



# The Cornell Alpha Delt

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## Freedom With Responsibility Is The Key To Alpha Delt's Future

There is a great benediction from the *Aeneid* of Virgil,

*"Macte nova virtute, puer, sic itur ad astra."*

Translated it means: "Blessings on your courage, boy; that's the way to the stars."

These words inspired me to think about "next steps" in our ongoing efforts to strengthen and revitalize Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell University. As I outlined in the last newsletter, we are facing significant challenges that will define the future of our

society. If we are to continue to be a fraternity that makes us all proud to be brothers, we will need many acts of courage at both the undergraduate and alumni levels, and we will require brothers of all backgrounds, experiences, and ages stepping forward to help us reach for the stars.

The new year has so far been an exciting and challenging year for Alpha Delta

Phi at Cornell University. We are enjoying a rebound in the strength and quality of undergraduate leadership, an uptick in alumni support overall, and a handful of significant donations from dedicated brothers intent on making sure the Phi is formidable, enduring and robust as we embark on our 137th year of survival.

2005 has also been a tumultuous year for fraternities across the nation. Greek societies like ours continue to be deeply scrutinized by university and municipal overseers and

the general public. It is becoming increasingly hard to romanticize or defend the poor behavior and immoral decisions, especially when they result in destruction of property, injury and abuse, or in rare cases, death.

A recent article published in *The New York Times Magazine*, "The War on Frat Culture" received a great deal of attention for its allegedly self-confessional perspective on alcohol abuse at fraternity houses at Northwestern. (Read the article at <http://www.nytimes.com/2005/01/09/magazine/09FRATS.html>.)

Also getting much media attention is Tom Wolfe's new

novel, *I Am Charlotte Simmons*, which contains an unflattering portrait of a fraternity at a fictional elite university. I recognized in my own recollections of my undergraduate thoughts and behavior much of the swagger, entitlement, and hubris of the fraternity boys that Wolfe depicts.

Of course, I was turned off by much of the fraternal pathol-

ogy Wolfe describes, as I viewed it at worst as pure fiction, and at best, a much more extreme and uncontrolled version of the lust and intoxication that I experienced in the orbit of Alpha Delt in the late 1980s and early 1990s. These articles and books are worth reading not just for their literary or journalistic merit, but also to help us consider the fate of fraternities that turn a blind eye to abusive behavior in their midst.

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Alpha Delt brothers Phil Dubrovsky '05, Matthew McCord '05, Sebastiano Colella '05, Jack VanArsdale '05, William Kaser '06, Ben Buchanan '06, and Josh Goldstein '05.

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*Thom Chirurg '64 and Doug Smith '78 discuss the Adelpic Cornell Educational Fund Public Service Internship, a stipend awarded to brothers and other Cornell students who work for nonprofit, governmental, or public service organizations, with Nancy Law of Cornell Career Services, at the ACEF meeting during Homecoming 2004.*

## Homecoming 2004 ACEF Academic Award Winners

The Adelpic Cornell Educational Fund (ACEF) is proud to recognize the following undergraduate brothers for their academic achievements. Winners of \$500 academic awards are: Aaron Beaudette '07, Jordan Wells '07, Ryan Colbert '05, Zachary Jones '06, and Kevin Barmish '07. Cyrus Woolard '07 received honorable mention and a \$250 award.

The Adelpic Cornell Educational Foundation (ACEF) makes cash awards annually at Homecoming and Initiation to recognize exemplary scholarship. The awards are made in memory of Theodore H. Booth '25 and James T. Lewis '27. An additional award is made in the Fall, to the NIB with the highest GPA earned while a pledge, in honor of R. Bruce Hart '84. More information on these awards can be found at: <http://www.adphicornell.org/scholarships.asp>.

The fraternity extends its gratitude to trustees and the donors of the ACEF for their continued sponsorship of these academic awards which promote academic excellence in Alpha Delta Phi while rewarding the scholarship and hard work of deserving undergraduate brothers.

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Tobin Sullivan '07

# Alpha Delt Family Endows Chair Of Cornell Department Of Biomedical Engineering

James M. McCormick '69, MEng '70, and Marsha McCormick '70, have established a \$3 million endowment to help Cornell research scientists develop new treatments, cures, and solutions for a wide spectrum of human health problems and diseases.

President and founder of First Manhattan Consulting Group, Jim has contributed his expertise to Cornell for many years as a member of the College of Engineering Advisory Council and as a member of the board of directors of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell, Inc.

"I think there are two dimensions of our excitement to get behind this program," Jim McCormick says. "Biomedical engineering is a part of the broad life-sciences initiative and centers on Cornell's capabilities through the breadth of talent that can be brought together from across the university. I think this cross-disciplinary cooperation will lead to some exciting breakthroughs. The second broad motivation for supporting this work relates to our enthusiasm for Cornell's biomedical engineering mission, which seeks to make advancements in what I call the big three challenges of biomedical engineering: diagnosis; drug design and delivery; and replacement or regenerative organs. I think engineers can contribute to this effort by not only making some of the breakthroughs, but also by figuring out how to manufacture and distribute innovations in a less expensive way."

