

The Cornell Alpha Delt

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Alpha Delt Gets "Back To Basics"

I was filled with excitement and uncertainty as I pulled up to the Delta Hotel in Montreal for the 169th annual Alpha Delta Phi Convention. It was late. Vice President Joe LaMagna '03 and I had driven up together from Ithaca, passing the time by talking business. We were anticipating the arrival of our fellow brethren in Ithaca and were ready to get the fall semester under way in a positive and jovial fashion.

At 3:00 a.m. we opened the door to our room. To our dismay, we were greeted by a sullen, sleepy, and shocked brother from Rochester. He wanted to know who we were and what we were doing in his room at such an hour. Making the best of the situation, I claimed the empty bed and called a cot for Joe. The lights went out. We had arrived.

Attending early morning board meetings, meeting brothers from other chapters, and sampling the Montreal night life kept us busy for the remainder of the weekend. It proved to be a great experience for all of us. Ken Grow-

ney, Nate Ruell '03, Joe LaMagna '03, and I were proud and honored to be representing the Cornell Chapter.

The call from the International, and specifically Ed Donahue, was one that urged brothers to get back to basics. Encouraging us to stay rooted in tradition, he promoted the use of the covenant in redefining chapters' goals and cited the four pillars as a foundation for success. The basic building blocks of the ADPhi—indeed, those that make us unique—were to be reestablished and redefined in order to maintain the most basic of fraternal values. Moreover, Donahue remarked that the shortcomings of the ADPhi exist for one reason: that we have all failed to stay true to the ideals upon which the fraternity was founded.

I returned to Ithaca rejuvenated and ready to adhere to the International's request. Since then, and in my tenure as president, I have tried to encourage the brothers to maintain an awareness of what it means to be a
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Chapter Hosts Faculty Appreciation Awards Ceremony

On Thursday, October 25, the Alpha Delt chapter here at Cornell was proud to hold the annual Faculty Appreciation Awards Ceremony. At this ceremony, which featured catered food and an abundance of colorful balloons, outstanding faculty and undergraduates were recognized for their achievements in the classroom.



*Bill Kendall '02, Dean of Students Kent Hubbell '67,
and Drew Butler '02.*

Giving the keynote speech was distinguished alumnus (and Alpha Delt brother) Kent Hubbell '67, the Robert W. and Elizabeth C. Staley Dean of Students here at Cornell. Brother Hubbell spoke about the new residential initiatives currently under way for the North and West campuses. In addition to being the dean of students, brother Hubbell is also chair of the Fraternity and Sorority Residential Initiative Committee. This committee is meant to focus on the relationship between the numerous Greek chapters on campus and the thousands of freshmen who come to Cornell every year to make it their home for the next four years. Discussing his role as chair of this committee, Professor Hubbell pledged his full support of, and commitment to, the Greek societies here at Cornell and across the nation.

In addition to brother Hubbell's reaffirming and uplifting speech, outstanding faculty and undergraduate students were recognized at the ceremony. Professors from the hotel, engineering, and industrial and labor relations schools were honored, including Professor David Sherwyn of the hotel school and Professor Guinetta Roberson of ILR. All in all it was a wonderful event, and the brothers here at the Cornell Chapter of the Alpha Delta Phi are proud and honored to have hosted this ceremony.

XAIPE,
Gordon Hunt '04

Many House Projects Make Alpha Delt A Nicer Place To Live

It's been a busy year of improvements to the ADPhi house at 777 Stewart. Over the summer, thanks to brother John Dyson '65, the front patio was completely renovated with new flagstones. Also begun (and now nearly completed) was the McGraw Place project to rebuild the driveways and parking lots of the fraternities in the area as well as provide new drainage and the basic infrastructure for future high-speed Internet connections. The parking lot is greatly improved, no longer prone to flooding or becoming a mud pit after even the slightest rain. New area lights make it safer and easier to walk around after dark. Now, George Kennedy '52 and I are working with Randy Bus '68 to ensure the university and contractors complete a "punch list" of miscellaneous tasks related to the project. With luck, a renovated path around the lodge to McGraw Place may be included in the project.

The actives have been taking a major role in cleaning and maintaining the house. Weekly setup and cleanup sessions, often held after meetings, are well attended. The brotherhood has also been working steadily to

improve parts of the house, with the two brothers residing there renovating the "party room," including freshly painted floors, walls, and ceilings, as well as new track lighting. In the bar, brothers are continuing the improvements begun with last year's painting project and addition of a refrigerator below the bar.

The walls are now adorned with various metal signs from brothers' collections. New lighting and mirrors have appeared behind the bar.

