

# THE ALPHA DELT

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## Artists At Work



The playroom goes modern as Abner Dean's satirical humor is worked into murals. The sketches taking shape above are, left to right: *The Awakening*, *Conditioned Reflex*, and *Feminine Logic*.

## Ingenious Murals Blossom in Playroom As Result of Initiative and Interest

Whether brought about by the sudden warm spell during the latter part of January, or by the messages of an inspirational nature received from the Junior Week girls, is unimportant. The fact remains that what spare time there was during exam week was put to good use in making the playroom more playable.

*Jack Rasch* and *Tom Wells* are probably responsible for starting the work, for it was they who suggested that with the help of certain interested fine arts majors from Tri Delt, the more appropriate of Abner Dean's interpretive sketches could be transferred from his book "It's a Long Way to Heaven" to our barren walls.

### Build Tables

Not long after this project got under way, *Ben Huske*, *Vince Moore*, and *Hil Micou* got together and drew up some plans for extra tables and benches, and soon the sound of hammers and saws could be heard coming from the basement.

The idea caught on and the rest of the house pitched in — *Jack Cudlip*

rented a sanding machine; *Pete Wasstrom* and *Johnny Weaver* bought some wood stain; *Pete Clough* joined the paint crew, and the pledges, of course, were anxious to do their bit.

### Whole Room Changed

You will really have to see the results to fully appreciate them. The whole atmosphere of the room is changed, and it's a much warmer, more colorful place. Instead of the old glaring lights shining on the bare walls, indirect light and candle light bring out the outlines of the Abner Dean murals. There is plenty of seating space and table room, and as a result, the playroom has become one of the most popular spots in the house.

There are many jobs that still need to be done, both in the way of improvement and maintenance. Some are beyond the scope of amateur craftsmen, but if interest and initiative mean anything, our home-made improvements will do a lot toward keeping our house one of the most attractive on the Hill.

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## Shipwreck Party Costumes Highlight Gala Junior Week

The Junior Week houseparty sounded the final note of taps for wartime Cornell, surpassing, if that is possible, even the prewar tactics. The stage was perfectly set—only those who had graduated were mourned, for no one in the chapter had "busted out".

The party was given with Psi U and Chi Psi and began officially, after a few preliminary maneuvers at the dance at the Chi Psi Lodge, and ended, officially, with the traditional milk punch party Sunday morning at Psi U.

Friday evening there was a Shipwreck party in the newly-decorated Alpha Delt bar to which everyone came dressed as they might have been at the moment when "the great ship went down." The costumes ranged from the Tarzan and Jane outfit worn by *Dick Reid* and his date, to the barracks bag worn by *Tom Wells*.

For their creation, a portable double bed, worn like an overcoat, *Ben Huske* and his date were presented a pickaninny doll at the Saturday night banquet. *Sis Reid*, *Soupie Campbell's* date, came dressed in the old fashioned night clothes of the bygone days when a candle was necessary to light one's way to bed. Her prize was a candlestick.

*Pete Allsopp* came dressed in a sport coat, white ascot tie, dark glasses, a supercilious grin—and no pants. The prize of a pair of suspenders will prevent another such a frightful oversight in the future.

A Mummy Milk Punch Party at Psi U started things off on Saturday morning and lasted, with time out for a buffet lunch, until the Columbia basketball game in the afternoon. In the evening, at the banquet which preceded the formal dance at the house, *Emmet Lynn*, who was with us once again as chaperone, together with his wife and the *Ted Roths*, awarded the prizes for the Shipwreck Party.

*Smitty*, *Jack Rasch's* date and the Junior Week Queen (who can say which is the greater honor?) pre-

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## Alpha Delt House Roll-'47

### Graduate Students

John Edgar Dusenbury.....Olean, N. Y.  
John Corbin Eddison  
Ardsley-on-Hudson, N. Y.  
Henderson Gaylord Riggs.....Elmira, N. Y.  
Paul John Weaver.....Ithaca, N. Y.

### Seniors

Ward Clarke Campbell  
East Norwich, N. Y.  
Johnson Newton Hunsberger III  
Norristown, Pa.  
Henry Paul Kirchner.....Niagara Falls, N. Y.  
Raymond Eugent Tuttle  
Shaker Heights, Ohio  
Ralph Clark Ware.....Oak Park, Ill.

