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## ALPHA DELTS ON THE HILL: A COMPENDIUM

An excerpt from Alpha Delt's section of the 1976 Rush Book reads, "From campus politics to student publication, varsity athletics to Arts Quad croquet, ADs are either active in it or running it." Is this simply propaganda, like the laundry-list of activities that many houses present, or is it more substantive? Just how involved in campus life are Alpha Delt's these days?

Here is just a sample of our participation on the hill. It is not inclusive, but highlights the variety of interests and talents of a highly diverse group of young men.

**Academics:** Alpha Delt's academic prowess is well-known and well-documented. This semester our ranks include Anthropology, History and Economics Honors students, several teaching assistants, and a member of Ho-Nun-De-Ka.

**Athletics:** Although the house's participation in intercollegiate sports bottomed out in recent months (but will return to the upswing with the new pledge class), there were ADs involved in varsity crew and tennis, and as captain of the water polo team.

**Publications and Government:** Brothers have contributed substantially to the University Senate, through such committees as the Codes and Judicial Committee, where an Alpha Delt authored the Judicial Reform and Restructuring Act of 1977. At this writing the imminent demise of the Senate has involved brothers in the Committee to Preserve Self-Governance as well as the papers which formulate campus opinion on the issue (the Ithaca Post and the Cornell Daily Sun).

**The IFC:** Alpha Delt is, as ever, a power in the Interfraternity Council through its Judicial Board and Rush Committee. In fact, the IFC's farewell dinner to outgoing President Dale Corson will be held at the house in March.

**Campus Life:** The several brothers in ROTC continue to excel. Alpha Delt's have recently been ranked no. 1 in both the Army and Air Force division. Additionally, two Alpha Delt's are Cornell Ambassadors and senior Mark Underberg is president of Quill and Dagger, the senior honorary society.

Even in this superficial treatment it is clear that the house does indeed cast a sizable shadow on the hill. Does Alpha Delt have the longest laundry-list? Probably not, but in a curious way that is probably for the best. Quality cannot be quantified, and brotherhood will always defy comparison.

## ■ ■ HOUSE MEETS CODE ■ ■

A D passed city inspection for the first time in anyone's memory. A little extra effort and the installation of the fire sprinkler and alarm system were instrumental in this achievement.

## Twenty New Personalities Pledge the Cornell Chapter

Continuing the Adelpic tradition of selecting the men least likely to join a reputable fraternity, AD has pledged a class of twenty unique men. Judging from their collective performance at the recent pledge party, they have disproved the notion that today's undergraduate is a socially awkward pre-professional. They form a strong group of varied talents, backgrounds and personalities which we are proud to introduce to Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell.

**John D. Calder** is a freshman in the Arts College who plans to major in Art History. He comes from Cincinnati, Ohio, where he attended the Mariemont School before coming to Cornell.

**Douglas N. Candeub**, a member of the Sun News Board, is a History major. He's from Metuchen, New Jersey.

A hard-working Engineer who is already a teaching assistant in the introductory computer science course, **Jeffrey S. Childress** also skis, sails, and participates in almost every intramural sport. Jeff hails from Wexford, Penn.

One of the few freshmen in the ILR school who isn't from Long Island, **David R. Durfee** plans to major in Labor History. He escaped the heavy snows at home (Hamburg, New York) by remaining in, of all places, Ithaca.

**Robert C. Gaut** is an Engineer from Halesite, New York who shows great promise as a crewman for Cornell. Bob also plays basketball.

Also on the freshman crew is **Niel L. Golightly**. This arts student from Annandale, Virginia participates in Navy ROTC.

An English major from Revere, Mass., **David M. Hass** is active in the arts. He is a member of Risley College, the fine arts residential unit.

**Jeffrey A. Hollinshead** worked for the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia last summer. Evidently not a victim of Legionnaire's disease, he is in the Hotel school, plays squash and skis. Jeff comes from Springfield, Penn.

