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Capital improvement program underway

The house started off this semester with heating problems, some of which the brothers were able to remedy and some of which required the services of a plumber. The problems have been cleared up or fixed, putting us in the clear to plan our capital improvements program for the rest of the semester.

Brother John Gassett '83 has volunteered his experience in the carpentry trade to whip the library door back in shape. We have also gotten estimates on both refinishing the long table upstairs and the dining room tables, and repairing them structurally. The tables are in bad need of repair.

Brother David Harden of the Hamilton Chapter has offered to sell the house beautiful furniture from his Syracuse factory at cost. This is the same Brother who helped redo the Hamilton chapter for the sesquicentennial convention. The active chapter is eager to replace the red furniture which is on the first floor, and we have started to save money for the project.

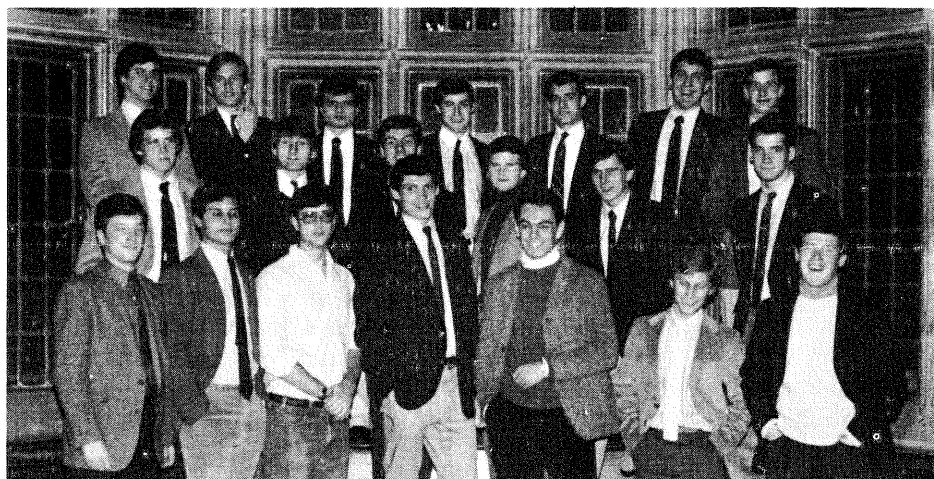
The house held a work project on February 19th during which special attention was given to areas of the house long overlooked. All of the commons area radiators were cleaned of the dust, dirt and whatever from many years of parties. The kitchen door on the outside was replaced and the front stairs were refinished. The house also received a major cleaning.

The wood on the first floor was oiled on March 19th by the pledges and their big brothers. Future work projects will concentrate on the bar, and redoing the faulty electrical systems in the house.

While I am certain that we won't be able to get to everything in the house this semester, I am very pleased by the contributions of the 21 pledges, and I look forward to seeing their pledge project which is as yet unchosen.

by Phil Otis '85

21 pledges add to Cornell Chapter



A.D. PLEDGES 21!

Pictured above is the Pledge class of 1983 and the Rush Chairman who got them, Tim Brown, right front.

While life at Alpha Delt is not the utopia I fear I'll think it was when I look back fifty years from now, the house is strong, and getting stronger every year. The best evidence of our strength are the twenty-one young men who pledged this year. This number represents not only many hours of hard work at Rush, but also a new, more realistic view of membership by the brothers.

At Cornell different fraternities have different ideas as to how many brothers make an ideal house. There are some houses which encourage and even expect brothers to live in through their senior years while others houses are filled almost entirely with sophomores. For the past few years Alpha Delt has belonged to the former school of thought. But trying to get just the right number of brothers to join and live in is a tricky business. If one gets too few the house is left with empty rooms or, equally as bad, trying to convince reluctant brothers to live in.

When voting on bids this year I saw not so much a change in philosophy as to how many brothers or what situation makes for the strongest house, but

rather a change in how to achieve our goals. It is unrealistic to think that either everyone who gets a bid will want to join or that everyone who wants to join will want to live in for three years. It isn't the case. The latter has been something hard to accept for many brothers like myself who have been gung-ho for three years. But it is something to face; living in the house takes time and energy, time and energy someone might want to devote to something else by senior year. The sentiment among brothers is still to offer a room to every brother, but to overbook a little to guard against empty rooms. It's better to shoot a little high because the numbers can always be lowered, but everyone knows how hard it is to build up a house with empty rooms.

