

# THE ALPHA DELT

Cornell University Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi

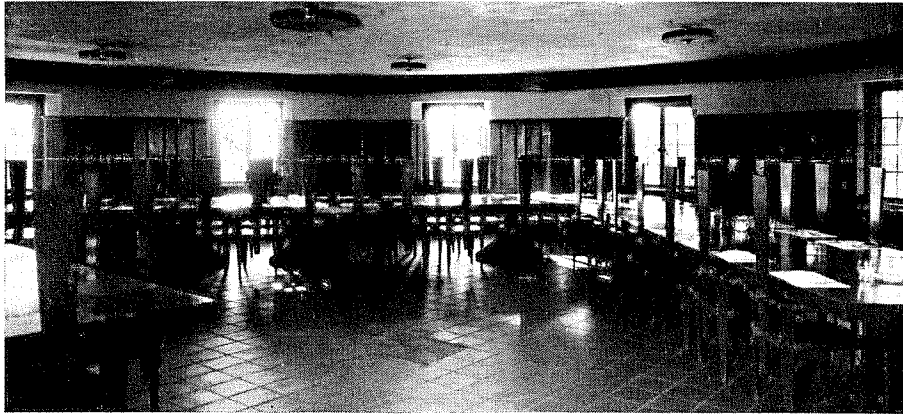
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## Send Us Names Early for Summer Rushing!

### Where Cornell Alpha Deltas Dine



HERE'S ANOTHER in our series of new views of the chapter house, this one picturing to good advantage the sturdy, distinctive equipment of the dining room. The room itself is spacious, light and airy, and is probably one of the most attractive to be found in any fraternity on the Hill.

### Members Are Elected To Hill Organizations

With Cornell Day, Spring Day and graduation occupying most of the stage for the past month, relatively few new activities have been recorded. Gurden Miller has been competing for the chairmanship of the freshman advisory committee, now one of the biggest jobs on the Hill.

Jack Conway has been going strong with the varsity golf team this spring. He played and won a recent match with Syracuse. Jack is a cadet officer in the R.O.T.C. and was elected a few days ago to Scabbard and Blade.

Robert McNamara, who has been playing regular third base with the varsity nine, was pledged recently to Kappa Beta Phi and initiated into Ye Hosts.

Robert Ryon '03 is in the wholesale grain business in Lansing, Michigan. In addition to his firm, the Ryon Grain company, he is connected with the Michigan Millers Fire Insurance company. He has two sons, Edgar and Robert, lives at 214 N. Pine street.

### Plan Annual Meeting Sunday, June 14

Readers of *The Alpha Delt* are hereby notified that the annual corporation meeting of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell will be held at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, June 14 at the chapter house in Ithaca. All alumni within driving distance of Ithaca, or who can make the trip, are cordially urged to attend if possible. Paul H. Deming '94, Detroit, and W. John Crawford, Jr. '07, Cleveland, respectively president and treasurer of the corporation, are among the brothers who plan to attend.

Everett B. Cooke '16 is president of the Blacker Engineering Corp., 123 Liberty St., New York City. "Ev" lives in Glen Rock, N. J. where he has been active in civic affairs. He was president of that city's planning board in 1933, and was a member of the zoning board from 1928 to 1933.

## Chapter Needs Help From Every Alumni

CURRENT RUSHING PROBLEMS MAKE  
SUMMER CONTACT WITH  
MEN NECESSARY

By Joslyn A. Smith '38

With summer under way and another rushing season rapidly approaching Alpha Delta Phi takes this opportunity to remind every alumnus that the success of fall pledging will depend almost entirely upon the number and caliber of the candidates recommended by alumni members this summer.

The active chapter is glad to do the actual work of contacting and entertaining prospective members, but it has no way of knowing about desirable candidates unless you send their names.

### Card is Enclosed

We are enclosing a card for your recommendations with this issue of *The Alpha Delt*. We will appreciate your returning it immediately if you know one or more candidates, because the success of our rushing will depend largely upon how many of these men we can contact within the next two months.

