '17 witnessed the initiation of his son, while Charles V. Young '09 and John P.

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## Heads Chapter



JOS SMITH '38, who was recently elected president for the coming year, poses beside the house.

## Joslyn Smith '38 Named As President of Chapter

Joslyn A. Smith '38, Westmont, Quebec, was named president of the chapter at the annual elections held March 29. He succeeds Jacob B. Perkins '37, Mentor, Ohio, who served in that capacity during the past year.

Harris I. Stanton '38, Springfield, Mass., replaces Erbin D. Wattles '37, Buffalo, N. Y., as vice-president, while William A. Speers '40, Bedford Hills, N. Y., was named recording secretary, replacing Merton F. Gerhauser '39, Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

The other officers will be elected some time late in May.

### MOVES TO AKRON

William S. Voris '04 has moved to 264 S. Arlington St., Akron, Ohio.

## Chapter Saddened By Death of Five Alumni Members

Abbott, Booth, Hawkins, Martin,  
Russell Represent Great  
Loss to Chapter

The chapter has been saddened by the loss of five alumni members within recent months, one of the heaviest mortality periods known to Alpha Delta Phi in some time.

William P. Abbott '79 died at his home in Suffern, N. Y., January 28. Formerly in the lumber business in St. Paul, Minn., and Lake Charles, La., he had been retired from active life for several years.

### Founded Boy Scout Camp

He founded Camp Winaki, the Rockland County Boy Scout camp, and held the two highest awards given by the Scout organization, the distinguished service medal and the silver buffalo. He was an active member of the Alpha Delta Phi and Cornell Clubs of New York City.

William W. Booth '32 died in Buffalo February 8, 1937, following an automobile accident in that city. After two years on the Hill, he turned to merchandising, being associated for some time with W. E. Biggers, Inc. During the past two years, he had been with the J. W. Adam Company, Buffalo.

### Played Football

He was a member of the varsity football squad and belonged to the Mummy Club. Among his survivors is Theodore H. Booth '25, a brother.

Harold S. Hawkins '11 died in Los Angeles, Cal., January 23. Death was caused by heart failure. Brother Hawkins spent a year at Western Reserve before coming to the Hill for four years.

He spent a number of years in Cleveland, moving to Los Angeles in 1935. There he was a salesman with Luxford and Co. He had never married.

Paris Martin '07 died in Boise, Idaho, October 25, 1936. He had prac-

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## THE ALPHA DELTA

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Joslyn A. Smith

Editor

News contributions and communications to the editor are solicited at all times. Direct correspondence to the editor, Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity, 777 Stewart Avenue, Ithaca, N.Y.

### Chapter Makes Plans For Cornell Day

The chapter and the Hill in general are busily engaged in making preparations for the fourth annual Cornell Day, Saturday, May 1. It is especially important that eligible sub-freshmen be entertained at 777 Stewart Avenue this year.

Alumni are requested to ascertain if any boys from the various districts are planning to visit the Hill May 1, and if they are, to notify Larry Whitney at once in order that invitations to stay at the house may be issued. Because Cornell Day comes earlier this year than usual, it is imperative that he be notified at once.

The week-end's plans call for the arrival of the guests Friday, April 30. They will be entertained at the various fraternities that evening, while Saturday morning will be devoted to an inspection of the Hill. A baseball game with Columbia and a crew race with Manhattan will provide athletic entertainment. A coffee hour from 5:30 to 6:30 in Willard Straight will enable the boys to meet the various coaches and managers of all sports, as well as other representatives of extra-curricular activities.

Cornell Day provides a splendid chance for the chapter to form valuable contacts with men who will be here next year, and who should be suitable Alpha Delt material. The cooperation of the alumni is solicited to assure that all possible benefit accrues from the week-end.

### ENJOY VACATION TRIPS

Several of the brothers enjoyed trips during the recent spring vacation. Hal Sawyer and Bill Rockwell went to Bermuda; Bob McNamara, of course, accompanied the baseball team on its southern trip; while Marion Balliere enjoyed a motor trip both above and below the Mason and Dixon line.

## Chapter Treasurer Presents Problems Of High Bills, Small Chapter to Alumni

### Interest Rates, Insurance, Taxes Combine To Give House Much Trouble

Dear Brothers:

THE ALPHA DELTA, since its initial publication, has been a source of enjoyment to you alumni because it periodically kept you in contact with the chapter, its workings, and its activities. That you know all of us personally through this contact is our purpose and wish, and we sincerely hope that it has served you to that end.

