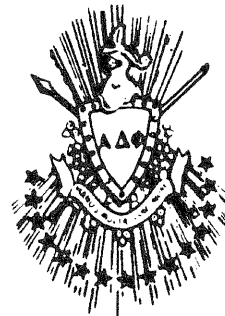




# THE CORNELL ALPHA DELT

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## How Long Has It Been?

- ...Since you last saw many of your Alpha Delt classmates?
- ...Had a chance to visit with a current undergraduate?
- ...Strolled around the Cornell campus?
- ...Relived some wonderful memories from years past?
- ...Found out what is really happening at your fraternity today?

**You can do it all  
September 19-22, 1996**

### Thursday, September 19

7:00 p.m. — Dinner for local and arriving alumni

### Friday, September 20

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. — ACEF board of trustees meeting in the library

6:00-10:00 p.m. — Cocktail party in the great hall

### Saturday, September 21

9:00 a.m. — Board of directors meeting, library

10:00 a.m. — Annual corporation meeting, library

11:30 a.m. — Tailgate on Kite Hill

Noon — Football kickoff (Cornell vs. Princeton)

5:00 p.m. — ACEF annual corporation meeting

5:30 p.m. — Bob Engle memorial service, Anabel Taylor Chapel

6:30 p.m. — Reception at Alpha Delt

7:30 p.m. — Dinner

10:00 p.m. — Dancing

(Johnny Russo's New Orleans Jazz Band)

### Sunday, September 22

Noon — Farewell brunch

Please be sure to reserve accommodations well in advance!  
An accommodations list is enclosed for your convenience.

## HOME COMING '96

## News From The ACEF

On a happy note, we are pleased to announce the winners of the fall semester's academic excellence awards: Aaron Kissel, P.J. Orthwein, Dan Sweeney, and Jess Vozick. These \$500 awards are given each semester to as many as four active brothers who live in the house, are involved in house activities, manage their obligations responsibly, and, despite all these "distractions," manage to be on the dean's list! Congratulations.

We are also pleased to report that the ACEF has continued its support of the house's computer room with the financing of modem/Internet equipment, software, and telephone lines.

On the hill, we have continued to support the Knight Writing Program (one of the awards being in honor of brother Jim Rice) and the Cornell Political Forum, which you will recall was founded by Alpha Deltas (and continues to receive their input).

On a sad note, we report the death of one of our trustees, Robert A. Engle '65. For many years Bob was an active alum, serving both the house corporation and the ACEF. Bob's death comes after a long illness, wherein he continued to serve as our trustee—and for most of the time also as our treasurer. We are thankful to have had Bob's guidance and energy over the years, and he will be sorely missed. For those wishing to express their condolences, his daughters can be reached as follows: Meredith Engle, P.O. Box 69, Clintondale, NY 12515; Cathy Engle, RD #1, 16 Merritt Lane, Newberg, NY 12550.

The family has suggested that any memorial gifts be for the ag school, through the ACEF. The trustees of the fund have already voted to make an initial donation and request that additional checks be made payable to the Adelpic Cornell Educational Fund, with Robert A. Engle Memorial printed on the memo line. This will enable Meredith and us to ensure that gifts are routed to a specific project there. A memorial service will be held on the Saturday of

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## A Note To Alumni From The Chairman

First of all, I trust you are having a pleasant summer. We have reached a point in our alumni association not unlike these balmy early summer days. A sense of ease, coupled with a feeling that we can put off anything of importance until Labor Day, may lull us into inaction and blankness of mind. But, as in matters of love and work, we know that the consequence of neglect can be loss. We must keep alert to what needs to be done. We are blessed, if I may say so, at present with a small number of individuals who are shouldering most of the building management, alumni affairs, undergraduate advising, and, I dare say, financial burdens of our association. I hope that we, as Alpha Delts, retain a glimmer of that happy memory of our initiation when we assured one another, with great gusto, that we would guard one another's interests and our common friendships. Might you consider contributing in a way that would give you pleasure and other alumni brothers some relief from their hard work? Perhaps you loved the chapter house itself and would like to contribute refurbishing or building improvement skills. You may miss contact with alumni like yourself and would enjoy a good excuse to call or otherwise contact other Alpha Delts. We need to build a network of brothers who want to contact a portion of our alumni with the purpose of reinvolving them in whatever way they might like. Part of the reason is financial. For example, we have a large repointing project to prevent our exterior stone walls from cracking in the freezing weather. This project will cost many thousands of dollars. But the chief benefit to each of us is in building new friendships among those with whom we already have so much in common.

