

# THE CORNELL

# ALPHA DELT

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#### From The Alumni President...

# Good Things Are Happening At Alpha Delt But More Help Is Necessary

Where do I start? So many good things have happened at your fraternity—the fraternity at Cornell. We had an extremely successful fund-raising program and have spent or are committed to spending all the money plus more, as brother Bus will outline. We also have many more projects that need to be done, so please continue making your annual dues payments—and send a bit more if you can. Our house is old and needs a lot of TLC.

Along this line, we need to appeal to those of you who are hotelies. We badly need furniture for brothers' bedrooms, more specifically, beds, bureaus, desks, chairs, etc. If your hotel or a hotel you know of is in the process of refurbishing and has good used furniture, please contact any member of the board with information.

Speaking of TLC, the undergraduates' treatment of the house vastly improved over the last year, which is excellent to see but could use some continued improvement. The house was not left "broom clean" at the end of the semester, and the cleaning detail was attended to by a handful of committed brothers, including James Harberson '95, Brian Gerich '95, Eric Van Naerssen '95, Matt Zaute '96, and Jeff Bartholomew '97 representing the undergrads, and Fred Johnson '43, Tom Chirurg '64, and Randy Bus '68 representing the alumni.

Alumni can help in another area, as well. If you are interested in joining the board as a director, please contact Ken Growney at 914/631-4848. We currently have a few spots open, and we always welcome good advice and more participation.

We again opened the house for bed and breakfast for reuning alumni and their families, and all went smoothly, thanks to the above-mentioned brothers. However, I do not believe that we will do this again because of the time, effort, and cost of cleaning and preparing the house. Cornell offers class headquarters and inexpensive housing that we simply cannot compete with.

The house will always be open for visitation by returning alums and their families for reunions, and the torch has been passed from Judge Rice '30 to Fred Johnson '43 and Tony Johnson '80 for the annual Jim Rice cocktail party. This year's gathering was especially meaningful, in large part due to the presence of brother Rice and his lovely wife and the most generous offer by the brothers Johnson to host this gathering in Jim's honor this year and for the future. Many of the fine Johnson Estate and Millbrook wines were sampled by the returning brothers and friends as a result of Fred Johnson's and John Dyson's generosity.

For this year's Homecoming, we are currently planning a dinner for local Ithaca area alumni and others who arrive early, on Thursday, September 15. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend. More information will be forthcoming for local alumni, but comments, questions, and information should be directed to Eric H. Van Naerssen '96 (607/272-1869).

In other news, the Edward Mandel House '81 Distinguished Alumnus Award for 1993 goes to a brother who has given of himself thoughtlessly and endlessly. This brother has been there when we needed him and has been the overseer of our physical plant operations, repairs, and improvements. Three cheers for Randall W. Bus '68. May we continue to be in his thoughts and presence for many years to come.

We have made many great strides, and yet we have a great distance left to cover. Your continued thoughts, feelings, and involvement are appreciated.

> XAIPE, Kenneth E. Growney '82 Alumni President

# Come To Homecoming!

The active brotherhood welcomes and encourages any and all to return early in September! Homecoming has a tradition of bringing great Alpha Delt friends back together. This year, Homecoming takes place the weekend of September 16. The schedule of events appears on page three for your reference.

If there are any questions concerning Homecoming activities, please feel free to phone the house at 607/272-1869, or write to the house: Alpha Delta Phi Homecoming, c/o Vice President, 777 Stewart Ave., Ithaca, NY 14850.

XAIPE, Gregory T. Jeffers '96 Alumni Relations



## **NOTICE**

#### of Alumni Corporation and Board of Directors Meetings Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell, Inc.

The chairman of the board of directors of the alumni corporation of the Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell, Inc., W. Douglas Bond, has called a meeting of directors at 9:00 a.m., on Saturday, September 17, 1994, in the library of the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity, 777 Stewart Avenue, Ithaca, New York. The chairman asks all attending directors and alumni to make an effort to be prompt, given the press of succeeding meetings and events.