The active chapter now finds it necessary to put THE ALPHA DELTA to the new use of sending you a very sincere and frank message which deserves all the attention and serious thought you can possibly direct to it.

Our troublesome financial condition is the core of that message. The entire chapter feels that this message is necessary to enlighten you regarding our unstable balance sheet.

Because our monthly bill is the highest on the Hill, we are prevented from pledging larger classes to help ourselves. At present we have to fight to get as many as we do.

The reason for this apparently expensive living is not any reckless expenditure on our part, but rather the very steep annual obligations, including high mortgage interest, insurance, and taxes. All of these are dependent upon our monthly house bills.

The results of this situation are numerous. We are unable to find enough men each year who can afford to meet our bills. Although several of the members are waiting table and washing dishes, they still find it impossible to meet their staggering assessments. Worst of all, many of the brothers are forced to go inactive and move from the house.

Things have been retrogressing thus until at present we are having difficulty in meeting our current bills to merchants!

We have reached the point where the chapter feels it can no longer be held responsible for pledging small classes, for financial shortcomings, or for further deterioration, even to the point of collapse. The bills are simply too high for our billfolds, and the burden too mature for our years.

It would be only fair to the personnel of the present chapter to say that

this condition has not been brought about through pledging a weak class at any time within the past several years. If you have followed the chapter's activities and accomplishments, you will realize that Alpha Delta Phi is still "tops" so far as the Hill is concerned.

This is not a plea for personal donations. Rather it is a plea for an organized alumni drive to establish a fund for the reduction of our mortgage. The most effective solution lies in the alumni working in concert to relieve us of this burden which holds us practically motionless.

Immediate action, before another college year and rushing season get under way, is necessary. We plead, and ask, you to organize, co-operate, and act. Surely that is not too much to ask!

Faternally,  
LARNED S. WHITNEY,  
Treasurer.

### Five Alumni Members Die Recently, Chapter Learns

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ticed law in that city ever since leaving the Hill. He served as counsel for the Idaho Legal Division of the United States Food Administration during the war, and was a member of the Boise University Club.

He came to the Hill from Dartmouth, where his freshman year was spent on a scholarship. Here he won his letter in football, was a member of the baseball squad, and a member of Phi Delta Phi and Sphinx Head.

Pratt Russell '99 died in Miami, Fla., December 7. Here for one year only, he rowed on the freshman crew and was a charter member of the Savage Club. He had lived in Miami for some time.

Rodney M. Bliss '18 is chief finance examiner for the PWA in Washington, D. C., and at present is located at 409 Rector Bldg., Little Rock, Ark. His residence there, which is only temporary, is at Capitol Hill Apts. He terms himself a war alumnus as he left at the end of three years in 1917 to join the Navy.

## Jos Smith Named Ski Team Captain For Next Season

### Two Make Majura as Big Spring Sports Program Attracts Many Brothers

Jos Smith, newly-elected chapter president, added to his long list of honors with his recent election as captain of the Big Red ski team for next season.

George Johnson and Elliott Tubbs were chosen for membership in Majura, society that takes members of the odd-year classes. Bill Speers, meanwhile, has started his quest for fame by entering the long grind of the football competition.

### McNamara Playing Ball

Bob McNamara is playing varsity shortstop on the baseball team, and made the recent southern trip. Merton Gerhauser is a member of the varsity polo squad, while Bill Cole is practicing daily with the frosh team.

Charley Neff showed up well during the indoor track season in both the high and low hurdles, and is counted one of the mainstays of Jack Moakley's good team this year. Larry Wheeler, meanwhile, is planning to follow in his footsteps, dominating the same events on the freshman squad.

### Several Crew Men

John Rogers is rowing number 6 in the varsity shell, while Jake Perkins is in the first 150-pound boat. Larned Whitney is making a strong bid for the varsity coxy job, while Wilson Foster is rowing with the jay vees.

Hal Sawyer is a member of the golf squad which to date has been hampered by unfavorable weather, thus assuring Alpha Delta Phi of representation in practically every spring sport.

## Fourteen New Alpha Deltas Are Welcomed In Chapter

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Young '94 welcomed the tenth of that name into the chapter.

Others present included James E., Jr., John V. and Paul K. Rice, Trumansburg, J. Dickson Edson '20, Wyncote, Pa., George D. Beck '34, Wyncote, Pa., Resident Councillor Rev. James A. Moore Phi Kappa '13, and Dr. Gifford P. Orwen, Rochester '30.