Of course, we hope you'll consider coming back to Ithaca for Homecoming. But do also consider calling Ken Growney (914/735-7166) or me (617/492-0005) to discuss how you might enjoyably reinvolve yourself for our Adelphic brotherly mutual benefit.

XAIPE,  
Douglas Bond '66

## News From The ACEF

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Homecoming Weekend (5:30 p.m. in the Anabel Taylor Chapel) so that a larger number of Alpha Delts may participate. Bob's service to the house and the fund is a reminder that the gift of labor is as important as a gift of funds. Please consider volunteering.

Douglas Smith

## Pledge Perspective: "AΔΦ Or No House"

*"The second important thing about them is that they are fraternities, voluntary associations of young men, for the purpose of seeking values impossible to find either in solitude or in large heterogeneous groups...."*

—Richard L. Green, Rochester '25

When I started spring '96 rush, I had no other intention than going to a lot of parties before I started my second semester at Cornell. I would consider myself to have been one of the most anti-fraternity students going through rush. I was very skeptical of the whole process. I felt that people use fraternities as a social crutch. However, after spending the better part of rush week with the brothers of Alpha Delta Phi, my views changed drastically.

I realized that the brothers were well balanced, respectful, and interested in me as a person. I know that I can speak for many of my pledge brothers and say that they felt the same way I did. After realizing what Alpha Delta Phi was about and what kind of people the brothers were, I and many of my pledge brothers decided that it was not going to be Alpha Delta Phi or some other house; it was going to be Alpha Delta Phi or no house.

This year's pledge class is the most well rounded, intelligent, and interesting group of men that I have ever been a part of. In the beginning of the pledge process, I didn't know all of my pledge brothers very well. Having completed the seventh week of pledging, I have had the chance to really get to know all of my pledge brothers. I am very excited to be pledging with these guys and am looking forward to becoming a brother with them.

The pledge class as a whole is very excited about becoming brothers in the house. As the pledging process moves along, we become more and more confident that Alpha Delta Phi is the right place for us. As we spend more time with the brothers, we notice the pride that they have in the house. That sense of pride is being instilled in us as we go through the pledge process. As Richard L. Green observed, we truly are learning things that we could not learn alone or as part of a large group. We are learning the values of brotherhood and what it means to be a member of Alpha Delta Phi.

Last week we had the annual pledge olympics. The event displayed what a cohesive unit we are becoming. We approached the event with intensity in anticipation of having a really good time. Despite many falls during the events, we look back on the evening as one of the most exciting times we have had in our early college career. The whole night is on tape, and I highly recommend that you view it if possible (it's pretty funny).

## AΔΦ Officers

Chairman, W. Douglas Bond Jr. '66  
President, Kenneth E. Growney '82  
Vice President, Randall W. Bus '68  
Treasurer, Peter D. Fifield '75  
Corresponding Secretary, James E. Rice Jr. '30  
Recording Secretary, David E. Faust '83

## AΔΦ Directors

Stephen D. Brinkman '86 George M. Kennedy '52  
John S. Dyson '65 Joseph R. Kujawa '91  
Michael R. Elliott '87 Peter T. E. Nevius '42  
A. John Gloder III '83 Keith W. Robbins '86  
Frederick S. Johnson '43 Howard B. Schaffer '90  
Peter M. R. Kendall '68 John R. Tuttle '81  
Colin H. Williams '92

## Undergraduate Officers

### Spring 1996

President Gregory T. Jeffers '96  
Vice President William H. Conkling III '98  
Treasurer Daniel C. Sweeney '97  
Rush Chair John W. Hamilton '97  
House Manager Timothy G. Best '98  
Social Chair Carlos A. Suarez '98  
Steward George H. Matsuzaka '98  
Xathar Saverio W. Parlato '98  
Alumni Relations Marc J. Stern '98  
Literary Chairman Michael B. Creighton '98  
Computer Chair Adam M. Schoop '98  
Historian Jorge M. Boone '98

### Fall 1996

President Daniel C. Sweeney '97  
Vice President John W. Hamilton '97  
Treasurer P.J. Orthwein '98  
Rush Chairman Timothy G. Best '98  
House Manager George H. Matsuzaka '98  
Social Samuel S. Goichman '98  
Steward John B. Adams '98  
Xathar James H. Clippard '99  
Alumni Relations Marc J. Stern '98  
Assistant Rush Justin R. Kaufman '99  
Assistant Social Daniel B. Barasch '99  
Assistant Steward Matthew J. Novak '99  
Victory Club Lee S. Maschler '97

We have completed the brothers' list for 1996. It was a long, arduous process that really shouldn't have taken as long as it did. Almost all of the pledges are finished with their signature books. The signature book process gave us an opportunity to meet and get to know all of the brothers in the house. Door plaques are currently being ordered and should be available soon. Also, in the near future we plan to make our pledge paddles and to take a trip to the Hamilton Chapter. For our pledge project we intend to build benches for the tower deck.