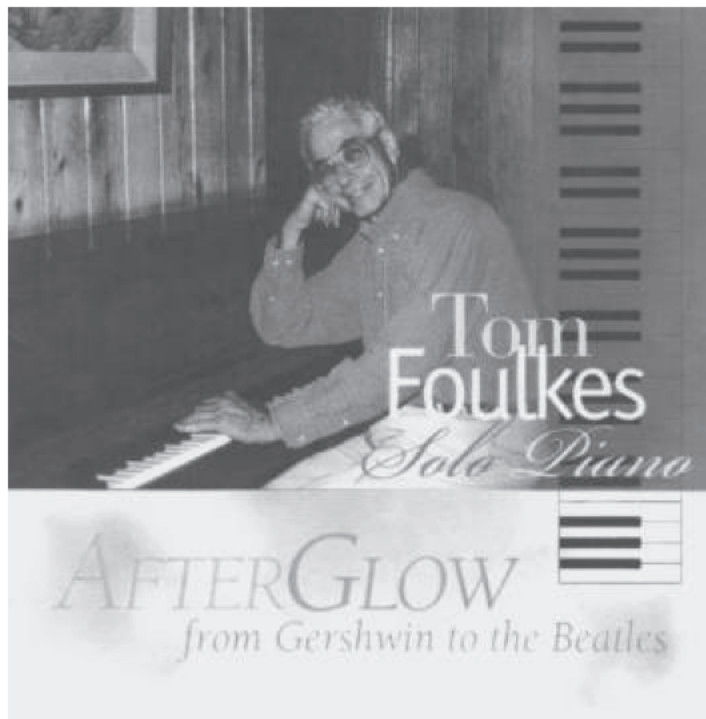
Jim and Marsha's son, J.J. McCormick '05, is an undergraduate member and former senior officer of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell University.

(This article was excerpted from "The Vast Potential of Biomedical Engineering." Communique, Cornell University, Division of Alumni Affairs and Development, Volume 29, Number 1; the author was Diane Lebo Wallace.)



Marsha McCormick '70 and James M. McCormick '69

## Tom Foulkes '52 Basks In The AfterGlow



Thomas S. Foulkes '52 has produced a CD of his solo piano playing entitled *AfterGlow*—from Gershwin to the Beatles. The CD contains 19 tracks with songs familiar to brothers age 50 and older, and other brothers wise beyond their years. Inspiration for creating the recording came from his wife, Anne, and his three children. Tom selected standard songs that were their favorites. Among the titles featured are: *Send in the Clowns*, *Lazy River*, *Man I Love*, *Stuck on You*, *All the Things You Are*, *Satin Doll*, and *Yesterday*. It is wonderful music for cocktails, dinner, or just easy listening.

Tom relates that Alpha Deltos from the early 50s will remember he was always at the piano either trying new routines with Dave Higgins '52 and Don Stone '51G or playing for sing-alongs in the bar. Dave, Don, and Tom were featured around the campus in 1950 and 1951 as "The Three Feathers," and appeared on the Ted Mack Amateur Hour in 1951 on national TV. After a long hiatus for family and jobs, Tom returned to some serious piano playing in 1999. He takes lessons again from a great teacher in Ithaca and has played over 100 gigs at local clubs, fine restaurants, and private parties.

Tom would be happy to send you a copy for \$15 to help cover his cost of production and mailing. If interested contact him at: P.O. Box 128, Keuka Park, NY 14478, or email: keukalake@earthlink.net.

Tom Goldstone '94



# Freedom With Responsibility Is The Key To Alpha Delt's Future

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Even the moderately informed observer of fraternities is aware of ongoing debates about the changing culture of drinking in fraternities, and the various approaches that universities are taking in attempting to deal with binge drinking.

We are by no means teetering on the brink of nonexistence, but an honest assessment would yield a fundamental truth: we have little margin for error going forth if we wish the undergraduate brothers to enjoy the freedom with responsibility that we benefited from during our years at 777 Stewart Avenue. The key to our survival is two-fold, having undergraduates who are capable of managing risk and having alumni who understand that they have a responsibility to contribute and subsidize, as best as we can, the little classroom of not-ready-for-prime-time life lessons that we call our fraternity.

Ted Olt '57 wrote to me (in a letter that accompanied a generous bank draft), "The one rule that existed in our days at Cornell sufficed; freedom comes with responsibility. We were all binge drinkers in those days except for those who did not drink at all and they were few and far between. We binged on Saturday night because we studied from noon on Sunday to noon on Saturday. On occasion our behavior was less than it should have been, but nothing truly boorish or amoral. The rules were unwritten; they were lax, but they weren't absent. But in the 47 years since graduation I have seen the ravages of alcoholism and have studied the causes and cures. Some of my fraternity brothers have been through treatment; indeed, the bonds forged at Alpha Delt have facilitated such activity...It would be a marvelous thing if undergraduates had the training and insight to separate the budding alcoholic from the first-class party animal. Falling down drunk and passing out is not a valid criterion unless it is repetitive."