Keith W. Robbins Secretary

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David L. Wiseman '92

# Literary Program Remains Active

This past semester, our chapter had a very active literary program. To start it all off, each of our 20 pledges gave his own literary presentation. Each presentation was between about 10 and 15 minutes long and was given in front of the brotherhood in the library or the dining room. Each presentation was accompanied by visual or audio aids, including tapes, videos, samples, and photographs. Some of the best presentations were "Drumming: a History and Demonstration" by Dan Sweeney, "Architectural Studio" by Tim Blanchard, "The History of Van Halen" by Trey Conkling, "Wines of the Finger Lakes Region" by Joe Giasi, "Demographics of the First and Third Worlds" by Aaron Kissel. "The Interfraternity Council at Cornell" by Lee Maschler, "Poetry" by Jack Warner, "The History and Competitive Techniques of Skateboarding" by David Won, "The History of the Grateful Dead" by Eric Wannamaker, "Popular Techniques for Home Brewing" by Dan Bautichok, "Relationships Throughout Life" by Indra Chandra, "The Making of Apocalypse Now" by John Hamilton, and "Today's Most Prolific Film Producers" by Josh Loeb.

The active brotherhood also participated again this year in the annual literary competition. The diverse literary interests of the active brotherhood are reflected in the 20 entries that were submitted in the categories of poetry, fiction, and non-fiction. We surely provided some tough competition for the entries from other chapters!

We look forward to next semester with a continued active literary program, including more literary presentations, and we hope to hold another holiday faculty reception in December.

> XAIPE, Andrew D. Warren Literary Chair

## Congratulations, Seniors!

The active brotherhood of Alpha Delt would like to offer congratulations and good luck to the following '94 graduates. Their contributions to this house and the friendship they offered us will never be forgotten. XAIPE, brothers, and may the memories and traditions of Alpha Delta Phi always be with you.

Thomas Edward Goldstone
Major: Government

Benjamin James Kolpa Major: Chemical engineering

Joseph Wade Borer Pitts Major: Hotel operations

Charles Patrick Scholes Major: Resort operations

John Stephen Schwartz
Major: History

Barron Michael Williams
Major: Landscape architecture

Winthrop James Hamilton Major: Government

> Mark James Beardi Major: Economics

Tycho Wyeth Peterson Major: Biological sciences

Through their years at Alpha Delt, all these men have shown commitment to their house, their friends, and their studies. Any of you who may be actively hiring and are interested in possibly corresponding with any of the above Alpha Delt graduates, please call the chapter house for a recent address and/or phone number. Thank you for your considerations.

XAIPE, Gregory T. Jeffers '96 Alumni Relations



Alpha Delts enjoying Homecoming 1993.

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# Alpha Delta Phi Homecoming 1994

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

\*\* Note, Homecoming is early this year! \*\*

#### Thursday, September 15

8:00 p.m. - Alumni dinner at the house

#### Friday, September 16

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. — ACEF board of trustees meeting to be held at the Statler Hotel

6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. — Cocktail party in the Great Hall of the chapter house, food to be provided

#### Saturday, September 17

9:00 a.m.— Board of directors meeting to be held in the library of the chapter house

10:00 a.m. — Annual corporation meeting to be held in the library of the chapter house

11:30 a.m. — Tailgate party to be held on the Kite Hill

1:00 p.m. - Kickoff, Cornell vs. Princeton

4:00 p.m. — ACEF members annual meeting

6:00 p.m. — Cocktail party at the chapter house

7:30 p.m. — Homecoming banquet at the chapter house

10:00 p.m. — Dancing at the chapter house with

Johnny Russo's New Orleans Jazz Band

#### Sunday, September 18

Noon - Farewell brunch

## **Capital Improvements**

At their June 11, 1994, Reunion Weekend meeting, the board of directors of Alpha Delta Phi authorized the officers to initiate the following capital improvements and repairs to the chapter house over the summer recess:

#### Item Approximate Cost

- A. Pipe railing along outside staircase to basement entrance
- B. Third-floor hallway paneling \$5,200 and sliding door repairs

\$450

- C. Miscellaneous plaster and \$2,000 trim repairs on second and third floors
- D. Backflow preventer and shutoff valve for sprinkler system
- E. Exterior painting/caulking \$11,400 of windows
- F. Replacement of plexiglass \$8,800 window coverings with solar grade lexan in Great Room and library

The badly needed replacement of plumbing fixtures and the extensive remodeling of the flat bathrooms, estimated at \$8,700, were deferred pending an additional capital infusion. Those brothers who wish to be immortalized on a shower stall or toilet may avail themselves of a rare opportu
(continued on page eight)

# Chapter President Looks Back On A Productive Semester

As I write, the year is drawing to a close, and we look back on a successful and productive spring semester with the house continuing on its path of increased organization and initiative among the brothers. The house is generally in a good state of affairs, and throughout the semester, our day-to-day operations have been well run and managed by the officers.