All in all, we are very excited about being part of the house and are looking forward to becoming brothers. I cordially invite any of the alumni to come and visit the house and meet the pledge class of '96. We certainly would like to meet every alumnus of Alpha Delta Phi.

Matthew J. Novak '99

## Cherish Your Time At The House, Says Chapter President

For three years I have had the honor of living at 777, and finally this semester, my last as an undergrad, I had the distinct honor of presiding over the active brotherhood. Sure, presidents come and go every semester, and although I am only one in a long list, this position has been very important to me. It has truly been an educational, challenging, and rewarding period of my life. The brotherhood has become the biggest part of my life here, and things at the house have been outstanding for me.

I don't think it hits brothers until after two years of living in the house that we truly live in a castle. I guess that the less time you have remaining at 777, the more you appreciate your time here. The first time I walked through the front door of the chapter house was in the fall of 1992, and I had no idea what a place like this could offer college men. I learned to interact, to laugh, and to overcome. Most of all, I learned who my lifelong friends would be. I can honestly say that I have never had a better group of peo-

ple to be around than the Alpha Deltas I have lived with. Although we all started out with different stories and ideas of what we wanted, when I walk out of 777 for the last time I will know that we all share something very important.

This year has proven to be particularly eventful for the actives. We initiated the best pledge class on campus, the house underwent numerous capital improvements, and, most important, we had fun. As a fraternity, we continued to dominate and were very competitive in the classroom, on the sports field, and in the social scene.

The house has undergone a number of improvements, and as you are probably aware, more are planned. As I write, the flat bathrooms are being renovated. We plan to include a tile star-and-crescent inlay. This work should truly add to the beauty of the house. In addition, we are planning kitchen improvements, furniture and piano improvements, and repointing of the house stonework. In addition, areas of the house were repainted by the new pledge class.

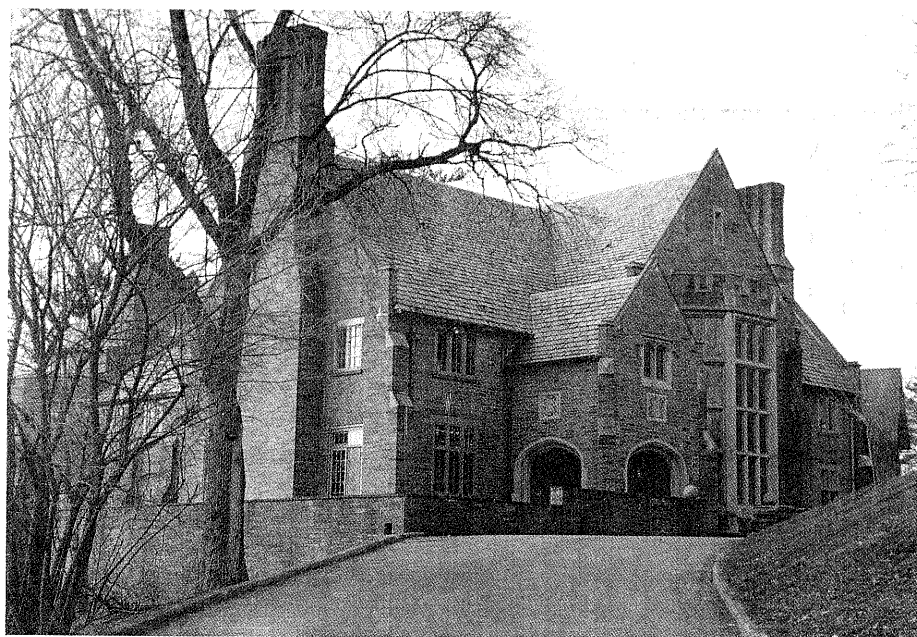
The actives hosted the Alpha Delta Phi regional conference on February 23-25, with seven chapters being represented. The weekend went very smoothly. The activities mostly consisted of meetings and, at night, social activities. The house looked magnificent, and I received a lot of praise from members of the other chapters about how beautiful our "castle" is. I had the opportunity to meet with presidents of the other chapters and had the pleasure of knowing that I was undoubtedly the most proud of my house and its members.

As I prepare to leave, I would like to remind you all of one thing: you may be here for a long stay at some time, but that will pass, and you will be left with memories of living here. For this reason, take pride when you are at the house. Whether you are an alum or an active, when you walk down each hall or stroll the perimeter of the tower deck, cherish every second. Maybe in takes the reality of leaving to really appreciate this place.