Please keep one fact in mind: the house is most interested in pledging men who will remain here the full four years. Men who "bust" at the end of a semester, or whose grades are too low to make them eligible for initiation, are of small value to the fraternity.

### Record Not Good

The chapter stresses the foregoing point because in the past few years many men have been pledged who made a very poor scholastic record. Good scholarship should certainly be an attribute of a good fraternity man.

The chapter would also like to receive names of candidates from certain areas which have been poorly represented in the past. More names

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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.

### *Whitney Named New Steward; All Others Reelected*

In the recent election of chapter officers Larned S. Whitney, Jr. '38, Fiskdale, Mass., was chosen for the newly-created office of treasurer-steward, formerly held by two men. He replaces Alexander G. Reed, Jr. '37, Dayton, O. as treasurer, and John J. Conway, Jr. '37, Cohoes, N. Y., as steward.

Jacob B. Perkins '37, Cleveland, was reelected chapter president and Jack Conway continues in the office of vice-president.

Gurden Miller '38, Shaker Heights, Ohio, continues as social chairman, and Joslyn A. Smith '38, Westmount, Quebec, is in charge of the chapter's rushing program.

### *Twelve Visit Cornell Day*

Twelve men, among them four boys with Alpha Delt connections, were entertained by the chapter May 16 over Cornell Day week end.

Silas Crouse, Jr., son of Silas H. Crouse '12, came up for the week end from his home in Philadelphia. Fred Jaicks, a nephew of Frederick M. Gillies '18, East Chicago, Ind., was another guest.

Morris Miller, brother of Gurden Miller III of the active chapter and son of Ransom G. Miller, Jr. '13, Cleveland, also was a guest. Another was Steve Taylor, Jr., whose father is a member of the Western Reserve chapter.

### *Six Attend Summer Session*

The chapter house will be open as usual for summer school, this year from July 8 to August 18. Six, and possibly more, members of the active chapter will stay at the house during the summer session.

Leonard B. Colt '22 is a merchant with the Colt Brady Co., One Reservoir Ave., Providence, R.I.

### *Alumni Are Visitors on Spring Day*

The chapter was glad to welcome back a number of its younger alumni on May 23 during the Spring Day celebration. Present were: George Beck '34, Wyncote, Pa.; Ted Freeman '27, Maplewood, N. J.; Hank Lowe '35, Forest Hills; Jack Owens '36, Utica; Bud Pease '28, Cleveland Heights; and Bob Thompson '34, Chicago. All of the men stayed at the house and joined the chapter in enjoying an elaborate weekend program. A parade Saturday morning was followed by a circus on Upper Alumni field. The headliner of the afternoon was the crew race, in which the Cornell varsity shell defeated Harvard and Syracuse by a three-length margin.

### *Three Are Graduated, Get Cornell Degrees*

Three members of the class of 1936 leave Cornell and the active chapter following Commencement exercises this month. Jack Cobb, Ithaca, receives his A.B. and plans to study law here in the fall. He has won three varsity letters in wrestling, was a member of Red Key and Majura, and served on the Junior Prom committee.

John Stead, Chicago, is getting his bachelor's in mechanical engineering. He transferred to Cornell from the Illinois chapter at the end of his sophomore year. He was the first editor of *The Alpha Delt*, and has otherwise been active within the chapter.

Warren Tubbs, Buffalo, has also earned an A.B. and expects to study law next semester. He was a member of the varsity fencing squad and an officer in the R.O.T.C.

Alexander Reed, Dayton, and Reinhold Werrenrath, New York City, are both taking five-year architectural courses and will return here in the fall to continue their studies.

Gilbert M. Taylor '16 is a photographer in Jasper, Alberta, Canada. From 1924 to 1930 he was a photographer in the Yukon and, for the past five years, has been located in Jasper National Park in the Canadian Rockies.

## Mead '77, White '95 Are Among Members Reported Deceased

### CHAPTER MOURNS OTHER ALUMNI WHOSE DEATHS WERE JUST RECORDED

Alpha Delta Phi has mourned the deaths of four of its older members during the past month. Theodore Luqueer Mead '77 and Fred Rollin White '95 died during May, and the chapter has just been informed of the earlier deaths of Willis Clifford Bradley '80 and Erle Edwin Devlin '70.