### Juniors

William Cathcart Arthur, Jr.  
Meadville, Pa.  
William Reynolds Bromstedt  
Highland Park, Ill.  
John Chester Cunningham.....Omaha, Neb.  
Raymond Glennon Daly  
Greenwich, Conn.  
Alexander William Dann.....Sewickley, Pa.  
Benjamin Robinson Huske  
Fayetteville, N. C.  
Hilary Herbert Micou, Jr.  
Grosse Pointe, Mich.  
James Cheney Totman.....Baltimore, Md.  
Charles Philip Edward von Wrangel  
Buffalo, N. Y.  
Frederick Bugbee Wardwell  
Sackett Harbor, N. Y.  
Vernon Edelen Whitaker  
Birmingham, Ala.

### Sophomores

Peter Bonfield Allsopp.....New York, N. Y.  
Wilson Turner Ballard, Jr.  
Owing Mills, Md.  
John Brady.....Buffalo, N. Y.  
Edwin Lawrence Brashears, Jr.  
Winnetka, Ill.  
James Ray Bryant, Jr.....Westport, Conn.  
Peter Kipp Clough.....Englewood, N. J.  
Jack Merlin Cudlip.....Grosse Pointe, Mich.  
Robert Wesley Englebert.....Buffalo, N. Y.  
William Adolph Finger.....Milwaukee, Wis.  
David Streeper Klauder  
Niagara Falls, N. Y.  
Donald Archer Knowlton  
New Haven, Conn.  
Vincent Bayard Moore, Jr.  
Westwood, N. J.  
Cornelius Joseph Reid, Jr.  
Mill Neck, N. Y.

## Rumor Spiked; Crew Not Sole Sport Interest

There is a rumor about the Hill that Alpha Delt lost the few good men who didn't come this way after rushing last fall due to a misunderstanding about sports.

It was said that no one could pledge this house without being signed up for crew, or at least being committed to compete for the managership of that sport.

That this was a completely erroneous attitude is quite clear when it is understood that the Alpha Delt representation on the rowing machines is a scant dozen, while others are devoting themselves to such games as track, tennis, swimming, and wrestling.

In fact, we are quite broad-minded about the fact that *Bill Bromstedt* has been running anchor man on the Cornell relay team, earning points in several Madison Square appearances. Nor do we make it a secret that *Mike Ware* is still chalking up wins as the swimming team's ace diver.

There there is *Pete Allsopp* who has earned a letter on the wrestling team; *Dick Reid* who has chalked up an impressive string of wins for the "JV" grapplers; and *Fred Wardell* of the ski team.

No account of the *other* sports would be complete, however, without mention of the character known in the Ithaca Journal as "Buffalo Bill Brophy", none other than our own *John Brady*. As Nick Bawlf's first string goalie, John had a lot to do with keeping the opposition's score down, and that, apparently, was the aim of the entire hockey team.

We are even nice to *Jim Kennedy* who aspires to the tennis team, but would doubtless pull a fine oar; and *Jim Thomas* is still welcome around the place although he picked the baseball competition to occupy his time.

Having taken care of that, it is only fair to consider those devotees of the Courtney tradition. First, it is probably not too optimistic to assume

Donald Ballard Rice, Jr.....Trenton, N. J.  
Solon Arthur Sternburgh.....Wyomissing, Pa.  
Peter Lee Wastrom.....Westbury, Conn.

### House Officers

*President*.....Ward Clarke Campbell  
*Vice-president*.....Vernon Edelen Whitaker  
*Secretary*.....Wilson Turner Ballard  
*Steward*.....Raymond Eugene Tuttle  
*Social Chairman*, Donald Ballard Rice, Jr.  
*Rushing Chm.*.....Hilary Herbert Micou, Jr.  
*Athletic Chm.*.....Donald Archer Knowlton  
*Pledge Master*.....C. E. P. von Wrangell

## Campbell Succeeds Daly As Chapter President

The reins of Alpha Delta Phi were taken over by new hands as the house held mid-year election at a meeting in January. *Ward Campbell*, originally of the class of 1945, from Oyster Bay, N. Y., was sworn into office by retiring secretary, *Nick Reid*.