The memories I have of Alpha Delta Phi are priceless and will always be with me, just as every alum who passed through the door of 777 has his own cherished memories. I encourage you all to come back and visit, as the house is being turned over to the best group of guys I have seen in my time at Alpha Delta Phi. It is never too late to venture back to Ithaca and once more remember what a great time you had at 777. And to you actives at the chapter house, I am leaving you a castle; make it mean to you what it does to those who have had to leave it.

XAIPE,

Gregory T. Jeffers '96  
President



*Our "big castle": The Alpha Delta Phi chapter house.*

## Actives To Undertake Numerous House Projects

As house manager, I am taking a very project-oriented approach to the house. With all the recent alumni-funded renovations, such as the replacement of the library doors and the flat bathroom renovation, I feel there are many things the undergraduates can do to complement the efforts of alumni.

Some of the projects the incoming pledge class will complete include painting the mail room, painting the stairs leading to the tower, painting the NIB hallway bathroom, steam-cleaning all the carpets, and polishing the grates, chandelier, and plaque in the great hall. Apart from these, the pledges will do their annual pledge project and will also oil the wood in the great hall, living room, and library.

Although the pledges play an important role in the spring upkeep of the chapter house and grounds, many brothers have taken it on themselves to do other projects. Brothers P.J. Orthwein '98 and Sam Goichman '98 have fixed up the tower, replacing

much of the old, tattered furniture. In preparation for rush, we undertook a large-scale cleanup of the house, including a major cleanup in the bar in an effort to make it more hospitable.

Recently, I have been working with Joe Kohm to repair the great table, which is in desperate need of care. Plans are also under way to renovate and enlarge the computer room and turn it into a study lounge, rehinge the front door, and fix up the paneling on the east wall of the bar.

I invite you all to stop by and check out the new library doors and the new flat bathrooms. They are both much-needed additions that make our already beautiful house that much better. If anyone is interested in supporting these projects, in particular the great table renovation, please contact me at 607/277-3173. Thank you.

Tim Best '98  
House Manager

## Brother Finds Second Home In The Orient

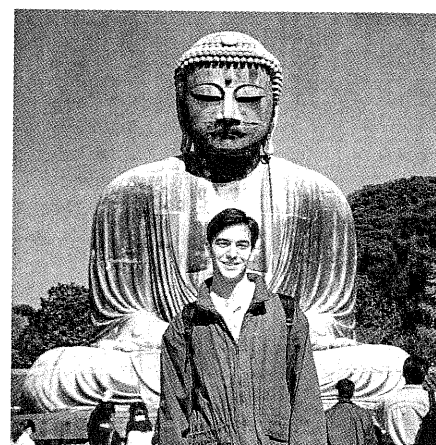
While the rest of the active brotherhood suffered through the snowiest November ever recorded in Ithaca's history, Jonathan Harris Feldman '97 was enjoying a mild fall in Tokyo, Japan. Although brother Feldman had been to Japan two previous times, this trip was a real learning experience for him and gave him a taste of what it is like to live in the most crowded city in the world. Jon lived with a host family in a house in Tokyo. It was not a vacation for him, however, since he took 18 credits of classes (in Japanese) at Waseda University in the heart of Tokyo. At Waseda he was participating in a business and society program, recognized through Cornell Abroad.

The business and society program at Waseda included tours of parts of Tokyo that are generally off-limits to foreigners. Brother Feldman saw the behind-the-scenes workings of major Japanese corporations, the Tokyo Stock Exchange, the National Diet (equivalent to our Capitol), as well as numerous social and cultural attractions. Brother Feldman also got the opportunity to do some traveling to other parts of Japan during his stay, but he had already seen much of Japan during his previous visits.

When Jon wasn't in classes or out on the town, he worked part-time as an English tutor. Good English tutors are in huge demand in Tokyo, and he usually earned \$30-\$50 per hour! Although there were 12 Americans in the business and society program at Waseda (including one other Cornell student), he really had very little contact with them. With his schedule divided between school and work, he ended up making his own friends in Tokyo and established his own niche there. As Jon claims, "The trip was a real people experience" for him.

The fact that Jon was completely on his own forced him to perfect his Japanese, and he learned to find his way around the city (he can actually read the street and subway signs!). On Jon's second day in Tokyo, he got so completely lost that he had to call his host family to come pick him up in the middle of a Tokyo rush hour! However, by the time he left, he was able to make it across the city in half an hour, never again getting lost.

Highlights from the trip included a week in the cultural center of Japan, Kyoto, visiting the Buddha at Kamakura (see photo), meeting Japanese politicians in the National Diet, and a girlfriend he had for most of his stay.