**Anthony S. Johnson** is a Westfield, New York Aggie. Tony came to Cornell after graduating from Northfield-Mt. Herman school in Massachusetts, and is one of the four crewmen in our pledge class.

**Kenneth R. Liang** is a freshman in the Arts college who plans to major in Eco-

nomics. Ken, who comes from Singapore, is a member of the Glee Club.

**Richard D. Mozer** was born in Venezuela but now lives in Montreal. He's a freshman majoring in Cinema.

6'8" **Robert D. Nitzschke** is from Manhattan. Bob is a freshman in the Hotel school who rows for the freshman heavyweights and sings for the Glee Club.

Also escaping the Buffalo snowstorms is **Alexander H. Plache** who lives in nearby Kenmore, New York. He's an Artsie studying History and Economics.

**Robert E. Reed** is a pre-vet in the Arts college. Robert comes from New Orleans, Louisiana, where he learned the recipes for the potent drinks served at our Mardi Gras party. He also plays in the Big Red Band.

**Victor O. Schwartz**, from Hillside, New Jersey is a freshman in the Arts college who never lacks energy. A dedicated capitalist, he went to Rutgers Prep before coming to Cornell.

From Boonton, New Jersey come two brothers, **Robert W. Skinner** and **John E. Skinner**, both in Engineering. They serve as co-captains of the sailing and skiing teams. Bob skis one of the fastest Giant Slaloms in the East.

**G. Hakan Sokmensuer** should have stayed in Palm Beach, Florida, where it's a lot warmer. Born of Turkish parents, Hakan is a freshman Engineer.

Adding to our international style considerably is **Jean-Pierre Willot**. A freshman in the Arts college, he lives in Croix, France. He is a member of the ski team.

Finally, **P. Michael Wolfson** is the only pledge from the Architecture school. He lives upstream of Washington in Pottomac, Maryland and when he's not working in Rand Studio he plays the piano with style.

As you can see, Alpha Delt enjoyed a strong rush this year under the direction of Rush Chairman Anthony W. Riley '77. Although interest in fraternities declined, we maintained a core of solid prospects attending dinners and parties. By formal rush week we had narrowed the group of rushees to about five dozen, from which we selected our twenty-man pledge class. We invite you to meet them anytime at the Phi.

## SOPHOMORE TAKES LAURELS IN PIANO COMPETITION

Randolph Allgaier '79 is serious about his music. In addition to maintaining an envied scholastic record as a Government major, he has been refining the flourishes of his original piano composition, **A Retrospect In Love**. Randy recently performed his concerto for the New York Civic Music Association Composition and Piano Competition, held at Avery Fisher Hall in Lincoln Center. By winning the contest Randy collected five thousand dollars plus the right to have **A Retrospect** published. He will exchange the house living room for Carnegie Hall in July, when the composition will be presented to the public.



#### ACTIVE NEWS

##### President's Report

By Mike Thompson

As you will see from the reports of the other officers, Alpha Delt is very strong right now. Most impressive to me is that our present strength is balanced. The house is full and we have a pledge class of twenty. Finances are in the best shape in years, with a respectable surplus in sight. There have been a number of improvements made in the interior including a full sprinkler system and a complete repainting. The social program is well organized and has been very successful in attracting participation from the campus as well as the brotherhood. The literary program is also well established and includes a number of the most popular and respected professors. The food is even much better now!

In short, Alpha Delt has come a long way in the past few years. In my stay here the improvements have not only been perceptible, but marked. Many of them seemed impossible to me as a sophomore.

Though I will not go so far as to say that these will be the Golden Days of Alpha Delt, I think it would be very satisfying for those of you who have put so much into the house in years past to see how it has paid off. I think those who come to the April 16th Corporation meeting or Victory Club (March 26th) will be pleased at what you find.

Of course, you're always welcome to stop by. Dinner's at six. . .

#### LITERARY TRADITION CONTINUES

By Randy Allgeier

After many problems with scheduling, the Alpha Delta Phi literary program has settled into a fairly tight plan. The schedule for Spring 1977 is:

March 3-Professor Donald Holcomb, Physics.