The position of vice-president was filled by *Fern Whitaker* from Birmingham, Alabama, while *Wilse Ballard* of Ruxton, Maryland, assumed the office of secretary.

Retaining his post through the spring term, *Ray Tuttle* of Shaker Heights, Ohio will continue in the very able performance of his job as manager. *Hil Micou* from Grosse Pointe, Michigan, was elected to the office of rushing chairman.

The duties of the social chairman were retained by *Don Rice* from Trenton, N. J., and *Pete Clough* of Englewood, N. J., was elected as initiation chairman. *Don Knowlton* of New Haven, Conn., became the new athletic chairman, and *Chuck von Wrangell* will continue as pledgemaster.

Retiring president *Glen Daly* thanked all the brothers for their cooperation during his tenure of office, and brother Campbell expressed the hope that the new officers will uphold the smooth and efficient operation of the house.

*Brother Campbell*, known to his friends as "Soupie," has already won a Junior Varsity letter in crew, and is a contender for a varsity seat this spring. He is also known for his active participation in intramural sports and is a member of the Crew Club and the Majura society.

that *Chuck von Wrangell* will continue to occupy the seat he held last season as commodore of the championship varsity. *Pete Allsopp* is a likely prospect for the JV stroke position, and *Ned Turner* and *Soupie Campbell* are hoping for seats behind him.

In the freshman squad, *Jim Arthur* is getting off to a good start, while his older brother *Bill* hopes to hang on to the stroke seat he had in last year's hundred and fifty pound varsity; although newly returned *Pete Clough* has ideas about getting that job himself. *Vince Moore* and *Bill Finger* are also working for seats with the lightweights, while *Bob Post* and *Dave Brooks* are getting into shape with the frosh fifties.

## Alpha Delts Strong In Revived Honoraries

This winter Alpha Delt has had many members elected to the various honorary societies on the hill. The societies for the most part have been re-activated during the last year, and with their membership now full, we expect they will equal their fine records of the past.

Most of the elections took place in December when *Chuck vonWrangell* and *Bill Bromstedt* were asked to join Aleph Samach. This organization is comprised of major letter-holders and those on the boards of publications. The club stands for the welfare of the students and benefits for the University in general.

Chuck and Bill, who are lettermen of crew and track, respectively, have helped this club get the direction of the bleachers changed in Barton Hall so that more spectators could witness the basketball games. At present they are at work on an Athletic Council to link the students and the A.A. more closely.

*Bill Arthur*, a letterman of last spring's crack 150 lb. crew, was elected to Red Key this winter, our other junior society. Bill has been very active and has helped his club with its program of entertainment and welfare of visiting athletic teams.

The Mummy and Majura clubs were once again started last spring, at which time *Larry Brashears*, *Dick Raymond* and *Glen Daly* were elected to Majura and *Jack Cudlip* to Mummy. This fall *Sophie Campbell* and *Tom Wells* returned to school strengthening the Alpha Delt Majura rolls, and this winter *Don Rice* and *Nick Reid* were elected to Mummy. *Glen Daly* and *Jack Cudlip* are both officers in their respective clubs, Jack being recently elected President of Mummy.

These two clubs have been active in promoting good feeling and fellowship throughout the University. Several dinners, meetings, and parties have been held to this avail.

Altogether we feel that Alpha Delt has had a great share in the Cornelian honorary society field this winter.

It is with sincere regret that the chapter learned of the death of *Charles B. Goodspeed* '08, who died in Chicago, February 23, 1947.

### In Memoriam

LESLIE D. F. BAKER '14

died Sunday, February 9, at 7 p.m. from a heart condition while in Seattle visiting his mother. His body was cremated, and his ashes were shipped east. There were, however, no services or burial at his home in Yorktown Heights, New York.

### New Addresses

Since the publication of the last Alpha Delt, we have received notification of the following new addresses: *William Bigler* '06, Apt 7a, Victory Heights, Horseheads, N. Y.

*W. Whitney Boardman, Jr.* '40, 1081 Fairmont Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

*Alfred A. Brewster* '04, 2330 Ardleigh Drive, Cleveland 6, O.