*Jonathan Feldman '97 in front of the giant Buddha in Kamakura, Japan.*

By the end of his visit he had successfully fit into the complex urban society of Tokyo, something that is very difficult for any foreigner to do. Jon did note that the Japanese were very friendly, very fond of Americans, and loved to practice their English with him. This past trip was such an enjoyable experience that Jon plans to return someday and perhaps do business there in the future.

Andrew D. Warren '96

## Alumni Write

When we last heard from RICHARD F. PIETSCH '26, he was looking forward to returning to Ithaca for his 70th Cornell reunion, chauffeured by his Alpha Delt son, Rick (Williams '62). Dick lives in a retirement home of 170 residents and almost as many staff (250 S. Pantops Dr., Charlottesville, VA 22911), which he characterizes as "one big, happy family." Although he's got arthritis, Dick writes that he "can hobble about with a cane, join in some snappy table tennis (the other guys have to pick up the ball on the floor five miles away), and work out almost daily on a new rowing machine."

RALPH C. WARE '47 is retired from the wholesale farm machinery business. He has seen JACK CUDLIP '48 and was also pleased to read about ANDY DANN '48 in the last issue of *The Cornell Alpha Delt*. "I knew his wife, Mimi Semmes, when she was 13 years old." Drop a line to "Mike" at 4303 Hilton Head, San Antonio, TX 78217.

"I went to Charleston, West Virginia, last November to help brother JIM THOMAS '50 celebrate his 70th birthday," pens ROBERT N. POST '50. "Also there were Jim's brother, NEWT THOMAS '50, and BOB ENTENMAN '50. The Thomas hospitality was fantastic, as it had been the last  
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## Andrew Warren '96 Gaining Recognition

Dumbfounded—that is what I was when I discovered all that our own Andrew David Warren '96 has accomplished and is involved in. Brother Warren is an entomology major in the college of agriculture and life sciences who hails from Englewood, Colorado. He was named in the February 8 issue of *USA Today* to the All-USA college academic second team, making him one of the top 40 college students nationwide and, essentially, an academic All-American. Before I seem to go on *ad nauseam* listing the achievements of brother Warren, I am going to limit myself to highlighting the projects that he has involved himself in during the past academic year and the accompanying recognition he has received.

Last July, brother Warren ventured with 14 other colleagues and a guide from the National Natural History Museum in Havana, Cuba, to collect and study butterflies. They collected nearly 60 percent of the butterfly species in the country from all over eastern Cuba in the Sierra Maestra mountain range. Unfortunately, on their return home to the U.S., they had all of their specimens confiscated by Cuban customs agents for an extremely dubious charge—lack of an export permit that doesn't even exist.

Furthermore, for the past three years, brother Warren has been working on his thesis, which, in simple layman's terms, proves that three species of butterflies are actually eight. Moreover, he is stabilizing names for some of these species and creating one entirely new name.

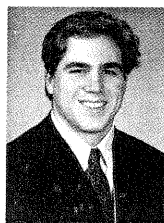
In addition to his thesis, brother Warren has been compiling a series of papers on butterflies of five western Mexican states in collaboration with his colleagues in Mexico. According to our entomological guru, such a project entails four work stages over the course of years for all contributing parties: endless field work, a complete literature search, museum reviews, and then comparisons of research. The first paper will be finished this summer to be the lead article in the international *Journal of Lepidopterists' Society*—and it is only one of many papers he has published.

The future holds the promise of more success for brother Warren, who begins the quest for his doctorate at the University of Maryland/Smithsonian this fall.

Michael B. Creighton '98



# Alpha Delta Phi Bids Farewell To 11 Graduating Seniors



**Geoffrey C. Chick Jr.**

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Norfolk, MA 02056  
508/528-5649  
School: Architecture, art  
and planning  
Major: Architecture  
Work experience/  
honors/activities: Dean's

list; copyright editor, *Cornell Journal of Architecture*; four summers in construction and design.

Career goals: Development, architect.

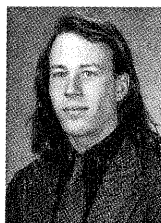
**Cameron C. Dauler**

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School: Human ecology  
Major: Ergonomics  
Work experience/  
honors/activities: Direc-

tor of waterskiing at Camp Robin Hood; windsurfing instructor; East Shore Sailing; Pepper Merit Art Scholarship, Davidson College.

Career goals: Product design for a sport equipment company; make the 2000 Olympic marathon team.