In January we ran a highly successful rush that resulted in an outstanding pledge class of 20 freshmen at a time when there is a university-wide decrease in the number of students participating in rush. Our success was due in large part to the organization and direction of Rush Chairman John Anderson '95 and the increased efforts of the entire brotherhood. The size and quality of the pledge class ensures the continued strength of our chapter and puts us in a good position to have a full house next semester.

Under Pledgemaster Benjamin Kolpa '94, the pledge program was designed to instill a sense of tradition, unity, and commitment. In addition to work sessions, dinners, interfraternity sports competition, the literary program, and social events, we included mandatory study hours for the pledges each week to promote academic performance. Through their participation in pledging activities, our newest members have been successfully incorporated into the house and have developed valuable

time management and leadership skills.

The physical house has been well maintained throughout the semester, and we continued our program of capital improvements and repairs. Under the leadership of House Manager Patrick Schultz '96, there have been numerous work projects, including oiling the wood paneling throughout the ground floor for the first time in a number of years. Although the house is in generally good condition, there are still many significant capital improvements necessary to maintain the 60year-old structure and be in compliance with fire and life safety codes. This summer we are looking into a number of projects, including exterior masonry work, repair of several condemned fireplaces and chimneys, renovation of the first-floor bathrooms, and replacement of lexan on certain windows.

We have taken steps to reduce liability and effectively manage risk at our social functions. The social chairman, Greame Samuels '96, and I attended a fraternity risk management seminar at the beginning of the semester, and we continue to put an emphasis on the responsible management of our functions. As Cornell no longer permits fraternities to purchase or serve alcohol, we now hire a caterer for events at which alcohol will be served. After looking over the bids from a number of caterers, we selected the company with the most extensive liability insurance.

As we adjust to these new realities, we have still had a full and varied social program, which has included formals, date nights, dinners with sororities, mixers, and parties. With societal views toward fraternities changing and with increased liability concerns, we must continue to adapt and come up with ways to enjoy ourselves without exposing ourselves to excessive risk.

As my term in office comes to a close, I would like to emphasize that our fraternity continues to offer many leadership opportunities and experiences that complement undergraduate life. One such benefit is the opportunity to meet and interact with Alpha Delt alumni who return for Homecoming and initiation or at other times. The actives benefit from the experience and advice of the alumni, while the alumni have an opportunity to return and see the chapter and old friends and meet the undergraduates. Most importantly, alumni involvement ensures the continuity and strength of our house over time. As we no longer have a day-to-day alumni presence in Ithaca, we have lost some valuable input and interaction with alumni. Your input and suggestions are always welcome, and I strongly encourage you to come back and refamiliarize yourself with the chapter.

> XAIPE, David E. Logan '94

# Alpha Delt Actives And Alumni Initiate 20 Pledges Into Brotherhood

In early April, Alpha Delt alums and actives joined together to initiate 20 outstanding candidates. This group of young men showed drive and commitment during their pledging period. Like pledge classes before them, they found pride in their work here and among themselves found friendships that are only forged in the Alpha Delta Phi. The pledges were led by Pledgemaster Benjamin James Kolpa '94 and pledge captains John W. Hamilton '97 (brother of Winthrop James Hamilton '94) and Timothy L. Blanchard '98. Besides learning the history of the chapter house and its unique traditions, they kept the house in immaculate condition throughout the spring. The pledge project enhanced the exterior beauty of the house, and the pledges

made many actives happy with the addition of a basketball hoop to our parking lot.

These newly initiated brothers are a vital asset to our brotherhood, and we are excited that they will lead our fraternity into the fall and in the years to come. They are a diverse group of individuals and come from across the United States, from California to New York.

The pledges were initiated on Saturday, April 9. Many alums, both recent and older, were present. The active brotherhood sincerely appreciates the assistance of the alumni who did attend and hopes that the tradition continues to grow.

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Victory Club.