Our next challenge is to continue the recent trend of renovations and upgrades to the house. High on the list of needed improvements are new washing machines, renovations to the bathrooms, and a new floor and other improvements to the bar and party room. The actives are working to establish proposals to define and execute these projects. Any advice or guidance in these matters would be most welcome!

XAIPE,
George Doerre '04
House Manager

The Kitchen's In Great Shape

The kitchen is one of the most important parts of any fraternal organization, and it is no different here at Alpha Delta Phi. This semester, the brotherhood has made a group effort to make the kitchen the best it can be. Veteran cook Mario Giacco is back at the helm, but with a new supporting cast working in the kitchen.

The steward, Joe Zihal '04, has been very active this semester in making needed improvements. He often can be found laboring to keep the kitchen clean. His positive attitude and willingness to go that extra mile make him an invaluable asset to the kitchen.

One big job in the kitchen is making sure that the dishes are clean and ready to use for each meal. This semester, that task has been the responsibility of Joe LaSagna '03. As a former steward, LaSagna has a respect for the kitchen and the determination to make it operate effectively. Perhaps the most important contribution that "Fiery" Joe has made to the kitchen is the creation of the Clean Plate Club (CPC.) He has been known to have people time him while doing a load of dishes so that he can break his personal records.

The rest of the brotherhood is involved in creating a new feature for the kitchen: a sandwich board. The idea is to make a board to hang in the kitchen with several sandwiches that have been named after brothers in the house. This will create new ideas for brothers who are stumped on what to order when they are getting lunch. In addition to that, it will allow brothers to be immortalized, in sandwich form.

The kitchen is in great shape. If business or pleasure brings you to Ithaca, please come see for yourself!

XAIPE,
P. Lars Andersen '04

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member of this organization. At every chapter meeting we read the Covenant, which promotes core skills and values. It presents responsibilities to the brotherhood and establishes minimal expectations. Individuals are recognized weekly for embodying one of the four pillars or for acting in accordance with an article in the Covenant.

New this year, too, is the implementation of study sessions. Twice a week, normally Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m., brothers are encouraged to study together in the dining room. On many days the engineers will commandeer a corner of one table and hash out problem sets together. Italian speakers can be seen quietly mumbling to one another. Sometimes the architects can be found together, laying out site plans and ameliorating projects and models based on the critique of brothers in attendance downstairs.

Strong senior leadership has also played a vital role in our plan to rejuvenate tradition. For one, we have a new cult/ritual/ceremonial leader in Daniel Rocco DiCapite '02, and his ceremonial garb and cantor voice have proved invaluable. The Gotehaus is being used more often to further facilitate our use of ritual and the push toward tradition.

As the spring semester begins, Alpha Delt at Cornell have a stronger sense of tradition based upon the building blocks of our great fraternity and Sammy Eells himself. I urge everyone to go in peace and, from Article X of our Covenant, "exercise a spirit of charity, kindness, and fraternal love."

Bill Kendall '02

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FROM THE ARCHIVES...

In 1830, the literary societies of Hamilton College, called the Phoenix and the Philopseuthian, were locked in constant competition. Unscrupulous and competitive methods for recruiting members were sanctioned by both groups. Samuel Eells, then a student at Hamilton, was one of many students who were turned off by the unsavory practices of the literary societies. In the end, he did lend his name to the Philopseuthian, but resolved to create a new society with higher ideals and nobler aims.

Brother Eells, in his own words, outlined four aims: "The new association must differ from others, in all points necessary to the exclusion of that jealousy and angry competition which I had always felt to be the bane of college life. In the second place, it must be built on a more comprehensive scale than other societies,



The Golden Badge of the Alpha Delta Phi (1832)



The new crest

in regard to its intellectual proportions; providing for every variety of taste and talent, and embracing every department of literature and science. In the third place, it must be national and universal in its adaptations, so as not merely to cultivate a taste for literature or furnish the mind with knowledge; but, with a true philosophical spirit, looking to the entire man, so as to develop his whole being—moral, social, and intellectual. In the fourth place, it must be made a living, growing, self-perpetuating institution, which can be done only by stamping its whole character and arrangements with a great and manifest superiority to other societies, and by attaching its members to it by an indissoluble bond of union and binding them to real and personal interest in its welfare."

While the aims that Brother Eells described remain fixed, the iconography of Alpha Delta Phi has evolved to reflect the spirit of the historical age in which it was created. I hope you will enjoy examining a few examples of how the Star and Crescent have been depicted in Alpha Delta Phi symbolism since Samuel Eells first created the Golden Badge of the Alpha Delta Phi in 1832.