Brother Mead, from whom an interesting letter was received and published in the February issue of *The Alpha Delt*, died May 4 in Sanford, Fla. He suffered a stroke on April 24 at his home in Oviedo and was taken within 36 hours to the hospital in Sanford. Paralysis followed and he died peacefully in his sleep in a few days later.

#### Was Orchid Expert

Brother Mead received the B.C.E. degree here, but remained for two additional years to study natural history. His later work in plant breeding is well preserved in horticultural records, and he earned a wide reputation for his success in growing orchids. For fifteen years he had supplied orchid seeds for botanical experiments being conducted here by Prof. Lewis Knudson.

The orchids and other plants in his collection were willed to the Royal Palm Park but may be taken over by a memorial association which will make a park of his place. The chapter is indebted to Dr. Robert T. Morris '80, Stamford, Conn., for much of the foregoing information.

#### Industrialist Dies

Brother White, chairman of the board and former president of the Baker-Raulang company, Cleveland, died May 13 at the Cleveland Clinic Hospital after a short illness. He was 64 years old. At the time of his death he was also a director of the American Ball Bearing company, the Caxton Building company and the Dynoc company.

Brother White, son of a founder of the White Sewing Machine company, graduated here in 1895. While on the Hill he was president of the chapter, and rowed on the varsity crews. After

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## Brandt V. B. Dixon Sends Lively Notes On Cornell in 70's

CHARTER MEMBER WAS PRESIDENT  
OF NEWCOMB COLLEGE  
AT TULANE U.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Brandt Van Blarcom Dixon '70, one of Alpha Delta Phi's oldest and youngest members, paid a surprise visit to the chapter a year ago and made a thorough inspection not only of the chapter house but also of the Hill in general.

Since that time we have hoped on several occasions that we might have Brother Dixon tell us more about the early years of the chapter. Although he declines the honor for the present in the following letter, we are publishing it anyway . . . as a sort of a prelude to what we hope he will contribute later! Brother Dixon is president-emeritus of Newcomb College, Tulane University, a post which he evidently gave up in order to give more time to other and more pressing affairs!

He has been chairman of the New Orleans Civic League, and has received LL.D. degrees from both Southwestern University and Tulane University. He lives in New Orleans at 1732 Palmer avenue.

### Has Many Engagements

Your air mail letter was received last evening, and I was pleased to realize that my distance from Ithaca did not prevent being remembered, and I would gladly comply with your request if I had the time, but just now I am full up with engagements.

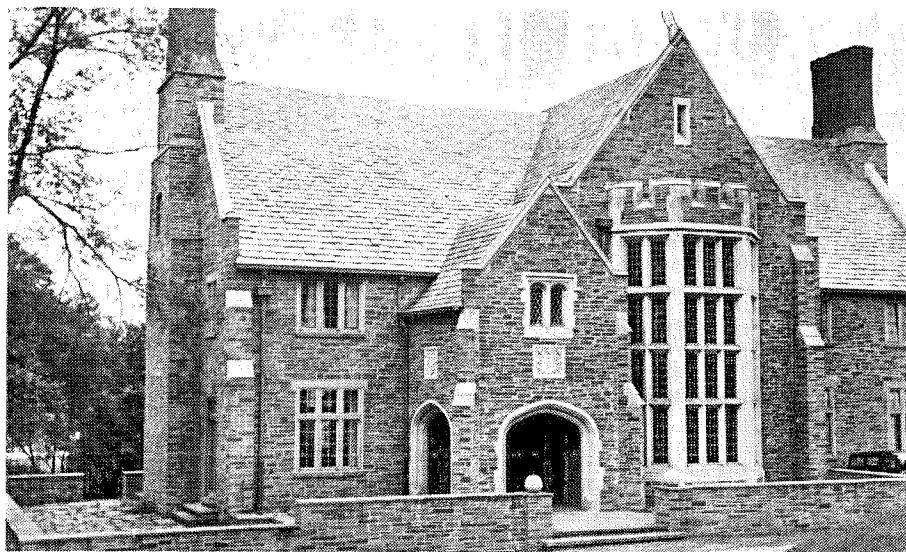
Colleges and schools are closing here for the summer, and, although I resigned from the Newcomb seventeen years ago, I retain my interest in all that goes on there and am constantly called on for little observances which I enjoy and hope the others do also. So this is a very busy week or two just now.