#### Parents Weekend Attendance Increases

We were happy to welcome nearly 60 parents, children, and guests to our annual Parents Weekend on April 22, 1994. Attendance at this year's function marked a substantial increase from last year.

The festivities kicked off Friday evening with a cocktail party at the chapter house, after which many parents chose to visit local eating establishments in and around Ithaca. On Saturday morning an information session was held dealing with aspects of the house, from our strong literary tradition to the composition and strength of the active brotherhood. That evening parents enjoyed the sounds of Johnny Russo and his jazz band before sitting down to dinner. The weekend concluded with a brunch at the house on Sunday morning.

This year, we changed aspects of the weekend, which received positive feedback from those attending. First, the cocktail party on Friday at the house—normally held at Ruloff's in collegetown—received praise from those parents who had been less than pleased with the sticky floors and general atmosphere of the bar. Second, Saturday night's dinner was held in the living room instead of the dining room, capitalizing on the greater size and beauty of the former. In the future, we plan to improve even further on the weekend.

On behalf of the brotherhood, I would like to thank all of our visitors for attending, especially those who traveled great distances to be with us on that weekend. We hope to see many of the same faces again next year.

XAIPE, W. James Hamilton '94 Vice President

#### **Meet The New Initiates**

Jeffery Laurence Bartholomew '97 Chester, New Jersey Major: Undecided

> Daniel John Batiuchok '97 Littleton, Colorado Major: Undecided

Michael William Bisordi '97 Larchmont, New York Major: English and government

Timothy Lee Blanchard '98 South Deerfield, Massachusetts Major: Architecture

Indra Chandra '97 Cherry Hill, New Jersey Major: Government and business

William Higgins Conkling III '97
Baltimore, Maryland
Major: Agricultural economics

Christopher William Cooper '97 Beaver, Pennsylvania Major: Mechanical engineering

> John Amos Cooper '97 Carpinteria, California Major: Fine arts

Joseph Vincent Giasi '97 Rock Stream, New York Major: Food science

John William Hamilton '97 Glenview, Illinois Major: Government

Stephen Marshall Kinsey '97 Flanders, New Jersey Major: Economics

> Aaron John Kissel '97 Manlius, New York Major: ILR

Joshua Ross Loeb '97 Santa Monica, California Major: English

Lee Seth Maschler '97 Staten Island, New York Major: Agricultural economics

> Scott Michael Potash '97 Mamaroneck, New York Major: Government

Daniel Christopher Sweeney '97 Rye, New York Major: Computer science

Alexander Tepper '97 Golden, Colorado Major: Japanese and economics

Eric Joseph Wannamaker '97 Littleton, Colorado Major: Chemical engineering

James Michael Warner '97 Henderson, Kentucky Major: Engineering

David Won '97 Los Angeles, California Major: Undecided

## Remembering Miguel: A Good And Gracious Soul

Miguel Antonio Longo '91 hadn't been happy for a long, long time. So unhappy and depressed was he that he couldn't remember the last time that he was without the anguish that besieged him night and day. The monumental hopelessness slowly became more than he could bear. Miguel killed himself on Sunday, August 8, 1993, at the age of 24. Those of us who knew him and loved him have spent the months since wondering how we might have helped him remove the lead boots that weighted on his every thought, every step.

Miguel leaves not only his family-parents Antonio and Teresa Bruno Longo, sister Aida, and numerous other relatives-but a vast interwoven fabric of friendships, relationships, and encounters. Joe Kujawa '91, his roommate and guardian angel, Tony Rodriguez '90, and I had the uncomfortable task of returning to Miguel's room after his death to gather a suit for him to be buried in. At his bedside next to the telephone was an address book. It was open to his friend Sasha Eisner's page. Though drowning in the dense water of his illness, Miguel was prepared to call Sasha to wish him a happy birthday. That is the real Miguel Longo-compassionate, loving, serious, and diverse, reaching out to infuse joy into the life of a friend in the midst of his own killing despair.

Miguel will not be remembered for his passing, but rather for his living. Miguel was a fiercely loyal and forceful idealist...a dreamer. There was poetry in the way he made you feel good. In Miguel's glow you were valuable, intelligent, and necessary. Miguel brought this dynamic to all of his activities, be it advocacy for Puerto Rican statehood, Victory Club (which he chaired with A. T. Ian MacMillan '89), or his studies.