March 9-Professor George Questor, chairman Government, Assistant Director Peace Studies Program.

March 17-Professor Theodore M. Brown, Art History.

March 23-Assistant Professor Charles Van Loan, Computer Science.

April 13-Professor Vance Christian, Hotel Administration.

April 21-Professor Walter F. Lafeber, Marie Lindenhill Noll, Professor of American History.

April 27-Professor Carl E. Sagan, Director Planet Studies, Associate Director Radiophysics Space Research, Professor of Astronomy, David C. Duncan Professor of Physical Science.

The program this semester will be of interest to everyone with varied speakers and topics ranging from computer technology and society to wine tasting.

The Alpha Delta Phi Literary Program is working with the Adelpic Cornell Educational Fund in attempts to sponsor an Adelpic Speakership that would bring a provocative personality to the Cornell community. This program is still in the planning stages.

#### FROM NICKELS AND DIMES TO . . .

John F. Bruckel

This year Alpha Delta Phi has been able to make many improvements due to its excellent financial position. The chapter currently has no outstanding debts whatsoever. In addition, it is projecting a sizeable margin for this fiscal year. This is due to the maintainance of a full house combined with stricter financial policies. We have already collected approximately \$3000 in previous year's accounts receivable and expect to receive another \$400 shortly.

These surplus funds will enable us to spend a sizeable amount on capital improvements. The house's physical condition is ever improving. In the past year there has been (1) installation of a complete fire sprinkler and alarm system, (2) painting of the commons areas, (3) installation of new plumbing fixtures on the second floor, (4) purchase of new furniture for the commons areas, (5) installation of a new kitchen floor, (6) the purchase of two new 55 cubic foot commercial refrigerators, (7) the purchase of a commercial ice machine and dishwasher, and (8) the installation of a photographic darkroom.

Presently, we are looking forward to the Spring Corporation Meeting. At that time we will be considering further improvements. Among the top priorities on the list are the driveway, which has increasingly deteriorated in recent years, a buffer row of trees to provide some sort of privacy from our new neighbors in the apartment buildings, and a new condensate return pump for the heating system to replace the one installed in the original house.

#### NEWS BRIEFS

The spring corporation meeting will be held April 16, 1977. All alumni are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Parent's weekend is April 22, 23, and 24. Any question regarding this event should be directed to Art Loomis (607) 272-1242.

The IFC's farewell dinner for President Corson will be held in the chapter house this spring. Approximately 200 people are expected to attend.

ALUMNI NEWS

Class of 1949

Peter L. Wastrom '49, advises that his daughter Kirsti, is now a freshman in Arts and Sciences at Cornell.

1958-David L. Brown '58, is now Vice-President of Sales and Marketing for St. Johnsbury Trucking Co.-working in Holliston, Mass. still living in St. Johnsbury, Vt. Four children are now in high school, oldest will be in college next year.

1963-Joe R. McAfee '63 is with Esso Standard in Tokyo, Japan.

1965-Gerald V. Gragg '65, married and with two children is the owner of a manufacturer's representative agency in Chicago, selling environmental control equipment.

B. Elliot Wigginton '65, is a school teacher in Rabun Gap, Georgia. He has published three books, **Moments**, **The Forfire Experience**, **Ideas, Inc.**, **Foxfire 4**, Doubleday (preceded by Foxfire 1,2,

3), **I Wish I Could Give My Son A Wild Raccoon**, Doubleday.

1973-Thomas M. Bower '73 has passed the N.Y.S. bar exam. Is currently attending Naval Justice School in Newport, R.I. and has been assigned three years as a navy lawyer at Pearl Harbor. Roger P. Joseph '73 has passed the N.Y. S. bar exam.

1974-Todd J. Slotkin '74 will be married in May to Josephine Lynch '76, sister of Tim Lynch '74.