And, as Fred Parkin '63 wrote to me (in another letter that accompanied another generous bank draft), "Freedom with Responsibility has a hollow ring these days. No question the house looked better and was more respected in our day, but we did some damn dumb stuff, too."

I continue to believe that the active brothers of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell are wise enough, dedicated stewards, and passionate enough about their fraternity to manage risk effectively, without needing the alumni board to impose restrictions on the house beyond those imposed by New York State Law and Cornell University.

However, as the *Times* article indicates, many individual fraternity alumni boards and many national and international fraternal organizations have lost faith. As a result, those fraternities have gone dry and sold out their properties (and their traditions) to their universities.

I do not believe that is our destiny, if we continue to be vigilant and continue to work with the undergraduates to assess and manage risk, support brothers with alcohol and drug abuse problems in getting professional help, and communicate openly with parents in cases of behavior that is dangerous and destructive.

In the nearly three years that I have been alumni president, I've seen five incidents of alcohol and drug abuse and

have dealt directly with them as they have arisen. I have always first sought to have the active undergraduate officers deal with the problem themselves, asking them to develop a strategy, share it with me, implement it, and report back on the effectiveness of the remedy devised.

This approach has worked well on two occasions. On three other occasions, the actives have refused to intervene, either because they were in denial about the magnitude of the problem or because they did not want to risk being "un-cool" or unpopular by holding fellow brothers accountable for their actions. In each of these three cases, I first spoke with the brother involved to get him to seek help at Gannett Health Center, which runs a great assessment program called BASICS. This program requires two visits, one, in which a person fills out a lengthy survey on their behavior, and a follow-up visit when the counselor reviews the findings with the student and makes recommendations for counseling. I have not demanded counseling. I have only required an alcohol or drug assessment screening, at which time the student has the choice and responsibility to choose his path. If the student refuses to complete the initial BASICS assessment, then I call the parents. It is perhaps the most unpleasant part of my job, but I know I would want someone to call me if they even slightly suspected that my son's behavior was out of control.

To read more about the BASICS program, visit:  
<http://www.gannett.cornell.edu/counseling-support/BASICS.html>.

As you know, our member education or pledging program does not involve hazing and does not involve alcohol. However, we need to continue to watch the pledging process, because over-excited active brothers, and even returning alumni brothers, can sometimes get carried away and cross the line from advocate to abuser. The leadership of our esteemed Board Chairman, Ken Growney '82, has been absolutely instrumental in bringing attention to the potential for amoral behavior, particularly among alumni. Ken is hyper-vigilant in detecting and dealing with even the slightest whiff of power-tripping alumni or actives in the pledging and initiation process. I plan to continue this vigilance. While I have never seen, in my almost two decades of brotherhood, a person forced or required or even asked to consume alcohol and drugs as part of a sanctioned event in Alpha Delta Phi, I have seen, and have even participated in events, where tired and confused pledges have cried or have come to brothers seeking comfort and help and have not received it.

Some brothers would argue that such intense emotional events forge bonds of brotherhood and develop character. Others would argue that there are better, less abusive ways to go about the journey. What we call our "organizational culture" is very much dependent upon how we structure our approach and our response to these critical defining questions.

The bottom line is this: the alumni board is very much aware of and sensitive to alcohol and drug abuse and we are working with the actives to address the problems and to prevent problems before they have the chance to occur.

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Robert Dunn '02  
and  
William Kendall '02  
at Homecoming 2004  
with their dates.

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Having said all that, I must also make clear something that we all know: that a full life includes the delightful experiences of fine food and drink, the companionship of friends, episodes of adventure and abandon, and the poetic intoxications of love, travel, ambition, and pursuit of transcendence. Yes, when we are growing as individuals we do need to get out of our own heads on occasion. But there are more effective ways than searching for the bottom of the bottle.

As Walt Whitman wrote in the preface to *Leaves of Grass* in 1855:

Love the earth and sun and the animals, despise riches, give alms to every one that asks, stand up for the stupid and crazy, devote your income and labor to others, hate tyrants, argue not concerning God, have patience and indulgence toward the people, take off your hat to nothing known or unknown or to any man or number of men, go freely with powerful uneducated persons and with the young and with the mothers of families, read these leaves in the open air every season of every year of your life, re-examine all you have been told at school or church or in any book, dismiss whatever insults your own soul; and your very flesh shall be a great poem and have the richest fluency not only in its words but in the silent lines of its lips and face and between the lashes of your eyes and in every motion and joint of your body...

To all the undergraduate brothers, I ask you to understand that you have the complete support and blessing of your alumni organization, but there are a few things that you need to bring to table, including self-respect, honor, honesty, and courage. It takes courage to face danger and to fight against an enemy. But it also takes great courage to love, to honor our commitments, to be daring, original and creative. One must have great courage to reach for the stars, to invent a machine, or to write a poem, to stand alone against a private obstacle, or to trust one's friends and

brothers enough to work together against adversity.