## LETTERS

### Some Federal News

To the Editor:

I have received your February issue and desire to express my best thanks for your very kind news notice about me contained therein.

I have made no recent trips except one to Florida last December, have made no inventions, and see no Alpha Deltas except Walter Distler, who comes into the office once in a while when he wants something.

The construction business seems to be on the up and up as far as Uncle Sam is concerned, and I believe the time is approaching when some of the burden can be shifted to private enterprise.

We are handling from this office the construction and repair of the great majority of the Federal Buildings in the country. During the past five years while with this Department, the number of buildings has doubled, having increased from 1,500 to 3,000 at this date. At the completion of our present program, this number will have reached the staggering total of approximately 3,700. Included in this number are all types of buildings, involving all kinds of construction from sand hog foundations on up to the most beautiful monumental building, as exemplified by those in the Triangle at Washington.

We have done work for most of the Departments and Branches of the Government. This includes the erection of post offices, court houses, Agricultural and Forestry buildings, Immigration and Naturalization buildings, Quarantine Stations, Custom Houses, Mints, Appraiser's Stores, Garages, Federal Office buildings, Border stations, Marine Hospitals, the Gold Vault at Fort Knox, Ky., a cement plant in Puerto Rico, and embassies in several foreign countries.

I am just a small cog in the wheel that keeps, or attempts to keep, these projects running smoothly. The projects and the construction engineers running them are scattered from Nome, Alaska, to Hawaii; from Great Lakes to the Gulf; and from Ottawa, Canada, to San Juan, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Was glad to read your item about Ralph Crane. The lumber business is a very good thing to be in these days. Very sorry to hear of the death of

Lynde Palmer and George Young. All good wishes to all during the remainder of the year.

THOMAS H. FARRINGTON '10

### Two Connecticut Oldsters

To the Editor:

Nothing could make me regret more that my eightieth year prevents me from attending the initiation ceremonies this year. Excepting for the need for putting my remark up to the Oracle at Delphi, I would express the hope that you would never get to my age.

ROBERT T. MORRIS '80

To the Editor:

Thank you for the invitation to be present at the annual initiation ceremonies. I appreciate the same, but unfortunately, an incurable disease called "Anno Domini" prevents. The brother whose signature is appended, graduated in 1882—that's 55 years ago! He's now in his seventy-ninth year.

FRANK R. LUCKEY '82

### Cornellians Convene

To the Editor:

I can't tell you what a real kick the February issue of the ALPHA DELTA gave me, particularly because following its appearance I heard from many of the old guard with whom I had gotten completely out of touch.

We are holding a convention of the California Dairy Council at the present time and many of the leaders were former Cornellians. One of the chief speakers, as a matter of fact, is an Alpha Delt from Rochester, subsequently an instructor at Cornell, Lloyd S. Tenny, business manager of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

DAVE VISEL '16

### A Texas Traveler

To the Editor:

Each copy of the ALPHA DELTA which reaches me is more than just appreciated; I count on it and look forward to it. Living so far away from the Hill makes my contacts with Ithaca very meager. Hearing of fellow classmates and brothers is a help, and I certainly wish all success to the continuation of the ALPHA DELTA.

There is nothing of much interest  
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## Sports Calendar Listed for Those Who Seek Excuse

Alumni Who Wish To Sneak Away  
Are Offered Splendid  
Alibi Here

Alumni looking for a logical alibi for sneaking away some week-end to spend a day or two on the Hill may find just that in the sports events listed for the coming Spring months.

Eight baseball teams will journey to Ithaca this year, and Yale will play a doubleheader here. The dates are: April 20, Colgate; April 28, Dartmouth; April 30, Villanova; May 1, Columbia; May 5, Syracuse; May 8, Yale; May 12, Pennsylvania; May 26, Harvard.

### One Home Track Meet

The track team will perform at home only once this year, meeting Princeton here on May 22. However, they will go to the Penn Relays, the Heptagonal Games at Boston May 8, meet Penn there on May 15, and participate in the Intercollegiates May 28 and 29.

The crew also makes only one home appearance—against Syracuse on May 29. Foreign contests include Navy, May 8; Harvard, M.I.T., Syracuse at Cambridge, May 15; and Yale and Princeton at Derby, May 22.

### Five Tennis Meets

The tennis team will engage five opponents at home. They include: Miami on April 23, Syracuse on April 24, Cortland Normal on May 5, Penn State on May 8, and Alfred on May 26.