James W. Hamilton '74 is in his third year as Assistant Professor and Chief of the English Section at the Centre of Living Languages, Lubumbashi Campus of the Universite Nationale du Zaire in Africa. He has been offered a teaching assistantship and a place in the Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing Program at Cornell.

1975-Daniel L. Blumen '75 is currently working on his M.B.A. at Carnegie-Mellon University.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Silas H. Crouse '12, Devon, Pa. in 1976.

Mr. Horace H. Fritz, Jr. '21, Moylan, Pa. in 1976.

Mr. Harold M. Sawyer '38, Wilmington, Del. in January 1977.

Mr. Benjamin H. Micou '16, Detroit, Mich. 11/20/76.

Mr. Eugene B. Harter '22, Rockville Center, N.Y. 12/29/76.

Mr. John Dalton '22, Delray Beach, Fla. 2/11/77.

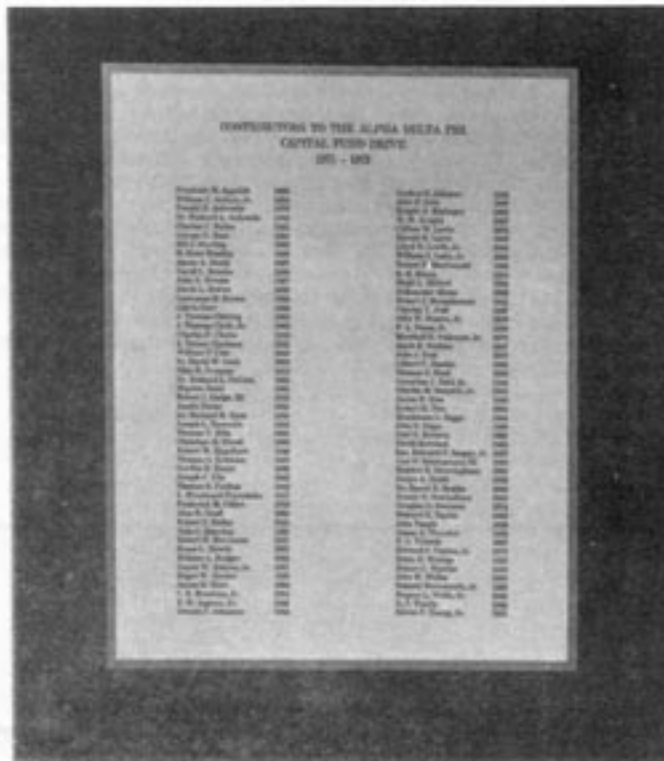
A NEW DEVELOPMENT

By Jordan Lambert

A generous Adelpic Fund contribution has provided the Cornell chapter with an excellent darkroom. The facility is located in the old trunk room. All construction work, (including electrical wiring and plumbing) was done by the brothers. The house has bought an excellent complement of equipment which will facilitate professional processing of black-and-white photographs as large as exhibition prints. Already, several pledges have indicated their interest in the new addition.

The darkroom should provide manifold benefits. For a minimal investment the brothers will be able to indulge in a fascinating new hobby. The creativity which often lies dormant in many of us will provide the chapter house with a high quality collection of original photographs. The pictures for the IFC rush book will be superlative in years ahead. But the most obvious asset will be the opportunity for brothers to express themselves and leave a lasting impression on their fellows. Perhaps the techniques of constructive criticism will be disinterred as well, as Alpha Deltas inspect each other's work.

The Spring semester will be even busier because of the proximity of the new equipment. Each user will be responsible for housekeeping, and novices will be supervised by some of the very experienced photographers in the house. A contingency fee of five dollars will be requested of each user. Funds are being administered by Jordan Lambert '79, who welcomes any material contribution an alumnus photographer may provide.



These two plaques continually remind us of our obligation to alumni and their continued support. The Adelpic Cornell Educational Fund, Inc. #16-6023220 is tax deductible.