If everything about fraternity life were safely outlined and programmed there would be no surprises. Brothers would be simply acting out a script. It also takes great courage and mutual trust to be able to put our existing scripts down, and for the interactions of the brothers of the Phi, our adventures and misadventures will be experienced and remembered as an epic, spontaneous, multi-voiced poem. Doing such, you will create unforgettable days, commune with the great literary traditions of our fraternity, and leave behind a great fraternal inheritance for future generations.

I am continually impressed with the talent, capacity and resilience of the undergraduate brothers. While you have your challenges, and the alumni board members are constantly working to help you address them, we know that you care deeply about the Phi and in your own way embrace the eternal values of our society.

I wish the undergraduate brothers much courage as they continue on their journey toward truly meaningful and effective self-governance. The future will increasingly require the ability and courage to demand accountability from self and others and the future will demand taking a stance that is unpopular, but that you know in your heart is right. Just be prepared to debate your rightness with others who might not share your view. Out of that interplay of battling minds and ethical perspectives will emerge rich cooperative guidance and a prudent path.

I welcome your thoughts on this article. I do not pretend to have the solutions, only strong opinions that I hope I can defend. I seek only to provoke dialogue and honest self-reflection, as I believe silence on these important issues makes all caring and concerned alumni brothers complicit in any backsliding at the Phi. We will revisit the topics of self-governance and reducing alcohol abuse frequently in the weeks, months, and years ahead.

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# Remembering Louis Agassiz Fuertes, Class of 1897

Louis Agassiz Fuertes was a native Ithacan and the nation's most notable ornithological painter since James Audubon. Mr. Audubon became famous shortly after publishing *The Birds of America* in 1838.

Louis Agassiz Fuertes (Feb. 7, 1874-Aug. 22, 1927), the artist-naturalist, was born at Ithaca, New York. His father, Estevan Antonio Fuertes, was a descendant of a prominent Spanish family. His mother, Mary Stone Perry Fuertes, of Dutch and English ancestry, was born in Troy, New York. His talent in drawing and his love of birds began to show at an early age and developed without particular encouragement from parents or friends.

By the time he was eight or nine years old he had focused his attention upon painting birds, and when he was 14, according to an autobiographical sketch, his career was definitely settled. He received his education in the public schools of Ithaca then, in 1892, accompanied his parents to Europe and spent the year in a preparatory school in Zurich, Switzerland. On his return he entered Cornell University and graduated with the class of 1897.

In 1894, while on a glee club trip to Washington, DC, he met Elliott Coues and showed him some of his paintings. The encouragement that he received from the ornithologist

was apparently a deciding factor in his career. Following his graduation from Cornell he spent a year studying with Abbott H. Thayer, which improved his technique very materially and, with him and his son, Gerald Thayer, he went to Florida in the spring of 1898. This was the first of a series of expeditions that widened his knowledge of the birds of North America. In 1899 he went to Alaska with the famed Harriman expedition and two years later he visited western Texas and New Mexico with a party from the United States Biological Survey. With Dr. F.M. Chapman, curator of birds at the American Museum in New York City, between 1902 and 1913 he visited the Bahamas, the Pacific Coast, the prairies of Saskatchewan and the Canadian Rockies, the Cuthbert Rookery in Florida, Yucatan and eastern Mexico, and Colombia, South America. In addition to these expeditions, Fuertes visited Jamaica on his wedding journey in 1904, the Magdalen Islands and Bird Rock in 1909 with Leonard Cutler Sanford, and, after a dozen years spent mostly in his studio at Ithaca, in 1926-27 he made an expedition to little-known parts of Abyssinia with Dr. Wilfred H. Osgood for the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago. From 1923 to 1927 he was lecturer in ornithology at Cornell University.

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*The Duck Marsh*



*The Great Horned Owl*

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Fuertes was a tireless worker in the field and never lost an opportunity to add to his collection of birds or sketches. At the time of his death he left a collection of some 3,500 beautifully prepared bird skins and over 1,000 field and studio sketches of more than 400 different kinds of birds. His greatest collection, however, was the series of mental images of each bird that seemed to be indelibly impressed upon his mind with all the accuracy of a photographic plate. When examining a bird, his concentration was supreme; he was oblivious to everything about him; and during these moments, apparently, details of pose and expression were so fixed in his mind that years afterwards he could reproduce them with his pencil and brush without the slightest hesitation. His paintings, which illustrate most of the leading bird books published between 1896 and 1927, are characterized by a beauty of draftsmanship and a devotion to truth which are manifested not only in the accuracy of every detail of plumage and form, but also in the perfection attained in reproducing the characteristic attitudes and expressions of each species. On June 2, 1904, Fuertes was married to Margaret F. Sumner of Ithaca, with whom he had two children. Tragically, shortly after returning from a scientific expedition to Ethiopia, Fuertes was killed in a grade-crossing accident in 1927. [Biographical note written by Arthur A. Allen

and taken from *The Dictionary of American Biography*, vol. VII, Charles Scribner's Sons: New York, 1930-1, p. 53.]