It occurs to me that I have spent all this space dwelling on how many pledges we have, and not a word on what a great group of young men I think they are. I do think we did very well, but I can't expect you to take my word for it. The best I can do is hope you were able to meet them yourself at our initiation on the weekend of April ninth.

by Nat Bowditch '83

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AD gets computer terminal

With the ever increasing computerization on campus a step toward individual access has been initiated at A.D. Phi with the installation of an interactive computer terminal. The viceprovost of Cornell Computer Services



David Hurry '85 works on the new Alpha Delt computer.

chose A.D. Phi as the location of their experimental dial-up terminal. Geoffrey Potter '84, arranged free use of the terminal in exchange for detailed documentation of the use of the computer by the brotherhood. The viceprovost is studying the feasibility and practicality of leasing a terminal to each house on campus as well as installing terminals in campus housing and University housing.

Each of the terminals is intended to be linked with a phone hook-up to the main computers on campus, an IBM 370 and 4341, and a DECSYSTEM - 2060. These computers service all administrative needs and many of the upper-level computer science courses. The in-house terminal enables the brothers to work on class assignments in nearly any computer language written and to use word-processing for papers, resumes or theses. Brothers who are teaching assistants for computerized courses are also able to do much of their work without leaving the house. The rush chairman plans to computerize both informal and formal rush in order to keep current lists of interested rushees and their participation in house functions. Our in-house terminal alleviates many of the inconveniences of the limited access terminals on campus. The brotherhood is taking great advantage of this opportunity to learn new computer languages and explore the many facets of the computer sciences.

ALUMNI NEWS NEEDED

Let the other Brothers know what you're doing. The Alpha Delt provides a way for you to communicate your whereabouts and latest activities to Brothers you may not have seen for years. It also allows you to renew old acquaintanceships. It will only take a minute for you to fill out the bioform enclosed or just drop us a line. So do it now and mail it to Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell, Inc., c/o James E. Rice, Jr., Rice Road, Trumansburg, NY 14886.

Touching base with our alumni

Al Entenman '42 now lives at 10 Rose Terrace, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich. 48226. He is still practicing engineering in Michigan and is president of Hoad Engineers as well as president of Blorent-Fichtner Engineers. He is "still enjoying the work and challenge and the opportunity to travel around the world on business."

Frederick Courtney Stone "Court" '42 is now retired and lives at 1945 Pineapple Ave., Melbourne, Fla. 32935. From '53 to '83 he worked as design engineer at Cape Canaveral and the Kennedy Space Center. He is married to the former Elaine Fairbanks Murray-Jacoby who graduated from Ashley Hall.

Joseph Houck '27 of 3249 Downing Dr., Lumburg, Va., a retired surgeon, writes that his interests are hunting and fishing; and he is a member of the Am. Board of Surgery and St. Paul's Episcopal Church. He has recently visited with Dick Pietsch and William Hodges, Cmdr. USNR and Chief of Surgery at Base Hosp #16.

Philip S. Lyon '27 lives at 2900 W. 53rd St., Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66205. He is a retired engineer and his interests are church, social work and golf. He is the treasurer of the Emergency Assistance Coalition, Greater K.C. Area. His wife is the former Abbot Parker and was a member of KKG at the Univ. of Mo.

Literary program brings small part of world to AD

"Like WOW!" No, the alumnus who said that wasn't referring to the great reduction in fall accounts receivable this year at Alpha Delt (although that too is worthy of merit!). He was commenting on the plans and progress of the Fall-Spring Literary program. As Literary Chairman for both Fall and Spring I've attempted to stick to one philosophy: bring the world — or at least a small part of it — to Alpha Delt. Since last June countless speakers have been invited to Cornell's Alpha Delta Phi from on and off the campus, to offset the fine tradition of visits by Cornell professors who have spoken here in the past. Here's a look at those who've spoken to date and a few who are still on the agenda for upcoming speaker events:

The Literary Year started off with a thundering bolt when the evangelist who stormed Cornell — Brother George "Jed" Smock — was invited to dinner at the House. Jed made his Cornell debut in the latter part of September and what a memorable debut it was!