Ken Himmel '90 has the sense that Miguel became disillusioned in his last years in the house. Miguel, ever the romantic, wanted everyone to be friends and to overcome some of the divisive politics that sometimes pit brother against brother. Miguel knew that all his friends were friends with the brothers and had hoped for a similar reciprocity of sentiment. When his ideal of what the house represented failed to be reconciled with the reality of what he experienced, Miguel, like many of us, looked inward to find new ways of contributing and sacrificing to enhance the experience for everyone.

Miguel was a fixture at parties and mixers, holding court on the dance floor. He was always at the center of a swarm of attractive women. Many of us often wonder how he managed to remain in the company of such beauty and yet retain an aura of uncompromised virtue.

We are left with our memories of moments with Miguel. I know that many brothers are left in Miguel's wake trying to make sense, thinking against reason of what they might have done to prevent his death. Dr. and Mrs. Longo, supported by a vast network of friends and family, led a heroic crusade to shout into the silent vacuum of Miguel's pain. Sadly, they, too, were left without defenses in fighting the disease that raged through Miguel's chemistry.

If there is any legacy, any quantifiable outcome, that is derived from Miguel's passing, it is the hard-learned lesson that we have to let people know how much we love them and how valuable they are to us. I wish, far beyond the realm of cliche, that Miguel were here so that we could tell him how much we love him.

Notes of condolence, photos, and remembrances can be sent to the Longo family at 4014 Fort Worth Ave., Alexandria, VA 22304.

Howard B. Schaffer '90

#### Where There's A Will



#### There's A Way

A will is an effective way to help ensure that the ADELPHIC CORNELL EDUCATIONAL FUND will continue its supportive role to Alpha Delta Phi and within the Cornell community. Bequests are one of the most important sources of endowment for the ACEF, and the amount of the bequest is deducted from the taxable portion of your estate.

By including the ACEF in your estate plan, you can significantly support our efforts to enhance the Alpha Delta Phi and Cornell educational experience while retaining benefits for yourself.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

The Adelphic Cornell Educational Fund ATTN: Ms. Kathleen L. Jensen P.O. Box 876 Ithaca, NY 14851-0876 607/273-2717

#### In Memoriam: Eric J. Olson '74

Eric J. Olson '74, who died last year, was a true Alpha Delt. His image is impressed on my retinas, as if I had just closed my eyes on a bright light: his blond hair and mustache, hands thrust deep into khaki pants, expressive shoulders. He was charming, kind, elegant, and wise. Many of us arrived at Alpha Delta Phi and were lucky to acquire some of its character. Eric gave Alpha Delt character. He looked as though he had stepped from the pages of Waugh's Brideshead Revisited, yet he had the serenity of a Buddhist monk. His hypnotic voice compelled one to listen for hours to descriptions of wines he had tasted,

European cities he had visited, and people he had known—especially Alpha Delts from earlier years.

He was a traditionalist, but he was not afraid of the future. Once when we were worrying about the quality of the freshman class and wondering what would happen to the house (more than a slight concern in 1973, before we knew the revolution was over), Eric assured us that that there would almost certainly be changes, that new classes would shape the house to their own visions and needs, and that the underlying spirit of the place would continue. He was right, of course, although even he didn't

predict the effect of the Reagan era.

I had lost track of Eric over the years, and I was shocked by the news of his death when Marcos Wilson '77 told me. He died too soon, but he left a warm and welcoming spirit to haunt Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell. I know that if I go up the stairs from the front hall and stop at the first room on the right, he'll be there standing by the window. He'll offer me a glass of the softest and most radiant Merlot, a rare vintage. Luckily, we are both, now and forever, old enough to drink.

Peter W. LaVigne '75 New York City PAGE SIX THE CORNELL ALPHA DELT



The fire of 1929.

The house in 1931.



## Alpha Delt Articles Recovered From Sigma Phi

In a surprising turn of events, Alpha Delta Phi actually benefited from campus police intervention. Several weeks ago, campus police, working in conjunction with the Ithaca Police Department, uncovered a secret vault at the Sigma Phi Fraternity house containing stolen articles valued at

several thousand dollars. Among the stolen articles were many items belonging to the Alpha Delta Phi, which were subsequently returned to us. Among these items was a plaque commemorating the 1931 construction of the second Alpha Delta Phi house at 777 Stewart Avenue. Shortly after the

plaque was returned, we uncovered a photograph of the February 11, 1929, fire that destroyed the first chapter house at this location. The photograph is shown here.