### Came From Amherst

Ed. Douglas and I were Alpha Deltas in Amherst College and come to Cornell in December 1870. There we met a number of others, among them Sam Halliday and Johnson Brigham, and during the winter organized the Cornell chapter, and obtained a charter.

We held our meetings in rented rooms, sang our songs, and had occasional instrumental performances by the members, which we, ignorant of good music, thought very fine indeed. And, after the meetings there was the walk up Buffalo hill, for most of us. But we had already learned to take that in as a part of the curriculum.

## A New View of the Chapter House



THIS PHOTO of the house was taken a few days ago from a point on the knoll near the Tomb. Although it does not convey the depth of the house, which is considerably greater than its width, it presents an impressive view of the front entrance and the hall window.

When I visited the university last summer I tried Buffalo hill again, to see how it would go. It went and I went—nearly.

### Had Life Adventure

I amuse myself once in a while, in recalling a little adventure a few of us had on the lake, but it was not funny at the time. We hired a cat boat and sailed down with a fair wind, but it soon developed that none of us knew much about sailing. Six or eight miles out a sharp squall met us, upset the boat before we could down the sail and drove us to the east shore clinging to the overturned boat. When we reached shallow water we managed to roll the boat over, bailed out, sundried it and ourselves, sailed innocently back, and agreed to say nothing, but it leaked out and the joke was on us, plenty!

### Lectures Occasionally

If you are really interested in knowing further about me, there is a little book in the Cornell library, "A Brief History of H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College" which is a reminiscence of my work here. I still am interested in educational work, lecture occasionally but don't write. You will have observed that I am but a poor typist so kindly excuse any blunders.

BRANDT V. B. DIXON '70

## Chapter Baseball Team Ties for League Honors

Alpha Delta Phi's intramural baseball team tied for first place in its league last month before being eliminated in the playoffs. The house nine won from Phi Kappa Psi and Alpha Sigma Phi, lost to Sigma Pi, and then tied in the league with Alpha Sigma Phi.

Tom Midgely pitched, with Erb Wattles behind the plate. Other positions were played by: Hoffman, first; Miller, second; Conway, third; Bailey, short stop; Friend, left field; Cobb, center field; Perkins, right field; and Bailliere, shortcenter. Other players were Arnold, Smith and Whitney.

A squad was also entered in golf, but it won none of its matches.

## CHAPTER NEEDS AID FROM ALL ALUMNI

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from the New England states, Detroit, Milwaukee, Chicago and points west are desired. All rushing information should be mailed as soon as possible to: Joslyn A. Smith, Rushing Chairman, 619 Sydenham Ave., Westmount, Montreal, P.Q., Canada.

## LETTERS

*On Fuertes Memorial Room*

Editor:

For the benefit of those Brothers who contributed to the Fuertes memorial fund in 1927 will you please mention in your next issue that the money they sent was used to purchase the Fuertes collection of birds skins. This material was presented to the University and has been kept in the Fuertes Memorial Room in McGraw Hall.

Recently the ornithological department was moved to Fernow Hall and one of the rooms in that Hall has been called the Fuertes Memorial Room, and the Fuertes collections have been installed therein as before. Fernow Hall is fireproof and modern so the change is for the better.

The whole ornithological department under the leadership of Dr. Allen is in a flourishing condition and nowhere in the country could a better place for the Fuertes material be found.