For nearly a century, brothers of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell University have had the honor and privilege to be the stewards of two original oil paintings, given as gifts by Brother Fuertes. The most commonly known of these paintings is *The Great Horned Owl*. This painting hung above the living room fireplace for many years until insurance requirements and preservation concerns motivated the alumni to seek safer harbor for the painting in the Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art at Cornell University. *The Great Horned Owl* is owned by our alumni organization, Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell, Inc. At present, a color reproduction print of *The Great Horned Owl* hangs in the Phi. The print was made by Beck Engraving of Philadelphia and donated by the late George D. Beck '34. The handsome frame for the print was donated at Homecoming 2004 by Doug Bond '66. Many alumni brothers own a quality reproduction of the owl painting because they were sold in the early 1970s as part of a fundraising effort led by the late Judge James E. Rice Jr. '30.

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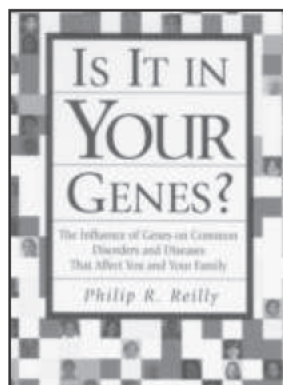
# Alpha Delt Author Spotlight

Philip R. Reilly '69 is the author of *Is it in Your Genes?*, a new book from Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press that examines more than 90 common conditions, diseases, and disorders—from conception to old age—and discusses what is known and unknown about the influence of genes and the risk of developing each disease.

Reilly is the CEO of Interleukin Genetics, Inc. and an assistant professor at Tufts University School of Medicine. Brother Reilly, the new vice president of our alumni board, recently returned to the Phi for Initiation 2004 and gave the alumni charge in the Goat House.

His son, Thomas Reilly '07, was initiated in the new class and continues an important legacy at Alpha Delt.

Congratulations to the Reilly family!



Philip R. Reilly '69

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Many brothers may not realize the importance of *The Great Horned Owl* in the artistic development of Brother Fuertes. In his book, *Louis Agassiz Fuertes and the Singular Beauty of Birds* (1971), Frederick Marcham quotes from a remark by Dean Amadon (PhD '47), a renowned authority on birds of prey and former curator of birds at the American Museum of Natural History:

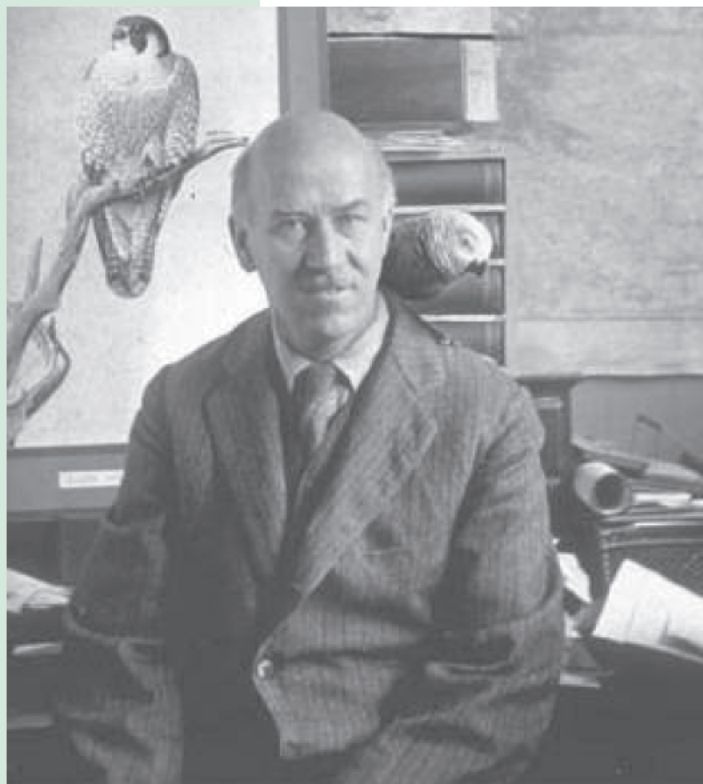
"In later years, Fuertes expressed a desire to get away from painting mere portraits of birds, those functional book illustrations for which he was in such demand. I remember

clearly that day in 1925 at the museum. He had on display a large oil of a great horned owl against a background of dead leaves, a bold treatment that reminded me of a canvas by Liljefors, the Swede. 'This is the way I really like to paint,' he said. 'I'm going to do more of it from now on.' He never did. Louis Fuertes was killed shortly afterward in an automobile accident."

Lesser known, but equally astonishing, is *The Duck Marsh*, notable for its depictions of ducks in various stages of flying, landing, and floating. Also stunning is the glorious expanse of clear blue water and a cloud-filled sky that casts half the painting in sunlight and half in shade. This painting is owned by the Adelpic Cornell Educational Fund (ACEF) and is presently kept in safe storage.