**John B. Gerich**

104 Jamestown Court  
Pittsburgh, PA 15216  
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School: Arts and sciences  
Major: English  
Work experience/  
honors/activities: Arthur  
Andersen, LLP; J.

Ottman Environmental Consulting; Alpha Delta Phi poetry competition; study abroad, Vienna.

Career goals: Marketing and consulting.



**David D. Herbert**

One Arrowhead Lane  
DeKalb, IL 60115  
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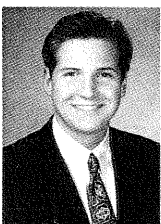
School: Hotel  
administration

Major: Real estate  
development

Work experience/  
honors/activities: Member of HEC in hotel

school; performed a feasibility study for the American Hotel and Motel Association; made dean's list various semesters; intern, Oxford Partners (real estate firm); three-month intern, Kingston Plantation, Myrtle Beach.

Career goals: Looking for career opportunities in real estate brokerage firms. Hopes to become acquainted with buying and selling hotel properties.



**Gregory Jeffers**

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Greenfield, IN 46140  
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School: Agriculture and  
life sciences

Major: Food science

Work experience/  
honors/activities: Food

safety research, Cornell University; food processing and development assistant; ACEF Booth Award, 1994 and 1995; Myron Fuerst Scholar, 1995; dean's list, 1995-'96; intern at Haagen-Dazs.

Career goals: Involvement in management and food operations industry, research and development.



**Mark J. Keiser**

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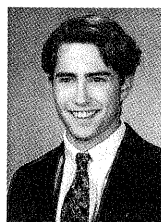
School: Hotel  
administration

Major: Operations and  
finance

Work experience/  
honors/activities: Six-month internship at

Choice; house steward; three-month internship at Kingston Plantation, Myrtle Beach.

Career goals: Pursue a job in hotel operations leading to the position of general manager of a four- or five-star property.



**Dennis J. Marchalonis Jr.**

26 Shady Lane  
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School: Human ecology

Major: Policy analysis  
with concentrations in  
consumer policy and wel-  
fare policy

Work experience/honors/activities: Intern, Union County prosecutor's office; clerk, Federal Bureau of Investigation; substitute teacher, Scotch Plains, Fanwood Board of Education.

Career goals: Would like to find an interesting career in the private business world.



**Salvatore M. Parlatore**

913 Lakeway Dr.  
Bellingham, WA 98226  
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School: Hotel  
administration

Major: Real estate and  
development/construction  
Work experience/  
honors/activities: Project manager (summer

'95), Hobel Renovations, Inc.; managed renovations for Waldorf-Astoria, St. Regis, and Omni Berkshire in Manhattan.

Career goals: Would like to get involved in



project management, including the renovation of existing properties and new construction.

**Eric Hans van Naerssen**

460 Prussian Lane  
Wayne, PA 19087  
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School: Arts and sciences

Major: Asian studies  
major, concentration in  
China

Work experience/  
honors/activities: General manager, *Hired*

*Hands* (a department of Student Agencies, Inc., a student-run corporation); partner, *World Famous Comics* (an Internet comics retail and marketing store); proficient in

Mandarin Chinese.

Career goals: Trade or finance, especially in Asia.



**Andrew D. Warren**

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School: Agriculture and  
life sciences

Major: Entomology

Work experience/  
honors/activities: Has

published 20 technical entomological articles and will graduate with honors.

Career goals: Systematic entomologist employed as a professor or researcher (ideally, both).



**Matthew Zaute**

1517 Derbyshire Rd.  
Yardley, PA 19067  
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School: Arts and sciences

Major: Economics

Work experience/  
honors/activities: Intern

analyst with Merrill

Lynch; campus coordinator for Summer Storage Company; lightweight football;

Cornell Economics Society; dean's list.

Career goals: Looking for career opportunities in securities, brokerage, and/or currency arbitrage. Especially interested in firms with European operations and hopes to work in Germany eventually.



## Moving?

*Be sure to let us know if you do!  
We don't want you to miss  
a single issue of  
The Cornell Alpha Delt,  
so remember to notify us if your  
address changes.*

## Brothers And Pledges Travel To Mardis Gras

This past February, five brothers and six pledges undertook the ultimate road trip to New Orleans to enjoy the 1996 Mardi gras festivities. After a long but interesting 24-hour drive, we were greeted with palm trees, blue skies, and sun. Arriving in New Orleans in the late afternoon on Friday, we wasted no time in starting the weekend. After stocking up on beads from a parade or two, we headed for Bourbon Street and the famed French Quarter to forget our worries, enjoy the city-wide party, and see some "culture."