Dennis J. Marchalonis Jr. '96 Historian

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The following is reprinted from Cornell's Agriculture & Life Sciences News (April 1994).

## **Dyson Named Deputy Mayor**

John S. Dyson '65 was recently appointed Deputy Mayor of New York City for Finance and Economic Development. Dyson has served the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences in several capacities and currently is chair of the College Campaign Committee. He also is a member of the university board of trustees and is chair of the Committee on Land Grant and Statutory College Affairs.

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## **Reunion 1994 Brings Generations Together**

Even as our heads cleared in the hours following Reunion Weekend, there was a distinct buzz among the undergraduates who had cavorted with the alums during their return to the hill. Somehow, meeting all of these "old people" liberated some of us from that cursed sense of fashionable apathy attributed to our generation.

Our Alpha Delts had come back to see what the new wine was like in their old bottle, while the undergrads met something of what they themselves may someday be.

The obligatory admonitions of respecting and protecting the house were trotted out and acknowledged, but these were lubricated liberally with plenty of wine, donated by Fred Johnson '43, John Dyson '65, and Randy Bus '68. After a few drinks all the generational barriers melted away, and we almost had them

convinced that swinging off of the chandelier over a ring of fire in the Great Hall was A-OK.

What continues to distinguish this house from others at Cornell are these overly proud and sometimes anxious alumni who fix that chain when the chandelier is poised too precariously above us and make sure that the floor is revamped when the ring of fire finally burns out. They wax even when star and crescent wane. The undergrads value this tremendously even though their enthusiasm isn't always obvious. We're glad that you can afford us the modicum of romanticized mischievousness so central to the classic conception of the college fraternity. Thanks, guys.

James C. Harberson III Summer House Manger/ Reunion Weekend Coordinator

The following article appeared in the April 18, 1994, issue of The Cornell Daily Sun.

### Sigma Phi Brothers Agree To Probation, \$10,000 Fine

By NICK GOLDIN

Following charges of violating the Campus Code of Conduct, the members of Sigma Phi fraternity accepted a resolution that placed the chapter on probation for two years and ordered the payment of \$10,000 to the University by July 1, 1994.

The resolution reached by the University and Sigma Phi also requires each current member to complete 35 hours of community service, according to Randy S. Stevens, assistant dean of students for greek life.

Ithaca Police officers discovered more than 180 stolen items in a secret, locked room in Sigma Phi's chapter house on March 30 after executing a search warrant. Authorities said some of the booty had been reported as missing from various fraternities, sororities and University buildings more than 25 years

According to Scott C. Hamilton, senior investigator for Cornell Police, Sigma Phi brothers were charged with having knowledge of possession of stolen items and acting to impede their recovery on April 6.

Stevens said the fraternity's past history was considered when determining the severity of the resolution offered to the fraternity last week.

He said that revocation of the University's recognition of Sigma Phi was "never really considered in this case because the chapter's record has been clean for the last 10 years." He added that "the fraternity has engaged in a lot of positive things that have benefited not just the brothers, but the entire Cornell community. It has sponsored a number of speakers in past years, including Jesse Jackson."

However, the fraternity will face possible withdrawal of University recognition of its chapter if it violates the campus Code of Conduct during the probation period or fails to fulfill any of the conditions of the resolution.

Judicial Administrator Marjorie Hodges J.D. '91 would not comment last week on the resolution under consideration but said only that it is "important for everybody to understand that while the members [of Sigma Phi] might have thought it was just a prank, we're still talking about theft."

After reviewing the resolution for a few days, Stevens said, [the] brothers submitted a letter to me Friday morning saying they accepted the conditions." He added that the acceptance of the resolution eliminated the need to convene the Greek Advisory Board to determine the fratemity's fate.

Stevens said the Sigma Phi brothers were "very limited in their response to the agreement because of the pending criminal investigation." In addition to the University resolution, the Tompkins County District Attorney's Office may press criminal charges against both the fraternity and its members in the near future, according to a statement released by Cornell News Service last Friday.