Cornell University holds a large collection of Brother Fuertes' bird illustrations, as well as his personal papers. This collection is housed in the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections. Both the Fuertes Collection and the Alpha Delta Phi Collection (containing the fraternity archives) are located in Kroch Library on the Cornell campus. A wonderful place for a leisurely stroll in the midst of Fuertes drawings and paintings is the Cornell Lab of Ornithology at Sapsucker Woods. Please feel free to examine these collections on your next visit to Ithaca.

Howie Schaffer '90



Louis Agassiz Fuertes

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When you visit us at [www.adphicornell.org](http://www.adphicornell.org) you can locate your brothers, learn about upcoming events, read current and past issues of the newsletter, post messages in the discussion area, see dozens of photographs, make a gift to the house, and more! Take advantage of this easy way to reconnect with the Phi and strengthen the bonds of brotherhood.



# Undergraduate Chapter President's Report

The Fall 2004 semester was a huge success on many fronts. Although there were a few bumps along the way, we were able to pull together as a brotherhood to continue our legacy as a strong house on campus. We began the semester on social probation (due to Victory Club issues inherited from the previous semester) but this did not stop us from having a great time. We were able to hold several parties in the beginning of the year that attracted many students who, of course, had the best time. Homecoming Weekend was great, reuniting many alumni, new and old. The tailgating was a huge hit and the dinner prepared by our legendary cook, Mario Giacco, was delicious. When we were unable to hold any events in the house, trips such as wine tours kept house morale up.

Although our house was on probation, fellow students never looked negatively upon Alpha Delta Phi. We also have a very strong relationship with the faculty and administration of Cornell. We solidified this relationship by holding the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) Faculty Appreciation Ceremony at the Phi, which was a huge success. Our participation in several charity events has also helped the house become closer with the community. We worked closely with the university police and administration in creating several security plans for fraternity parties at Cornell. Our relationship with the Ithaca Fire Department continues to grow, as one of our active brothers is a member. Our problems from the past year seem to be over and our house is certainly heading in the right direction.

As the year drew to a close our financial problems came to a head. Overcoming several outstanding debts from the past semester and having to compensate for several kids who decided to deactivate instead of paying dues left us

short on funds. In response, we decided to cut the kitchen budget a little. Although this solution may have seemed drastic, we were able to manage without Mario's cooking for a week. This cut funded the most important rush tool we have, and the solution to our serious financial problems, Turkey Fest.

Turkey Fest was a huge success this year, attracting a record number of prospective rushees who exemplify the standards of the fraternity. It gave us a chance to meet with the future of the house. Everyone who attended this prestigious event had a wonderful time filled with singing and dancing. All of our guests were in awe of our beautiful mansion and the brothers who live here.

Some alumni feel the future of the house is bleak, but I disagree. There were problems in the past, but they no longer exist. We have stayed out of trouble this year and we are on the right path. Money was tight at times, but through certain sacrifices, we were able to manage. Participation in the recent house elections demonstrates the desire of the brotherhood to make sure the house continues in the right direction, as an unparalleled

structure and institution. Morale is high and everyone is excited about rush week and the new members that will enter into this great organization. It has been a pleasure serving as the president of Alpha Delta Phi and I know that the new president, Matthew Saltzman '06, will do an excellent job in securing the future of the fraternity.

XAIPE,  
William Watt Kaser '06  
President (Fall 2004)



William Watt Kaser '06

## Words Of Fraternity Wisdom

Cornell is one of the most Grecian of the big fraternity centers—but it doesn't do anybody much harm. Formerly, before Willard Straight hall was erected as a pleasure for the independent students, there was a practical disadvantage in not belonging to a fraternity—a disadvantage which very nearly offset the splendid spiritual catharsis of living in that unholy state.

Willard Straight Hall now offers the comforts of home to everybody, and the fraternities are beginning to feel the way speakeasies felt after repeal: that there is nothing to be exclusive about anymore. I am this way and that way about fraternities. They are ostensibly founded on brotherhood, but in practice they thrive on a gentle snobbery. In spite of that, they do seem to solve, in a curiously fortuitous way, the acute problem of sleeping and eating and talking.

Mine, in addition to furnishing me with friends, satisfied my proprietary instincts: I had a lawn, a bed, a dining table, a library. I was always troubled, though, by the uneasy

feeling that the "independent" students, who did not conform to the arbitrary standards of dress and conversation dictated by the fraternities, were probably getting a whole lot better education; and I envied them their freedom of conscience, implicit in the word "independent."