Outside the campus store, with only a Bible as his defense, Jed preached to hundreds of Cornellians, warning them of the evils of promiscuity and the retribution of the Lord. We here at Alpha Delt wanted to know why he drew such large crowds. So to dinner he came. To our surprise, his talk was hardly the type of Hellfire and brimstone oratory he had been giving early that day on campus. Instead, he painted an amusing picture of his early life in college when he first "saw the light" — in a Burger King. Said Jed: "From that moment on I knew the Lord had plans for me. I was to be bigger than the Big Whopper!" Well whether he ever became so will remain one of Heaven's great mysteries, but he sure left one big impression on the guys (of course so did the bottle of 12 year old Chivas Regal that was raffled off later than night.)

The brothers identified very well with our next speaker. Perhaps no place on Earth does an assembly of young men show such a strong desire for the meal of chicken than the Cornell Alpha Delt. They must like it, they eat it every night. Our speaker this time was none other than the man who gave us some repose from our regular meals: the inventor of the Chicken-Frankfurter, Dr. Robert Baker.

Through a wonderful slide show in the Library, the Professor demonstrated the hundreds of recipes that can be derived from the old Leghorn. Some of his recipes included: chicken meatloaf, chicken salami, and his latest invention, the Egg-Pizza — all the tastes and smells of the real thing but only half the calories.

With a tone of melancholy in his voice, the kind professor admitted that many of his inventions, like "Chicken Apple Juice" were not the successes he had hoped for. Yet his list of amassed successes certainly outweighs the flops. One such invention that did work was the egg that lasts two years — unrefrigerated! (We were all glad to know that our favorite dish is still good for another four semesters). Oh, by the way, dinner that night was, what else? Yes, the Professor loved the meal.

At Cornell, A D Phi has been called by both friend and foe alike, one of the Preppiest Houses on campus. But Lisa Birnbach, editor of "The Official Preppy Handbook" (Best Seller's List '81-'82) didn't think anybody at Cornell could be preppy. In fact, on page 87 she went so far to say that Cornell was "out of the league" altogether. Naturally we gave her a call and told Lisa that we were sure she had made an error. We were so sure that we invited her up to Alpha Delt as part of "The Handbook Holiday at Cornell" which also hosted the two authors of the newly released hot seller: "The Jewish American Princess Handbook". The Kappa Alpha Theta, Delta Gamma, and Tri-Delt sororities helped us sponsor the special guests.

Both of the evening events were a lot of fun. Lisa was a real hit with the Alpha Delt. I'm still not sure whether we were more impressed with Lisa or she with us. Before she spoke at Bailey Hall, two of the brothers gave Lisa the campus tour which included a visit to President Frank H. T. Rhodes' office. That evening Lisa addressed the world of Prepdom discussing all the attributes of a true prep — she described the **true Alpha Delt** to a T.

But did we prove her wrong? In her own words: "You knooooow I just don't know how I could have overlooked it. Cornell is intensely prep, I mean like to the max!" To make up for the oversight, Lisa has promised to feature Alpha Delta Phi in her next book: "The Preppiest College Cam-

puses I Have Visited" (Get out your squash raquets guys, the photographers are coming)

Mike Slive, the new Cornell Athletic Director won instant fame when he did away with admission tickets to Cornell Football games. He too came to the House to speak. Like the others before him, he proved quite informative. His talk took him into areas of Cornell sports that few Cornellians realize exist. Did you know for example that Cornell has the second largest inter-mural sports program in the country? At the Big Red you'll find the entire spectrum of sports programs covered, from Volleyball to Ballet, Crew to Kung Fu, and all open to anyone who wants to participate without making a Varsity commitment. Mike answered many of our questions and later told me how impressed he was with the nature of the questions from the brotherhood. One of the tougher questions he faced that night: "What's wrong with Cornell football?" was quickly responded to with "Well first, let's examine what's right with it..." One week later, Cornell defeated U Penn in the final game of the season keeping that other Ivy from its first major win in many years. The final score: Cornell 34, Penn 0.

This Spring has been equally if not more exciting in its lineup. We started off the '83 season with a talk on motivation and how to get more than just grades out of the Cornell experience. This presentation was given by Ed Ostrander of the Department of Design and Environmental Analysis. Ed gave us a slide presentation that encompassed all aspects of campus life, much of which we never really do experience in the four years here. His method was very basic and encouraging. Of course with a Bar Party that night following his speech, I don't know how many of us were able to start our motivation training the next morning...