#### OFFICERS—SPRING TERM 1977

President.....Michael E. Thompson  
 Vice President.....Arthur L. Loomis  
 Treasurer.....John F. Bruckel  
 Secretary.....Chris Boak  
 Steward.....Mark J. Kennedy  
 Rush Chairman.....Jeff P. Weiss  
 House Manager.....Mark dePinto  
 Social Chairman.....Robert M. Green  
 Literary Chairman....Randy P. Allgaier  
 Pledge Master.....Terence S. Dermody  
 Games Officer....Benjamin R. Bamford  
 Historian.....Anthony W. Riley

#### AND THE PLEDGEMASTER'S WORD WAS LAW

By Terence S. Dermody

This year's pledge class is extremely diverse and as a whole, it possesses a tremendous amount of energy. Through this semester's pledge activities I will attempt to incorporate this large variety of talent into an ever increasing interest in the brotherhood. In trying to integrate the pledges with the house, a phone-duty program has been instituted. This entails two pledges answering the house phone for a couple of hours every week night. The purpose of this is two-fold; to ensure that all the pledges actively take part in a common program to instill unity among the class, and secondly, to introduce the pledges to the way of life at the Phi.

The Pledges elected J.D. Calder Arts '80, and Victor Schwartz Arts '80 as co-captains. Their purpose is to coordinate the efforts of the class in the planning of the pledge party for the brotherhood, the pledge skit, and the pledge project. This year's project involves a general "face-lift" of the basement area to improve its inhabitability.

The pledges seem to be doing quite well this semester, and I anticipate no problems with the pledge program.

#### TO GAMBLE OR NOT TO GAMBLE

Mark F. dePinto

On March 26, Alpha Delt will again hold one of its most cherished black-tie parties, Victory Club. This party, with its champagne, attractive women, and the lure of gambling, is one of the leading social events on the Cornell campus. Curiously enough, there are two conflicting stories as to the derivation of its name.

In the late 1950's, there was a party called "The Club 777" which was modeled upon the idea of a private casino/nightclub party for brothers and their dates. After a few years that party was shelved and almost forgotten. Around 1965, some patriotic brothers thought that a social event to show support for President Johnson's Vietnam policies was in order. Accordingly, they revived the casino party idea under the name Victory Club, meaning Victory in Vietnam. Ostensibly, the proceeds were to be sent to Washington as a gesture of supporting the administration. As sentiment turned against the war in the late 1960's, the beneficiary was changed to the Cornell Honor With Books Fund and the name abbreviated to simply "V.C.". Up to this time it had strictly remained a house party with no outside individuals, save dates.

The other version of V.C. suggests the name originated 1966. Supposedly, one Monday night after an especially boring house meeting, a group of the more cavalier brothers decided they wanted to gamble. In typical Adelpic style, they flew Pan-Am from N.Y.C. to Monaco and

hit the tables in Monte Carlo. It is said that they won a sizable amount, but it is still questionable as to where they got the original funds. Upon their return to Ithaca, they proclaimed a great "Victory" and from then on all the casino parties held at the Chapter house have been called by that name.

Whatever the origins, the party as we know it today was largely the innovation of Brother Todd Slotkin who enlarged it to an invitational, campus-wide party with a live band and a full house. As always, this Spring's Victory Club promises to be an exceptional party, and on behalf of the entire brotherhood, I extend a warm invitation to all.



#### FROM THE EYE OF A PLEDGE

By J.D. Calder

I came to Cornell with a bad impression of fraternities. I went to the smokers because I knew of the housing shortage and thought a frat might be an economical and convenient place to live. I soon discovered that they were more than just a place to live, they were a way of life. I liked Alpha Delt initially. This feeling manifested itself more and more as the semester continued. The parties I attended ranged from casual, with a rock band and beer to Victory Club, which I enjoyed extremely. I met all the brothers during rush, which didn't happen at all the houses. I liked this aspect since it gave me a good overall view of the house.

Formal Rush was scary, but the brothers for the most part did a great deal to make things easy and more enjoyable. My impression during formal rush was so good that I set my goal on Alpha Delt and rushed it exclusively.

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