E.B. White '21  
(Phi Gamma Delta)

[excerpted from "I'd Send My Son to Cornell" 1933]



E.B. White '21

# Alpha Delt Brother Wins Honorable Mention For John S. Dyson Award Citizenship Award

The John S. Dyson Citizenship Award is given annually to Greek leaders who have exemplified exceptional leadership and demonstrated a strong commitment to community service, philanthropy, scholarship, and citizenship. The award was created in honor of John S. Dyson '65 whose dedication to Alpha Delta Phi and the Greek system is legendary. Only individuals with an exceptional record of scholastic achievement and devotion to one's community may apply. Only the most distinguished Greek leaders have received this honor. Such individuals are hard working, detail-oriented and possess a solid commitment to both their chapter and the Greek system. This year's award recipients were no exception and truly embody these values of service, philanthropy, scholarship, and citizenship. Through this award Mr. Dyson has promoted the four pillars of Alpha Delt (service, sac-

rifice, leadership and brotherhood) to the entire Greek system.

An honorable mention among the top three Greek leaders, this year an award went to Ryan Colbert '05, a graduating senior from Alpha Delta Phi. Ryan's strong commitment to the Greek system began as pledge captain three years ago. After pledging, Ryan took an immediate senior leadership position and was a key player in both recent bathroom renovation and basement renovation projects. Additionally, throughout his undergraduate career he has been an active member of the Cayuga Heights Fire Department and Rescue Squad. As a senior member and recorder for the IFC Judicial Board,

Ryan has assured the safety and compliance of many chapters with new rules and regulations.

In fact, the Associate Dean of Students, Suzy Nelson, created a new job for him as "Greek Judicial Board Recorder," a paid position which never before had existed. Ryan was able to assist in the execution, possessing and delivery of judicial complaints and decisions. His commitment to the Greek system continues to expand as he plays a role on the Alpha Delt Alumni Board and plans on joining future Greek



Ryan Colbert '05

alumni organizations.

Congratulations to Ryan. We thank him for being such an able ambassador for Alpha Delt on the Cornell campus.



Alpha Delt chef Mario Giacco with brothers Sebastian Colella '05 and Diego Vallarino '05.

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### Donor Update

Jeffrey P. Weiss '79 was inadvertently left out of the Honor Roll of Donors that accompanied the Summer 2004 issue of the *Cornell Alpha Delt*. We are grateful for Jeff's support. His generous contributions make him a member of both the Judge Rice Society and the Founders Club.



Sebastian Colella '05 and Ryan Welner '03 at Homecoming 2004 cocktail hour.



# News From Our Alumni

WARD C. CAMPBELL '45 writes that he is, "still racing on the harbor, doing what I consider tennis, and trying to keep ahead of the growth of the trees and stuff in the field around the house." Ward still keeps in touch with PETER K. CLOUGH '45. Write to Ward at [REDACTED] e-mail [REDACTED]

LAWRENCE H. BROWN '56 writes, "I was at Cornell for only two years before transferring to the University of Michigan but a lot of my loyalties remain with Cornell, and I am looking forward to my 50th reunion in 2006. After a 30-year career at the Northern Trust Company in Chicago, I retired in 1989. I remained involved with the financial world by becoming director/trustee of various Nuveen Mutual funds in 1994. My health is pretty good, and I have very much enjoyed the additional time that retirement allowed me to have with my family and to have had significant travel and athletic activities (golf, tennis, and curling)." Write to Larry at [REDACTED] E-mail him at [REDACTED]

ARTHUR C. THORNER '58 has moved to [REDACTED]

SHELDON R. SEVERINGHAUS '62 writes, "I am dividing my time between San Francisco, Ulaan Baatar (Mongolia), Taiwan and elsewhere. My main objective is following the political situations in these countries. If any brothers are visiting San Francisco (or want to visit Mongolia) please get in touch." Reach "Shel" at [REDACTED]; e-mail to [REDACTED]

ROBERT S. BELL '65 writes, "I bought a winery in Hood River and got Michael Sebastiani to be the winemaker (see [www.cathedralridgewinery.com](http://www.cathedralridgewinery.com)). We are about 50 minutes from the Portland airport. My daughter Morgan (15) is a great horsewoman. My son, John, is in Dallas working in advertising. Come visit and try our fine wines!" Contact Robb at [REDACTED] send e-mail to [REDACTED]

CLARK C. KIMBALL '70 works at Marshall and Madison Real Estate, Co. in Marshall, North Carolina. Write to Clark at [REDACTED] E-mail him at [REDACTED]

ROBERT J. SEGAL '71 has a new address: [REDACTED]

HOWARD P. MILSTEIN '73 can be contacted at: [REDACTED]

WALTER F. BORGES '75 writes, "After 25 years in journalism and at age 50, I quit my job and returned to school for a doctorate in political science. The trouble is I still live in Austin, Texas, but attend the University of Texas at Dallas. So every Monday morning, I drop the kids, Isabel (12)

and Sophie (9), at school and finish the 215 miles just in time to TA a class on campaigns and elections. For this semester at least, I manage to get home on Wednesday night or Thursday, which at least gives my wife some downtime as a single parent. Yes, I'm still working too, with some freelance jobs and consulting contracts. Midlife crises? Some suggest that. Well, if it is, it's cheaper than a good Porsche!" Write to Walter at [REDACTED] E-mail him at [REDACTED]