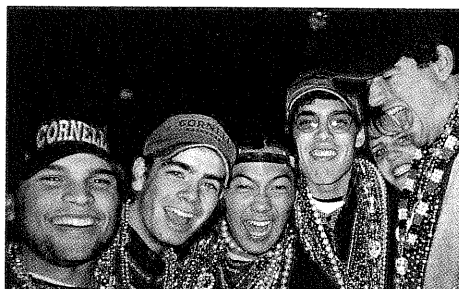
While in the Quarter, I believe everyone had his own unique experiences. Three of the brothers were first-timers—Salvatore Parlato '96, John Brian Gerich '96, and Carlos Suarez '98—and when asked their reaction to the weekend, they replied, "Unbelievable," "Incredible," and "I can't wait 'til next year." For second-year veterans George Matsuzaka '98 and me, Tim Best '98, the weekend was definitely not old hat. Likewise, all the pledges were amazed and are looking forward to next year's trip.

Besides the fact that our lodging was a little less than ideal (we slept in the car), we awoke the next morning ready to repeat the fun of the previous night. Saturday was sunny, warm, and full of parades. In the French Quarter that night, we ran

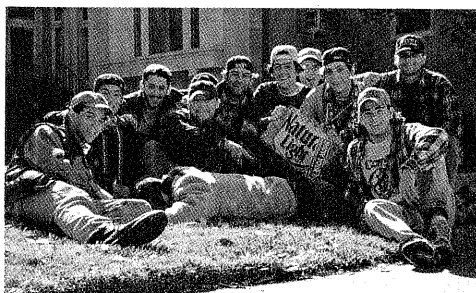
into other brothers past and present who had also taken the trip down. Hobart Buppert '95, John Schwarz '94, and Dave Herbert '96 were surprising additions to our already strong group.

The trip ended with another long car ride home. We arrived back at Cornell on Monday, just in time for a filling Mario lunch followed by a well-deserved nap. Even though it took a few days and a few showers to fully recover, everyone who went had a fantastic time. It's trips like these that add meaning to the word brotherhood. I'm sure I speak for everyone when I say, "I can't wait until next year!"

Timothy G. Best '98



*"Raging at the gras."*



*The entire group (minus one) awakens to a beautiful morning in New Orleans.*

## Where There's A Will There's A Way

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## TECHNOLOGY CORNER

The year 1996 looks like it will be a good one for improving our technology at the chapter house. Our new computing facilities have been complemented with dial-in Internet access, which has provided the brotherhood with an essential link to the ever-expanding electronic highway. Our current project is the construction of a robust web page for our chapter, including areas for alumni news. We hope that by the next newsletter we will have found a permanent home for this site and we will be able to provide the URL.

We have our sights set on wiring our house so that we can enjoy the same 24-hour Internet service that campus housing occupants do, allowing us greater opportunity to establish a presence on the Internet and faster access to it. If anyone would like to offer assistance or advice in this endeavor, please contact the current computer chairman, Adam Schoop '98, at 607/256-3778 or by e-mail at [ams22@cornell.edu](mailto:ams22@cornell.edu).

## Kissel Making Waves In Washington, DC

Aaron John Kissel '97 is advancing his young political career in Washington, DC, this semester. Brother Kissel is participating in a credit internship set up through the school of industrial and labor relations. Since late January, he has been working for the public policy department of the Alzheimer's Association, a division of the National Academy of Social Insurance.

Aaron is busy working on diverse social issues. His primary goals are to secure finances for further research on diseases such as Alzheimer's, to attend White House briefings on medical issues, and to lobby Congress for legislation sympathetic to the elderly and the ill. Current issues Aaron is working on include the right to die and the advocacy of advanced directives (otherwise known as living wills). He is also working on safeguarding Medicaid from proposed cuts and banning discrimination based on genetic testing. It is currently legal to deny a person a job based on his probability of contracting hereditary diseases such as Alzheimer's. This probability can be determined by genetic testing or family histories. Aaron believes this kind of discrimination is

wrong and is fighting to put an end to it.

Aaron is also working to reduce medical costs to ill individuals by making extensive medical care tax deductible. For example, if a patient needs to visit a hospital a certain number of times or have home care due to a serious disease, all medical care beyond a certain determined point would be tax deductible.

But trying to make the world a better place isn't all that Aaron is doing. Amidst all his wheeling and dealing at the Capitol, he also manages to have a good time. DC is famous for the bars and nightlife of its Georgetown area, where Aaron spends much of his time after a hard day's work. He lives in Chevy Chase, Maryland, just on the border of the city and takes advantage of the excellent metro system in the area to travel around and about DC. In addition to having a great time and learning a lot about the way in which the American government functions, Aaron is also gaining a lot of real world experience that would be difficult to come by in the sheltered setting of Cornell.