Howie Schaffer '90



1893



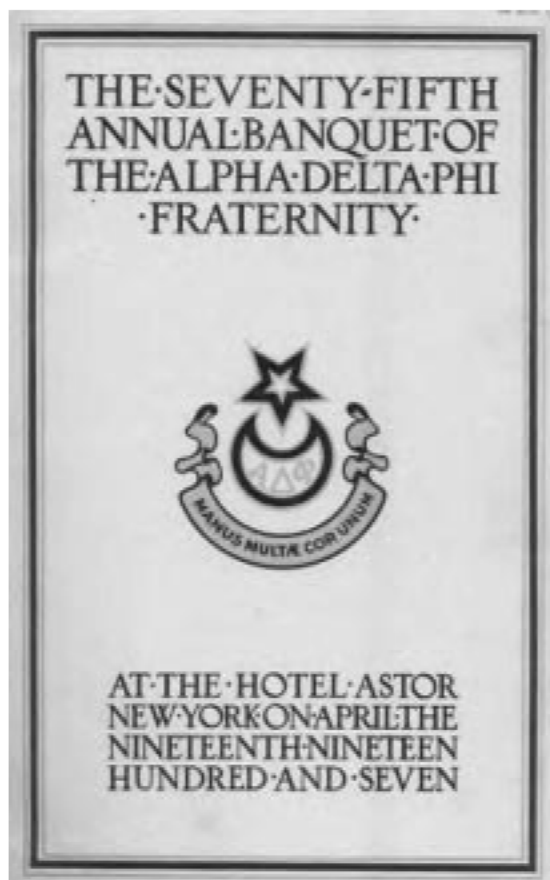
1896



1899



1904



1907 annual banquet program





Full Circle BY WILLIAM C. "BILL" ARTHUR '44

(in honor of Frederick S. Johnson '43 and Robert "Bruce" Hart '84)

On a number of occasions over the last two years, I have had the privilege of talking on the phone with Bill Arthur '44 about some of his formative experiences and adventures while serving in World War II. He was awarded the European Theatre Ribbon with all five battle stars. His personal decorations include The Order of Leopold (Classe de Chevalier); Croix de Guerre (with palm); and the Bronze Star (with "V" device for heroism in ground combat)...to mention just three. However, Bill and I thought the brotherhood of Alpha Delta Phi might particularly enjoy his account of the following event from that period, one that made me think of something T. S. Eliot wrote in one of his poems: "We shall not cease from exploration / And the end of all our exploring / Will be to arrive where we started / And know the place for the first time."

Thom Chirurg '64, Trustee
Adelphic Cornell Educational Fund

Although I matriculated at Cornell in September 1940 with the prospective class of 1944 (and am still listed as Alpha Delta Phi '44), World War II forced me to modify my plans...so I eventually graduated with the class of 1948. Obviously, a great number of my classmates and fraternity brothers also had their college educations either permanently truncated or ultimately completed them in the late 1940s, and, for some, not until the 1950s. But, I believe that I was one of the first members of my original Cornell class to receive orders to active duty after Pearl Harbor occurred in December 1941, and war was formally declared by the United States. This "recognition" was bestowed on me because I had previously received a commission as a second lieutenant (2nd Lt.) U.S. Army Reserve upon graduating from high school at Culver Military Academy in June 1940.

There are many interesting, amusing, and dramatic tales I could relate to you about my training and subsequent experiences while serving with the Seventh Armored Division. However, that is not my intent at this time. Rather, I would like to jump ahead to late November 1944. By then I was a captain, and our division had been in combat for two months in the Netherlands, attached to the British Second Army. As a result, we were deployed south to the vicinity of Ubach-Palenburg on the German-Dutch border to rest and get "refitted" with replacement troops and equipment. Probably our most appreciated accomplishment was to get showers and clean uniforms for every man in the division. (Most of us had experienced neither for as much as 60 days.)

During this "stand-down" period, I was appointed senior aide to the division commander and, among other tasks, was charged with finding a suitable building for division headquarters. Ultimately, I settled on an old fortified castle called Schloss Rimberg. It had been damaged like most of the buildings in the path of the fighting. While reconning its interior, I came across the library where there were a lot of books stacked in piles. Snow was drifting in through the missing windows, and there were a number of holes in the roof. I started looking through the top few layers. Two books in particular caught my attention. One had been printed in Hamburg in 1706 and was



*"Battle of the Bulge": Ardennes, 19 December 1944.
Left to right: Cpl. Dupre, Capt. Wm. Arthur, Sgt. Jodrey.*

a military manual. The other was in Latin, printed in Amsterdam in 1644, and was about John the Baptist. On the assumption that they would otherwise soon be ruined or destroyed completely, I took these two books and sent them home to my father to keep for me.