ROBERT M. GREEN '77 reports that his oldest daughter is a beginning her masters degree at Yale and his youngest daughter is a senior in high school. Bob hopes to get back to Cornell during her campus interview trip. Write to Bob at [REDACTED] E-mail him at [REDACTED]

PHILIP J. ROMERO '79 writes from Eugene, OR, that he and wife Lita (Dartmouth '78) celebrated their 20th anniversary in October 2004. Lita is a volunteer at a local charity that protects children at risk, and Philip is completing a five-year term as dean of the University of Oregon Business School. Since graduating from Cornell, he has been a defense policy analyst at the Rand Corporation, a corporate strategist at United Technologies, and chief economist to the governor of California. He earned his PhD in 1988, but credits the Arts college for giving him the intellectual flexibility to make three career changes. Stay in touch with Phil at [REDACTED] send e-mail to [REDACTED]

PHILLIP E. MCCARTHY II '86 works as a financial advisor for the private wealth management group UBS Financial Services in New York, New York. Write to Phil at [REDACTED] Send Phil e-mail at [REDACTED]

RICHARD C. SEESTEDT '86 writes to joyfully report, "Lisa and I had an 8-lb., 11-oz. baby girl delivered on December 12, 2004 as an early gift. Lily Caroline and Lisa continue to do well." Richard is a new member of the alumni board of directors. We thank him for his service and wish him and Lisa well on their journey of parenthood. Rich can be reached at [REDACTED]; e-mail to [REDACTED]

MICHAEL A. DELUCIA '87 has a new address: [REDACTED] He was promoted last year to VP of international marketing for Twentieth Century Fox and moved to the Hollywood Hills. Send e-mail to [REDACTED]

ANDREW L. REED '90 welcomed his second daughter in May. Harriet Naomi Reed was born on May 11, 2004. Send congratulations to Andrew at [REDACTED]

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SEAN E. WILLIAMS '90 lives in Japan. Write to Sean at [REDACTED] E-mail him at [REDACTED]

GREGORY T. BLOOM '91 writes to report that after nearly a decade in Moscow and a year in Washington, DC, he has recently moved to the Philippines and is working as a freelance journalist. His articles on helicopter skiing and "heliboarding" in Kamchatka and the volcanic regions of Siberia have been featured in the *Moscow Times* recently. Greg can be reached at [REDACTED]

DENTON CHASE '92 has a new address: [REDACTED] You can send him e-mail at [REDACTED]

COLIN H. WILLIAMS '92 has moved to [REDACTED] Keep in touch with Colin by e-mail at [REDACTED]

AARON J. KISSEL '97 has moved to [REDACTED]

CARLOS A. SUAREZ '98 has a new address, [REDACTED] He works for Cushman & Wakefield Strategic Agency Services. Stay in touch by e-mail at [REDACTED]

PHILLIP C. BALLARD '00 writes, "After spending my last two years as a naval officer mostly at sea, I was ready

## Alpha Delt Zach Jones '06 Named Associate Editor Of Cornell Daily Sun



Zachary M. Jones '06

Zachary M. Jones '06 was recently named associate editor of the 123rd editorial board of *The Cornell Daily Sun*. Zach is the former undergraduate vice president of Alpha Delta Phi and his name perennially appears on the Dean's List. Congratulations to Zach on this honor. We thank him for being such an able ambassador of the values of Alpha Delta Phi on the Cornell campus and among the far-flung international readership of *The Cornell Daily Sun*.



for a change. I officially resigned my commission on August 2, moved to Washington, DC, and became a defense contractor for the Missile Defense Agency on August 3. I am the agency's antiterrorism/force protection specialist responsible for authorizing policy, training employees in antiterrorism awareness, and conducting threat and vulnerability assessments. I have found my calling in homeland security work and helping to win the global war on terror. In my spare time, I'm volunteering at Bush-Cheney '04 headquarters and attending a lot of Cornell Club of Washington events." Write to Phil at [REDACTED]

E-mail him at [REDACTED]

THOMAS E. WORDEN '04 has moved to [REDACTED] Send e-mail to [REDACTED]

## NECROLOGY:

*We regret to report the death of the following alumni:*

HENRY B. RICHARDSON '41  
on March 25, 2004

*Henry Richardson of Fayetteville, New York, was an orthodontist. A veteran, he was also active in community, professional, and religious affairs.*

GUY J.M. LEMOIGNE '58  
in December 2003

ROGER D. BROWN '50  
in April 2004

## Reunion 2005 at Alpha Delt

In honor of returning alumni brothers, the Phi will be open during Reunion Weekend on Friday, June 10, 2005, to all brothers, their families, and friends.

Come troll a stove and drink a measure! The Judge Rice '30 and Fred Johnson '43 Memorial New York State Wine and Cheese Tasting will be hosted by Tony Johnson '80 on Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Sherwoods will be on hand to perform.

Undergraduate brothers will lead house tours. Come join us! Xaipe!