

# MEETINGS.

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## THE ALPHA DELT

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### Undergraduates Wish You Happy Holiday

The undergraduates of Alpha Delta Phi wish to extend to all their alumni and friends their sincerest wishes for a happy holiday season and a most peaceful and prosperous New Year.

And deep in the hearts of everyone, we join in the hope that 1951 will see peace reigning once more in the world. May you and yours enjoy health and prosperity in the year to come.

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### Alfred Bonney '79, Eldest Member, Dies

Eldest living member of Alpha Delta Phi, *Alfred Bonney '79*, passed away on June 11, 1950 at the age of 93 years. He was a former member of the New York State Assembly. He died at his home in Hopewell Junction, N. Y., where he lived for more than seventy years. He leaves a son, *Alfred Bonney, Jr. '12*, who lives at RFD 2, Brunswick, Me.

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### News Blanks

In the last issue of the Alpha Delt we enclosed news blanks so that all alumni could relay news about themselves and families to us. To date the response has been fair, but there are many more of you that still have a blank tucked away in a drawer. How about sending yours in? Your classmates and brothers want to know what has happened in life recently.

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## Our President's Message

*Dear Brothers:*

As the fall becomes a memory of football games and snow begins to blanket the campus, the spirit of Christmas is slowly blended into our thoughts. The brothers begin preparation for another holiday season at home with their families, which occasions are highly cherished in these times when so many are not as fortunate as we. Before looking too far ahead, we would like to pause for a moment to express our sincere hope that your Christmas has been a happy one and the New Year will bring to you and your families success and continuing happiness. During the Christmas season we should think of those in our brotherhood who will be compelled to be away from their homes and families, and hope that they will return soon, with the world at peace.

Throughout the past fall many of you have aided us in our rushing program, homecoming weekend, and trustees meeting which has been gratifying to the active chapter. Your cooperation has been very much appreciated by the active brothers and is concrete evidence of the effective spirit that characterizes Alpha Delta Phi. The time and effort you have given, whether it be writing rushing recommendations, responding to our homecoming invitation, or giving donations to the chapter, has added to the success of the chapter, and as long as this prevails Alpha Delt will remain strong.

We enjoyed having so many of you return during the fall, and we hope that more will do the same in the future. Please feel free to visit us any time as you are always most welcome.

Fraternally yours,

*L. Newton Thomas.*  
Chapter President

## Annual Faculty Christmas Party Held

On the night of December 17th the annual Faculty Christmas party was held at the Chapter house. Approximately 200 faculty members, their wives, and friends attended this gala occasion. The living room table was filled with some of Rosie's excellent appetizers and sandwiches, and two bowls of eggnog which were refilled often.

The Chapter extends its thanks to Brother *Hendy Riggs '44* who returned to supervise in the making of the eggnog for the second consecutive year, and is still a master of the art.

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## New Pledge Brings Class to Twelve

A late comer to the pledge ranks is *Richard Dean Gifford* from Erie, Pa. Dick is in the Hotel School, class of '54. He attended Academy High School where he was on the student council, also played water polo and track. Dick is going to work out with the lacrosse team this Spring.

This brings this year's pledge class total to twelve outstanding men and again we thank the Alumni for their generous help.

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## Roger Hooker '21 Visits Europe

*Roger Wolcott Hooker '21*, writes, "I had the rare privilege this past Spring of taking my wife and two small boys, aged five and eight, for an extended trip to Europe travelling through Italy, Switzerland, France, Belgium and Holland. It was a great thrill. Hope to see you all at Ithaca (soon)." Brother Hooker is vice-president in charge of Sales with the Hooker Electrochemical Co., Niagara Falls, N. Y.

## Special Trustees Meeting Reviews Chapter and House Developments

### Clear Picture of McVoy Estate Given

A special trustee's meeting was held at the Chapter House on Saturday morning, November 28. Those present included President *Ted Booth '25*, *John Young '94*, *Len Colt '22*, *Hunt Bradley '26*, *Jim Lewis '27*, *Gene Goodwillie '27*, *Bob Burkin '30*, *Jim Rice '30*, *Fred Brown '36*, *Jim Thomas '50*, *Bob Entenman '51*, *Al Fairer '52*, and Chapter President *Newt Thomas '51*.

First on the agenda was a report of the House and Grounds Committee. Brother Young reported that further extension of the parking space will be deferred until Spring, at which time it is hoped that fill will be available. It was decided that the most necessary repairs to the house at this time include re-taring of the tiles on the porch outside of the tower to prevent leakage and subsequent cracking of the plaster in the back rooms on the second floor and also, re-surfacing the lower portion of the driveway. It is hoped that the cost of this latter project may be shared with those other fraternities which use that portion of the road.

A report was made of the financial distribution of the Birge Fund.

It was further noted that an appraisal of the House and Lodge has been made by the Industrial Appraisal Company of Pittsburgh in order to make necessary changes in the insurance coverage on the house.

Brother Goodwillie, who is representing the Chapter's interests in the settlement of the estate of *Martin McVoy '92*, presented a clear picture of the present status of the litigation of the will and just what might be expected to develop in the future. It is most unlikely that a final dispensation of funds to the chapter would come before a period of some 15 to 20 years.