Our time in this rest area was dramatically cut short not long after this when, on the night of 16 December 1944, we got orders from First Army Headquarters to assemble the division (10,000 men) and be ready to move out. The infamous "Battle of the Bulge" in the Ardennes Forest was under way with three German Panzer Armies advancing abreast. We were sent to the St. Vith sector on the north shoulder of the "Bulge" to try to rescue the 106th Infantry Division, which had only been in Europe for two weeks and was being rapidly overrun. The story of that battle could itself be the subject of another reminiscence sometime in the future. But for now, I shall skip the rest of my World War II experiences and turn to subsequent events.

By January 1946, I was back at Cornell. The AD house had just been returned by the Navy, which had used it during the war to house officer candidates. I was elected president for that spring semester, and we got Alpha Delta Phi up and running again in short order. Come summer, I married Ann Draper, my wife of more than 55 years and a graduate of Smith College.

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April 1945

During the following two years, she worked in the dean of women's office at Cornell, while I completed my degree in mechanical engineering. Over the ensuing four decades, I was able to build a company which was subsequently sold to a much larger corporation, ultimately allowing us to retire to our current home in New Hampshire.

Retirement has afforded me the opportunity to reflect on many events over the course of my life, including studying and determining the provenance of the two books I had acquired during WW II. Although not the oldest, the book on the Prussian military was by far the more interesting to me; besides, it was in German, so I could read it. It contained many illustrations and covered a vast multitude of subjects including the construction of both fixed and field fortifications, the care of horses, navigation, flags, numismatics, and Greek and Latin. Everything an aspiring knight should know was covered in its 375 pages—overall, a very fascinating book, and in excellent condition, including its goatskin cover.

Eventually, I showed both of them to several professors and old book appraisers in an effort to find out what their value might be. I was not thinking of selling them, but rather of giving them to a museum or some other institution that would appreciate and take care of them. While going through this process, another thought came to me. I was on the wrong path. The obvious thing to do was to try to return the books to their rightful owners. When we were at Schloss Rimberg in 1944, it was completely empty, and all the civilians had left to get away from the fighting. The one clue I had was the signature von Brauchitsch in the military book. The signature was faded but legible. There was a well known German field marshal by that name who was anti-Nazi and disappeared shortly after Hitler came to power in 1933.

I contacted the German consul general in Boston and was referred to his cultural attaché, Elke Pauls. My query was to find out who owned the Schloss at the time of the Second World War, who owned it now, and how I could contact them so I could return the books to the rightful owners. Elke was extremely helpful and got in touch with the authorities in Ubach-Palenberg.

The message back from the town was much, much more than I had asked for. The local authorities wanted to know if I would be willing to come to Germany at their expense and spend a week touring around that part of the country. Included would be a festive day when I could formally return the two books to the von Brauchitsches, who were still very much the owners of Schloss Rimberg. I replied that I would be very happy to do so if I could bring



Schloss Rimberg, June 2000.

my wife along at my expense. This was met with full approval, and we proceeded to set the dates for June 2000.

Flying over on Sabena, we were met in Dusseldorf by Herbert Herff and his daughter, Susan. Herb was to be one of our hosts during our stay. The next day we met Horst Tacke, our other host. Horst speaks perfect English, which was a big help in as much as my German is a bit rusty.

It was a very busy week. Here is a list of some of the highlights of our tour:

- A visit to the American Cemetery at Margraten, Netherlands, where over 100 men from our division are buried amongst the 8,300 graves.
- A luncheon and tour of the interesting old city of Monschau.
- A tour of the restored city of Aachen with its cathedral dating from the time of Charlemagne, when he was emperor of the Holy Roman Empire in 800 A.D.
- A boat trip on the Rhine River.
- A stop at the remains of the famous bridge at Remagen, which was the only bridge on the Rhine to be captured intact on 5 March 1945. Our division was the last of four divisions that got across the bridge before it collapsed into the river 12 days later.

*Left to right:
Bürgermeister
Schmitz-Kroll, Ann
Arthur, Baroness
Marietta von
Brauchitsch,
Bill Arthur, and the
baroness's daughter,
Alexandra,
with her baby.*



Of course, the most memorable part of the trip was the return of the books to the von Brauchitsch family. The baron was recovering from surgery and was unable to attend the ceremony. After introductory speeches by the burgermeister and others, the very gracious Baroness Marietta von Brauchitsch accepted the books with some kind words of appreciation on behalf of the family. Afterwards, she said she would like to meet Ann and me at our hotel at 4:00 p.m. and bring us back to Schloss Rimberg for some quiet time with herself and the Baron, who wanted very much to meet us. This meeting turned into a wonderful and moving four hours.