The brothers have agreed to conduct a leadership and moral development conference in the fall and serve as alcohol monitors on Libe Slope during the last day of classes in May. As part of the resolution, the brothers will also return all stolen items still on the premises to their rightful owners after the Tompkins County District Attorney authorizes their removal, Stevens said.

In addition, Stevens said the fraternity must get his approval before holding any social functions—which must be alcohol-free—until December 1, 1994.

The \$10,000 fine will be used by the Departments of Art History and Archives to prepare an inventory and catalog of the contents of Cornell's archives, Stevens said.

# A Great Year For The Adelphic Fund

As we noted in the last edition of *The Cornell Alpha Delt*, the ACEF is walking a fine line between growing the endowment and increasing current program funding. The two themes—"saving for a rainy day" and "investing in current needs"—both have their appeal and, more importantly, are not mutually exclusive. Those Alpha Delts who are involved more directly in the ACEF believe that last year exemplifies the best in balancing these goals.

As you can see whenever you visit the house, the fund is committed to updating and maintaining the computer facilities at 777 Stewart Avenue. We have committed funds for the purchase of a new Macintosh as well as the upgrading of an existing PC. Likewise, we are working to maintain and promote Alpha Delta Phi's reputation with the Cornell faculty and on campus. This can best be seen in our ongoing support of the Knight writing program awards—one of which is named in honor of our own Jim Rice!

Finally, thanks to the hard work and checks of numerous people—most noteworthy being John Dyson, Bob Woods, Fred Parkin, Steve Ritchey, and Tom Chirurg—the ACEF closed out 1993 with over \$30,000 from cash contributions! This was our best year since Lauri Walsh's 1986 fund-raising campaign.

For your reference, we repeat below the roster of ACEF trustees and officers. It's your fund; never hesitate to contact us with your comments/suggestions. Remember, we still have vacancies if you have time to give.

XAIPE, Douglas J. Smith '78

#### The Officers

President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Douglas J. Smith '78 [vacant] Jeffrey A. Hollinshead '79 Robert A. Engle '65

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Robert A. Engle '65
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Douglas J. Smith '78
[vacant]

#### **Board Meetings**

FALL Friday of Cornell Homecoming Weekend

> SPRING Friday after Easter

# - Alumni News Corner

RICHARD F. PIETSCH '26 sends his congratulations to the chapter. Write him at 250 Pantops Mt. Rd., #312, Charlottesville, VA 22901.

Send greetings to WILLIAM T. COLE '40 at 46 Rockview Dr., Irvine, CA 92715. He writes that he has enjoyed renewing his friendship with WHIT BOARDMAN '40.

"I attended Cornell in Philadelphia with BOB ENTENMAN '50 last November," writes ROBERT N. POST '50 (4 Carpenter Lane, Mantoloking, NJ 08738). He also caught up with GEORGE DIEHL '50 this past February in Kansas City. "WALLY JANSEN '49 was a big help in St. Michaels, Maryland, last fall when my wife, Jane, slipped jumping off our boat and broke nine ribs. (You only have 12!) She's fine now."

Drop a line to L. NEWTON THOMAS JR. '50, 914 Newton Rd., Charleston, WV 25314.

#### CORRECTION

In the last issue of *The Cornell Alpha Delt*, DOUGLAS P. BRANDON'S ('61) newsnote should have read as follows: "For our class, the loss of WILLIAM (BILL) CLENDENIN '61 (my best man in September '64) and LAURI WALSH '61 (the champion of  $A\Delta\Phi$ ) is very difficult to absorb and accept."

Reports SHELDON R. SEVERING HAUS '62, "In November 1993, I moved from San Francisco to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, as the Asia Foundation's representative in that country—a fascinating, breathtakingly beautiful land undergoing historic political and economic transformations. It's another world in another galaxy.

#### **Capital Improvements**

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nity by donating to this worthy cause so near and dear to alumni wives and distaff party guests.

The work to remodel the laundry/computer room and upgrade the computer and modem capabilities is awaiting further study and coordination with ACEF. A far more capital intensive program to repair masonry and chimneys and undertake extensive tuck-pointing of the stonework needs to be initiated as well, and Alpha Delta Phi is seeking the expertise of brothers knowledgeable in this type of construction work. Please contact the undersigned if you can assist.