*Robert C. Bye* '35, 508 N. Ford Ave., Wilmington 172, Del.

*Dennis Hill* '29, 1222 Washington, Phoenix, Ariz.

*Ralph B. Hamilton* '23, 408 Walker Bldg., Seattle 1, Wash.

*Lester B. Jones* '21, 606 No. Roxbury Dr., Beverly Hills, Calif.

*James T. Lewis, Jr.* '27, RFD 3, Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

*Frederick K. Lovejoy* '25, 33 Glenwood, Davenport, Iowa.

*Fred Atwood Pease, Jr.* '30, 3741 Woodbridge Rd., Cleveland 21, O.

*William L. Prince* '35, 940 Park Ave., New York 28, N. Y.

*John S. Riggs* '38, 615 Euclid Ave., Elmira, N. Y.

*William S. Rockwell* '39, 1322 Churchill Rd., Lyndhurst, Ohio

*Albert J. Scheu, Jr.* '25, 725 Isle of Palms, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

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### Library Has New Rug

On your next visit to the house you will be pleased to see a new rug in the library. For several years now the worn rug in that room has been a disgrace to the house, and we all felt that something really should be done about it.

Last term all the brothers in the active chapter chipped in a total of \$500 for which we were able to get a green broadloom rug to replace the old strip rug. This should last longer than the old one, and it certainly adds a lot to the appearance of the library.

Some day we hope to be able to add a few more chairs and couches to both library and living room.

## Academic Triumph No Bustees !!

The pursuit of learning, shortly before the war a somewhat uncommon occupation at 777 Stewart, has regained its seat of respectability among the brethren.

No longer does the would-be chemical engineer trek from room to room within the house seeking the one quiet corner in which to study; no longer is the worship of Bacchus a nightly pastime.

The after-dinner-Culbertsons generally wind up their affrays on the short side of eight o'clock, and the "flick-train" down to the latest Sam Goldwyn extravaganza is now as irregular as passenger service on the Lackawanna.

The number of Phi Betes and Tau Betes wearing the Star and Crescent can still be counted on one hand (paying no attention to the thumb) and there are some pessimists among us who entertain doubts as to whether Alpha Delt will quite manage to nose out Telluride Association for the scholarship pennant this season; but with a spotless record for the fall term of 1946, the odds are 8 to 1 at the Lehigh Valley House that our "bustee" list will be at an all time low in 1947.

It has been rumored that we have ordered horn-rimmed glasses for all the active members, and that we require the pledges on Saturday nights to chant Newton's Laws of Motion to the tune of the "Alpha Delt Girls".

This is somewhat of an exaggeration, but we will admit that, while our appreciation of neatly-turned ankles and will-filled glasses has not diminished we have found it judicious to hit the books somewhat more often than of yore.

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### Shipwreck Party

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sented the house with funds from the Junior Week Girls for a picture which is to decorate the wall above the fire place in the dining room.

After the dance was over, everyone once more went to Psi U for the final Milk Punch Party, which lasted until Sunday morning. Later on Sunday, *Don Rice* and *Paul Micou* gave a cocktail party in the phone booth, but by then the guests were leaving so it was on a small scale. Monday the house settled down to the spring term.

## G. P. McNear '13 Killed in Climax Of Labor Dispute

The chapter was saddened recently at the sudden announcement of the tragic death of *George Plummer McNear '13*, who was killed March 10, 1947, at Peoria, Illinois by a burst of gunfire from a speeding automobile. It is believed that his death is a result of his activities as president of the strike-bound and strife-torn Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad.

George was a resident of Petaluma, California when he entered Cornell in 1909 as a transfer from the U. of California. As a member of Alpha Delta Phi, he also belonged to Tau Beta Pi and Quill and Dagger. He rowed on the Junior varsity squad as a sophomore and was on the varsity four-oared crew in his Junior year.

The 55-year-old executive, who since 1941 had defied 13 striking brotherhoods in one of the nation's longest and bloodiest labor disputes, was shot from ambush in gang style near his residence in a fashionable Peoria district. He died a half hour later.