The means by which funds were to be provided for the "Captain," Reggie Lee, was discussed by Brother Lewis and approved.

The financial report of the house was discussed at the conclusion of the meeting.

After the meeting the trustees joined the more than 100 other Alumni and friends of the house in watching the Big Red trounce Dartmouth 24-0, and in celebrating the victory at the Chapter house after the game. To those Trustees who came back the Chapter expresses its deep appreciation and thanks; to the others who couldn't make it this trip, we hope we will see you in the Spring.

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## Many Alumni Return For Homecoming

On the weekend of October 21st approximately 150 Alumni and their families returned for the Homecoming football game with Yale. After shivering in Schoellkopf Stadium for two and a half hours, and watching the Big Red come out on top in a tightly fought battle by a score of 7-0, everyone returned to the house for a "warm up" party. Rosie served a buffet style dinner, and afterwards the party continued.

The Chapter extends its thanks to those Alumni who returned, and extends its invitation to all Alumni to visit the Chapter at any time along with their families.

It is our sincere hope that all of those who returned and that all of those who couldn't make it will plan more than ever to attend the Alpha Delta Phi Homecoming next fall. It will be a great weekend with success assured by a big turnout of alumni. Make a note now to reserve that weekend in fall for a grand get-together.

## Two Alumni Die

*Frances E. Brossy, Jr.*, of 86 Kerby Rd., Grosse Pointe Farms, died suddenly recently at his home. Services were held in Leland, Michigan. Born in Detroit, Brother Brossy, who was 47-years-old, was a former president of Brossy Cleaners Co., and for the past six years had been associated with the Equitable Life Assurance Co. His wife, Agnes B.; daughter, daughter, Carolyn B., and son, Francis B. III, survive.

*Walter G. Distler, C.E. '12*, died in Washington, D.C., on October 5 at his home at 2124 Kalorama Rd., N.W., Washington, D.C. He is survived by his wife and two children.

Brother Distler, who was born in Baltimore, rowed on the freshman crew and was later stroke of the Varsity boat. As Vice-President of the George A. Fuller Company, he was responsible for the construction of many monumental buildings, bridges and heavy structures throughout the eastern United States.

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## Brother Savages Now

Brother *Tom Foulkes '54* and Brother *Don Stone, Hamilton '50*, who is now doing graduate work in Geology at Cornell, were recently elected to the Savage Club. Brother Foulkes played a composition of his own on the piano, and then played Basin Street Blues on the trumpet. Brother Don Stone did some drum rudiments and then played and sang Sister Kate. They then combined in a duet of Dark Eyes. With Brothers *Jack Keenan* and *Bill Hodges* the house now has four members in the Savage Club.

The Savage Club has been as active as ever during the past year. They have performed frequently both on the Hill at numerous occasions and in the city. The House is proud to have four members on the well known Savage Club.

## Christmas in Ithaca



Scene above depicts the icy winter clutching the Cornell campus. Trip-hammer Falls, virtually frozen over, and popular Bebee Lake in the background.

## ALUMNI NEWS BRIEFS

*Edward S. Friend '44*, writes: "Unfortunately Cornell is a long way from Milwaukee and I miss the chapter atmosphere, however I have gotten to know many of the University of Wisconsin Alpha Delts. We have quite a swell group here and have social get-togethers every few weeks." Ned lives at 3073 S. Chase Ave., Milwaukee 7, Wisc.

*William N. Rogers '39*, sales engineer, 316 Corto St., Alhambra, Calif., was appointed western Pumpcrete Representative recently for Chain Belt Company of Milwaukee, Wisc.

"Will move shortly from Montclair, N. J., to Niagara Falls, N. Y., with the DuPont Co. Had most enjoyable weekend at Yale game, being treated most hospitably by members of the house. Enjoyed seeing Brothers *Donahue, Riggs* and *Rogers* of '38 class," writes *Harold M. Sawyer '38*, of 4025 DeVeaux St., Niagara Falls, N. Y.

"Thoroughly enjoy reading the Alpha Delt and wish it were possible for me to return to the house, one day,"

writes *David Visel '16*, who is now a Colonel. Dave's address is 148 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, N. Y.

"I am still very interested in the welfare of the Cornell Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi," writes *Dan P. Eells '07*. "I hope everything is going well with the members of the Chapter." Brother Eells grand uncle, Samuel Eells, founded Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity in 1832. Brother Eells, who is chairman of Board Basic Refractories, Inc., and Director of Bucyrus-Erie Co. and Medusa Portland Cement Co., lives at 7700 N. Merrie Lane, Milwaukee 11, Wisc.

Brother *John R. Lynch '42*, attorney, was married this past summer to the former Sally Nortz.

*Henry W. Lowe '35*, was recently elected vice-president of the William Esty Co., Inc., the advertising agency which does promotion for such firms as Camel Cigarettes, Colgate-Palmolive-Peet, National Carbon, and others. Brother Lowe lives at Wesskum Wood Rd., Riverside, Conn.