Our most recent speaker really came to us by chance. Famed Cornell professor of History, L. Pearce Williams would have been taking his wife out to dinner last Thursday had he not received a call from the Literary Department (continued on page 4)

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Literary program—

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Wednesday night. You see our earlier scheduled speaker, one Dr. Carl Sagan, who we have spoken to and invited "billions and billions" of times had to be on a plane flight out of town, so what to do? Calling everyone on our backup list proved futile — all had things to attend to. Finally a dog-tired Literary Chairman reluctantly picked up the phone knowing full well that the man he was inviting had a waiting list longer than last semester's Psychology term paper. (some 25 pp). The phone rang thrice. Ready to hang up, a deep voice suddenly said: "Good evening L. Pearce Williams residence, this is the big man himself!" I explained to the Professor that we ran into some scheduling problems and apologized for the last minute notice and said: "What are you doing for dinner Thursday night?" He told me he had plans with his wife, but paused and said "One minute." In the background I could hear him yell: "Hey honey, wanta go to a fraternity for dinner Thursday" "Sure!" She replied. Was I relieved. That night was our best ever. Williams spoke impromptu on the topic of "Why anyone would want to be a professor anyway." It was spectacular. In fact I think I may want to be one now.

In the meantime, the remainder of the semester looks exciting. I have been in contact with both New York State's Governor Mario Cuomo and Senator John Glenn's office. Both men are very interested in visiting this Spring — if they can work us into their already tight schedules. And of course we'll keep trying Dr. Sagan who keeps promising to come down to Earth and pay us a visit.

Overall the year in the Literary Department has been a good one — lots of hard work by phone and mail — but all worth it for sure! I've enjoyed managing the office very much (I'm told I'm the only Sophomore to hold it two semesters consecutively). It has been a real learning experience in managing groups of people, and an excellent accompaniment to my education at Cornell.

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R. Scott Penza

"In Memoriam; Joseph L. Eastwick 1919, Springhead Farm, Paoli, Pa. Passed away on November 4, 1982. A staunch Cornellian and loyal member of ADPhi.

Request for 1982-83

Annual Alumni Dues...

We thank the many Cornell Alpha Deltas who have already paid their 1982-83 dues. If you have not sent in your dues please do so soon. Make your check payable to Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell and mail it to Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell, Inc., c/o James E. Rice, Jr., Rice Road, Trumansburg, NY 14886.

Teagle remembers

Alpha Delta Phi

The Cornell chapter of Alpha Delta Phi was remembered in the will of John Teagle who died in July of 1982. His bequeath was the fraternity jewelry belonging to his father Walter C. Teagle, Cornell 1900, a former chairman of Standard Oil Company (N.J.), and the man whom the brotherhood today is indebted for his part in financing the construction of the present chapter house. The brotherhood is very proud to add Mr. Teagles' brother's badge and stickpin to the archives.

Introducing our 1983 pledge class

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-- END OF A LIFE --

*Sitting here,
 Inches apart,
 I can touch her face
 But not her heart.
 The reality of the present,
 Though set in the past,
 Hinges on the hope
 The future can last.
 Am I holding the girl
 I want to hold most,
 Or holding myself,
 The girl just a ghost?
 I want to know
 But she gives no clues.
 Does she think my mind's clear
 Or know I'm confused.
 The unseasoned wood
 Breaks with a crash
 Spitting bright sparks
 And stirring up ash.
 Her empty wine glass
 Lies on the floor.
 I turn my head toward her.*

*"Would you like more?"
 Her eyes open slowly.
 They radiate light,
 She stares at the fire,
 Whispers "all right".
 Quick to oblige
 Whatever she'd say
 I reach for the bottle
 Of Mouton-Cadet.
 I hold it up
 In front of the fire.
 Perhaps a glass left
 Of the bottled desire.
 As much as I want
 My own fears to die
 Her glass gets filled
 While mine remains dry.
 She takes the glass,
 Swallows the wine,
 Which inside her body
 Is no longer mine.
 I wait for a hint.
 She watches the flames.*

*The fun love is over,
 No times left for games.
 My left arm moves
 Wanting to hold her.
 It glides up her back
 Enfolded her shoulder.
 I pull her in closer
 But she is so dead.
 I kiss her cheek,
 She stares straight ahead.
 I ask in vain,
 Not accepting my fate,
 "What are you thinking?"
 "It's getting late."
 I hold her longer,
 Goodnight is goodbye.
 Her body is cold,
 No longer a lie.
 We sit on the couch,
 Two bodies, two souls,
 Watching a fire
 Fade into coals.*

Nat Bowditch '83