Randall W. Bus '68

The foundation's quaint office address reflects its past: The Asia Foundation, The Log Cabin Behind the Lenin Museum, Ulaanbaatar, MONGOLIA." Write Shel at 66 Cleary Court, #609, San Francisco, CA 94109.

TIMOTHY W. RICHARDS '65 reports a new address of 90 Duval Rd., Lancaster, MA 01523.

"I am married and have three children," writes PHILIP R. REILLY JR. '69 (145 Monument St., Concord, MA 01742). "I currently work as CEO of a not-for-profit organization that focuses on research into 'the causes of mental retardation. I have published three books, all concerned with medicine or medical education. I remain in touch with a number of classmates, such as BILL BRENNAN '69, who is alive and well in Key West."

Writes WILLIAM J. MACKEY III '71, "I published a new poem, 'Sons of the Pioneers,' in a Maryland publication in March." Bill is attending lectures at Scottsdale Community College. "I'm still a bachelor, but I'm still interested." Keep in touch with Bill at 7316 E. Thomas Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251.

"Had a great mini Phi reunion at Ed THOMPSON's ('71) house outside Washington, DC, last fall," writes JAMES A. VAUGHN III (24 Town House Tennis III, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928). "Also present were JOHN PENTECOST '69 and BILL KIES '71. Thanks to Ed for putting it all together."

An attorney, PETER W. LaVIGNE '75 writes that he and wife Meg have two children. "After several years of debating whether to stay in the city or move to the suburbs (Meg and the kids favor the city), we compromised by buying a weekend house in Chatham, New York, near western Massachusetts. Now we travel back and forth between two very different worlds." Peter keeps in touch with CHARLIE TEMEL '75 and MARCOS WILSON '77. Peter's home address is 560 Riverside Dr., #14P, New York, NY 10027.

Send correspondence to DAVID H. CALLEN '76 at a new address of 9907 Lone Tree Lane, Tampa, FL 33618.

Write RON E. SCHAEFER '78 at P.O. Box 5376, Plainfield, NJ 07061.

A marketing manager for Ericsson GE, ERIC M. SCHAUFERT '81 welcomes news from brothers at 7 Ivy Place, Forest, VA 24551. PHILIP S. OTIS '85 invites brothers passing through Florida to visit him at 242 S. Oak Dr., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. A Navy pilot, he will be stationed in Florida for the next three years.

"New job, new house, new wife, and a new kid (first one) on the way!" writes FRANK A. MACAULAY '86 (110 W. Marshall St., Falls Church, VA 22046). He works for BDM Federal Inc.

A front office manager for Hotel Inter-Continental, PETER M. FREVEL '88 notes that he has been living and working in New York City for the past five years. For news of brothers he sees or has bumped into, write him at 272 Bleecker St., Apt. 43, New York, NY 10014. He wonders where TIM MORAN '89 is. "For all those whom I've lost touch with—call me (212/627-8721)."

"After two years of being posted in Bangkok, Thailand," writes JOHN E. REED '89, "I am heading off to Yangon (formerly Rangoon, Burma) to join Aman Resorts in their management of the Strand Hotel. Visitors and correspondence are most welcome, as this will be quite an isolated two-year contract." Drop John a line c/o The Strand Hotel, 92 Strand Rd., Yangon, MYANMAR.

ANDREW L. REED '90 shares with us the following news about brothers: "I found DAVE FRAIN '91-or he found methrough e-mail, of all things. We're trading tips on massage parlors and job searching for senior janitorial positions paying \$100K-plus. Any leads out there? I just spoke with ALBERT JOERGER '89. As ever, Albert is attacking the 10-year Ithaca program with pride and patience and working toward his PhD. He spends time in Costa Rica a lot. I see DAN McFADDEN '90, MIKE KIM '90, JOHN MAO '91, and JEFF KIM '92 on New York trips. All appear to be well. Mao is heavy into law school. John, are you still there? I run into THOMAS CHIRURG '64 on the streets of San Francisco." Andrew's address is 1305 Sanchez St., San Francisco, CA 94131.

#### DECEASED

We regret to report the death of the following alumni:

MIGUEL A. LONGO '91, August 8, 1993

WARNER L. JONES '39 Jr., February 1994

CHARLES M. REPPERT JR. '34 March 17, 1994