### Strikers Out 17 Months

The 239-mile feeder railroad across Illinois from Effner, Indiana to Keokuk, Iowa, has been crippled continuously for the past 17 months by a strike. The company-union dispute has been marked by litigation, shootings, fires, and obstruction of trains. Two pickets were killed and three wounded at Gridley, Ill., February, 1946. Four railroad guards were later acquitted of manslaughter in that shooting.

George worked up from railroad construction work into Wall Street investment circles and purchased the railroad at a receiver's auction in 1926. He improved the line steadily and turned red ink into black.

### Wage and Rule Dispute

The current dispute began December 2, 1941, when 104 engineers and trainmen among 600 employees quit work in protest against a new wage scale and new working rules. During government wartime management after March, 1942, operation was normal, but negotiations failed and the strike was renewed October 1, 1945, when the road was returned to his management. George is survived by his wife and four children.

## Alpha Delt Alumni News Notes

*Theodore G. Rockwell '09* gives some interesting sidelights on Alpha Delt tradition in his recent letter to the chapter. He states:

"I notice that you comment that Mrs. Cornell visited the chapter. She visited my house in Winnetka a short time before the Holidays, and, as you stated in your letter, knows more Alpha Delt than any living person. Her husband, the late *Franklin Cornell*, was an Alpha Delt, and when my son, Sam, joined the chapter, Mrs. Cornell, gave him Franklin's pin, which, of course, he prizes very highly."

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### S. S. Rockwell

Mr. Rockwell's son, *Samuel S. Rockwell '37*, who is with the Army Air Forces as a Major in the Pentagon Building in Washington, writes:

"I have just discovered the Washington Alpha Delt Club and going to have lunch with them. Perhaps I will locate some Cornell Alpha Delt. If so, I will drop you a note. If any Cornell Alpha Delt has occasion to come to Washington, I would like to hear from them. My office is REpublic 6700, extension 72613."

*Major Rockwell's address is now 2929 S. Dinwiddie Street, Arlington, Va.*

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### F. Cushing Smith

*F. Cushing Smith '43*, is assistant general foreman of the catalytic cracking department at the Whiting Refinery of Standard Oil Co., of Indiana. He lives at 7255 Yates Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

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### Heads Hospital Board

*James Rice '30*, was recently elected president of the Ithaca Memorial Hospital Board of Directors.

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### Visitors

*Ray Machlett '22*, stopped in at the house for a few minutes a short time ago while he was here in Ithaca, and several days later *Walter Distler '12*, stopped in for dinner with his son who hopes to enter Cornell next fall.

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### Bradley Aids Foundation

*Alva Bradley '07*, 706 Marion Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio has been announced as chairman of the newly

created American Foundation of High-Blood Pressure which will finance medical research in colleges and health centers.

Brother Bradley explains that despite the fact that heart ailments kill many more persons than cancer and ten times more than tuberculosis, no nation-wide organization existed to sponsor research such as the new foundation proposes. Funds will be raised on a nation-wide scale to finance the study of high-blood pressure and arteriosclerosis. Money for a three-year program has already been raised, Mr. Bradley, former owner of the Cleveland baseball club, states.

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### Will Direct Research

*Joseph Pursglove, Jr. '30*, Pursglove Coal Mining Co., Pursglove, W. Va., member of the pioneer coal family of Morgantown, W. Va., has been made vice president in charge of a new research and development division by the directors of the Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal Company.

He will direct an accelerated program of modernization, a considerable part of which will be concentrated on the development of commercial processes for converting coal into gasoline, other liquid fuels and gas fuel of high heat value. He will assemble and direct a staff of technical experts at a new experimental station in Library, Pa.

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### In Civvies Again

*Lt. Col. Frank F. Wooley '31* is just completing terminal leave after four and a half years in the Army. His address is now 3 Hancock Park, Cambridge, Mass.

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### Furman February Graduate;

*Harry Furman*, our football star, graduated this February, and rumor has it that he intends to coach college football this fall for a while.

*Jack Rasch* completed his graduate studies and set out early one morning in his '31 Chev to take a crack at the cruel world. *Dick Raymond* transferred back to Union whence he came to us a year ago.

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### Mulford

*Allen Mulford '15*, notifies us that his new address is 822 Union Street, Schenectady, New York.