Last year's return to Germany and the Netherlands was certainly a heart-warming way to go "full circle" on that particular chapter of my World War II experiences.

Almost all of us who have served in the armed forces would probably agree that a sense of humor (regular and/or "black") is a necessary prerequisite for dealing not simply with the contradictions of war, but also with the (often necessary) bureaucratic mindsets of large, governmental organizations. Bill and his brother, Jim Arthur '50, have promised to recount a few examples of this in a future issue of The Cornell Alpha Delt.

ALUMNI WRITE

Send your regards to WILLIAM T. COLE '40 at [REDACTED] 90265 or at [REDACTED] paru2@earthlink.net.

ROBERT N. POST '50 [REDACTED] reports a new e-mail address of [REDACTED]

Retiree WILLIAM H. FERGUSON '52 can be reached by e-mail at [REDACTED] and by "snail mail" at [REDACTED]

WILLIAM L. HODGES '52 lives at [REDACTED]

"Marianne and I moved to Bermuda, where I am chief operating officer at Trimmingham's, Bermuda's largest and oldest department store," reports HENRY H. HUBBARD III '56 [REDACTED]. "It's a wonderful way to end a career."

It seems we misidentified the proud uncle in the wedding photo in the last issue of *The Cornell Alpha Delt*. The dapper fellow who escorted Amy Olt down the aisle was TED OLT '57 (the brother of Amy's late father, BOB OLT '54), and not JOHN BROOKE '57, as we reported. We apologize to all concerned.

JAMES M. EDGAR '58 writes that he started his "first retirement" in January 2001—and that he has never been busier. He and Judy operate two fishing and hunting stores in the north San Francisco Bay area, and they maintain an active collectible sporting book business on the Internet. In addition, Jim continues to consult internationally in the areas of branding, marketing, and organization. Drop him a line at [REDACTED]

Write to SLAYDEN DIEHL '61 at [REDACTED]

Executive vice president and chief financial officer for Lyondell Chemical Co., ROBERT T. BLAKELY '63 receives e-mail at [REDACTED] He lives at [REDACTED]

ROBERT M. BRANDON '69 writes, "My wife, Carol, and I are proud to announce the marriage of our elder son, Ian, on May 12, 2001, to Ms. Julie Adelson. The event took place at the Boston Copley Plaza Hotel and included California Alpha Delt DAVID BRANDT '67, former radical turned management guru. A fun time was had by all in the finest 'Alpha Deltic' form." Bob's address is [REDACTED]

Write to WESLEY J. GROVE '73 in care of [REDACTED]

Physician JAMES E. GIBBS '75 resides at [REDACTED] and can be reached by e-mail at [REDACTED]

GREGORY A. WILLIAMSON '82 has moved to [REDACTED]

DUANE J. STILLER '84 reports a new address of [REDACTED] He's the president of Woolbright Development, Inc.

Drop a line to JOSEPH F. CAPELLA '86 at [REDACTED]

CLIFFORD J. HURLEY '86 makes his home at [REDACTED]

Please note this new address for MICHAEL DELUCIA '87: [REDACTED]

Congratulations to ERIC D. SKOLNICK '90 and his wife, Julie, whose first child, Dalia, was born in May. Send best wishes to the Skolnicks at [REDACTED]

JORDAN E. BLACKMAN '91 resides at [REDACTED]

Employed by Kirkland & Ellis, ANDREW B. KAY '91 can be reached at [REDACTED] or at [REDACTED]

Stay in touch with TIMOTHY L. BLANCHARD '98 at [REDACTED]

DANIEL B. BARASCH '99 receives mail at [REDACTED]

BRIAN T. JOHNSON '99 reports a new address of [REDACTED]

Stationed in San Diego with the Navy, PHILIP C. BALLARD '00 can be reached at [REDACTED] or at [REDACTED]

Right: Philip Ballard '00



DECEASED

We regret to report the death of DONALD T. ARMINGTON '51 (July 29, 2001), BERT BORCHERDT '30, ALEXANDER W. DANN JR. '45, JAMES M. EASTER II '41 (July 22, 2001), WILLIAM W. JEMISON JR. '57 (June 22, 2001), and JOHN V. B. RICE '32 (August 16, 2001).