The Chapter is counting on one of these attractions to while alumni away from store and office for a few pleasant hours at the chapter house.

### SOFTBALL TEAM ENTERED

A softball team has been entered in the intramural league which will soon get underway. Pending further workouts, the personnel of the team has not been determined.

### HEADS CONTAINER CO.

Vice-president in charge of sales for the Container Corporation of America is *Wesley M. Dixon '18*. He writes that his mail should come to his office at 111 W. Washington St., Chicago. Out at 95 S. Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, Ill., it might fall into the hands of *Wesley M., Jr., '9*, *Stewart Strawn, '6*, or *Thomas Hardy, '10* months old.

## News of Alpha Delta Brothers Everywhere

*Walter C. Teagle '99*, president of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, has accepted the invitation of Secretary of Commerce Daniel C. Roper to rejoin the Business Advisory Council. The council, which was organized at the start of the Roosevelt administration, meets periodically with the Secretary of Commerce for discussion of business and economic problems. Brother Teagle left the council at the end of 1935 after having served from June, 1933.

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*Dr. Edward M. Hanrahan, Jr. '15* has recently verified his address, 4402 Norwood Road, Baltimore, Md. A surgeon, his office is at 715 Park Ave., that city.

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*Richard Seipt '32* is an estimator with the Laminated Shim Co., Inc., 21-24 44th Ave., Long Island City. Dick is living at 36-20 Parsons Blvd., Flushing, N. Y., with his wife, the former Virginia Mae Barthel, Cornell Sigma Kappa, whom he married November 16, 1935.

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In St. Paul, Minn., the district freight agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad is *Harold W. Johnson '20*. His offices are at 801 Pioneer Bldg., while he lives at 458 Otis Ave., St. Paul. He has one daughter, Barbara, 11.

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*William C. Newman '33* handles the advertising for Buhl Sons Co., Detroit wholesale hardware firm located at Foot of Adiar St., Detroit. He's living at 664 Park Ave. and belongs to the Essex Golf and Country Club and the Sankaty Head Golf Club.

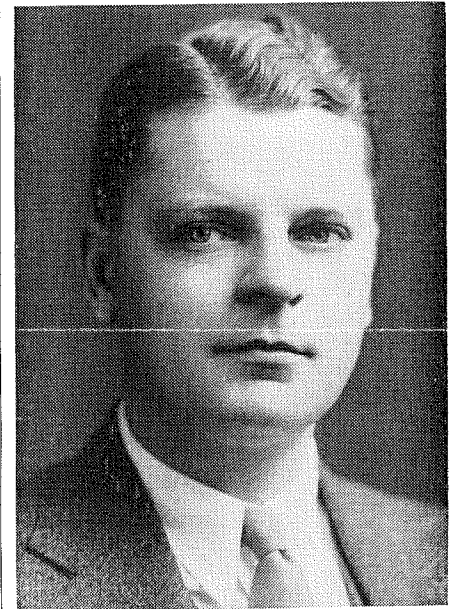
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*Seymour C. Prentiss '73* has been living at 120 20th Ave., N., St. Petersburg, Fla., since his retirement. His three great-grandchildren have often heard stories of the early days on the Hill when President White wore hip boots to class.

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*Warren Tubbs, Jr. '36* is continuing his law studies at the University of Virginia Law School where he expects to be for two more years. He gets his mail at Box 1175, University, Va., and writes that as soon as exams quit pressing him so hard he will send along a letter.

## James D. Wigglesworth '22



HIS UNTIMELY death October 26 was recorded in the last number of 'Alpha Delt.'

"THE ALPHA DELT is a great thing and I hope that you will keep it going for a long time," writes *Edward H. Rogers '33*. "Let's hear some news of the class of '33!" Gladly would we accommodate this member of the production department of the Aridor Co., Chicago, and we hope that the next ALPHA DELT will carry news from every member of '33 to his home address at 6545 Union Ave., Chicago.

## LETTERS

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to report about myself. I am still a geologist with the Humble, as I have been since my graduation. My work keeps me in the field nearly all the time so that it is hard for me to have a permanent address other than my office.

This is at present Humble Oil & Refining Co., Box 711, Corpus Christi, Texas. Although I am seldom there, I should enjoy a visit from any one of you who happen to be traveling in that vicinity along the Gulf Coast.

JOHN TEAGLE '29