JOHN P. YOUNG '94

*The chapter appreciates Brother Young's postscript to our story on the Fuertes Memorial Room. Readers interested in the works of the late Brother Fuertes will be interested to know that "Birds of America," containing 106 full-page plates in color by Brother Fuertes, has just been published by the Garden City Publishing company. (832 pp, \$3.95).*

*The work was published originally in three volumes in 1917, at a much higher price. It was edited by Dr. T. Gilbert Pearson, president of the National Association of Audubon Societies.*

*The book contains Brother Fuertes' famous series of paintings made for the New York State Museum at Albany, numerous bird photographs, articles on nearly a thousand birds and articles on bird study, migration and similar information.—Ed.*

## CHAPTER PLAYS HOST

Three members of Peninsular chapter at the University of Michigan were welcome guests at the house on Saturday night, April 11 while en route from Ann Arbor to Boston. Several members of the University of Chicago chapter, on a motoring vacation from the Midway, stopped off at the house a few days earlier.

## News From Brothers Everywhere

Roger W. Hooker '20, Cornell representative on Alpha Delta Phi's Executive Council and sales manager of the Hooker Electro-Chemical Company in New York City, writes: "I wish to add my own to those expressions of appreciation and gratitude for the fine work you are doing this year in the matter of publishing *The Alpha Delt*. It is, in my opinion, very well done and plays a very happy part in keeping those of us who don't get back to Ithaca often enough in touch with what you are doing there, as well as with what some of the alumni are doing at various points about the country."

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Frank F. Woolley, Jr. '31, being a lithographer with the Murray Printing company in Cambridge, Mass., takes a professional interest in the appearance of *The Alpha Delt*. At present he is selling for the firm, after having been on the production end for four years. He writes that he spent a weekend with Hunt Bradley '26 in December.

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Dr. Woodward A. Wickham '29 is a physician with University Hospitals, Cleveland. "Woodie" took his pre-med work here but received his M.D. from Western Reserve Medical in 1933. While on the hill he was recording secretary, treasurer and president of the chapter, went out for football.

KNIGHT '27 ELEVATED  
TO PITTSBURGH POST

William W. Knight, Jr. '27, according to a news item which appeared a few weeks ago in *Steel*, has just been appointed sales engineer in the Pittsburgh district for the Morgan Construction company of Worcester, Mass.

Brother Knight followed his mechanical engineering studies here with a course in business administration at Northwestern University. In 1928 he became plant engineer for the Roth Rubber company in Cicero, Ill., and, a year later, joined the engineering department of the Timken Roller Bearing Co. in Canton, O.

Two years later he was chosen sales engineer for the New England district, with headquarters in Boston. He remained in that post until March of this year.

Roderic B. Crane '21 is in the investments business in Omaha, Neb. at 3804 Farnam street. "Rod" attended Harvard Business in 1923, although he studied mechanical engineering while at Cornell. On March 6, 1934 he married Miss Clare Taylor. They live at River Road, Florence Station, Omaha.

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Silas H. Crounse '12 is sales manager of the General Laboratories Division of the Pennsylvania Salt Mfg. Co., 1000 Widener Bldg., Philadelphia. Brother Crounse has three daughters and two sons. The latter, Silas, Jr., and William, will soon be pledge material and the chapter hopes to see them here in Ithaca.

Chapter Mourns Four  
Recent Alumni Deaths

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graduation he remained here several years as rowing coach and manager of football.

Brother White was keenly interested in hunting and riding, and was one of the founders of the Chagrin Valley Hunt club. He was a former president of the Union club, and a member of the Country and the Kirtland Country clubs. He is survived by Mrs. White, a son, Frederick R. Jr., and two daughters.

Brother Willis Bradley, according to information just received, died October 8, 1932. His address for some time had been Truthome, McKinley, Oregon.

Erle Devlin, former Detroit business man, died December 31, 1928 in Detroit, Mich.

## ANNOUNCES ENGAGEMENT

The engagement of Richard F. Pietsch '26, Evanston, Ill., and Miss Virginia Knight of the same city, was announced in the Chicago papers late in April. Brother Pietsch is the son of Walter Gray Pietsch '96, Chicago advertising man, and the brother of Walter R. Pietsch '24. Miss Knight is the daughter of an old Evanston family. She attended Briarcliff Manor, is a member of the Junior League of Evanston and is prominent in north shore club affairs. The wedding is planned this month.