Marc J. Stern '98

## Spring Break In The Bahamas

Spring break was a welcome relief. Many of us had just finished taking tests and writing papers and desperately needed a break from Cornell. With this in mind, 11 brothers and one pledge made the journey to Nassau in the Bahamas for a week of relaxation and pleasure. Aside from a few worries in the beginning (our St. Patrick's Day flight was piloted by an Irishman), the week went beautifully.

We enjoyed seven days of sun with hardly a cloud in the sky, although many of us did not make it out of our rooms until early afternoon. We spent our days relaxing on the beach and hanging out by the pool. Many brothers also braved the seas and went scuba diving a couple of times. For many of us, the best time spent was on a cruise. The cruise was an absolute blast; there was lots for all of us to enjoy. The snorkeling was fantastic, but what topped it off was several brothers' jumping off the boat in the channel on the way home and swimming back. These were great days for the brothers to share many funny stories and just to hang out. But the nights were when we really had a great time.

We spent almost every night at the multi-faceted Club Waterloo. We went there looking for a new adventure. Fellow brothers George H. Matsuzaka '98 and William H. Conkling '97 somehow managed to bungee jump six times. It was a great time to bond as brothers and meet new people. Many of us found our way to the dance floor inside as the night went on.

Overall, my fellow brothers and I received a well-needed break from the stresses on the hill. The Bahamas definitely proved to be the place to be this past spring. We all came back to Alpha Delt with a much stronger sense of friendship and brotherhood and with greater hopes for the future.

Jesse M. Vozick '98



Brother P.J. Orthwein '98, otherwise known as "Couch Mold," shows his versatility in the Bahamas here as "Lounge Chair Mold."



Cornell Alpha Delt in the Bahamas with friends.

## Chapter Hosts 1996 Regional Conference

Several chapters of Alpha Delta Phi in the Northeast sent representatives to 777 for the annual regional conference. The conference was held the weekend of February 23-25. The actives sponsored and helped run the entire event. The whole weekend went very well, and we were very happy and proud to help the international field rep, Dan Dunn (MIT '95).

Two guest speakers also came to the chapter house for the event. Peter Schwartz, a professor in the human ecology school here at Cornell, spoke on Greek-faculty relations and how to improve them. Peter is a faculty fellow for the Cornell Greek system and very active in his involvement with Greek relations. Also, Bill Alberta, director of the agriculture and life sciences career development office, spoke to the group about practical career development. Both gentlemen related very well to the group and offered sound advice we could all benefit from.

The chapters represented at the regional conference included MIT (Lambda Phi), Union, Buffalo, Toronto, Hobart, Massachusetts, Yale, and Cornell. All in all it was a fun-filled educational weekend for everyone involved.

Gregory T. Jeffers '96  
President

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## What's Cooking?

Greetings from the kitchen! As I begin my second consecutive tenure as steward with my new assistant steward, John Bailey Adams '98, our outlook could not be better. Our main task for the semester will be to feed an additional 18 mouths while maintaining a balanced budget. Adam Marc Schoop '98 and I were able to finish approximately \$175 under our given allocation last semester. The additional pledges, therefore, shouldn't pose too much of a problem so long as I use the same accounting method Adam and I employed last semester.

One concern that I'd like to bring to the attention of the alumni is the deteriorating state of the dining room chairs. After having endured years of use, some of them have been falling apart. I inspected them last week and unfortunately discovered that out of the 42 chairs currently used, 20-25 could be either repaired or replaced. The hinges of the chairs seemed to be unstable as a result of either poor materials or poor design. This problem prompted me to speak to a carpenter last week about the possibility of repairing them. His response wasn't too optimistic. I estimate that the cost of such an operation would probably be around \$500-\$600. Please keep in mind, however, that I don't really understand the magnitude of the problem since I am not much of a carpenter. In any event, I plan to set up a project to restore these chairs, especially the ones dedicated to the late G. Lauriston Walsh Jr. '61. I may also be able to offer to any alumnus who donates a generous amount the incentive of having his name engraved on a plaque behind a seat.

My other goal for the semester will be to draw up a proposal to renovate and upgrade the kitchen. I took the liberty to visit several other fraternity and sorority kitchens on campus and discovered that ours would most likely be considered sub-par. The proposal, therefore, would be to bring our kitchen to the level of most others on campus. The kitchens that caught my attention most belonged to the university-owned houses. These kitchens seem to offer their brothers more through their variety of kitchen appliances. For example, steamers proved to be prominent in most houses. Another appliance that I found quite useful was the table-top meat preserver. This is a common apparatus in most houses as well as restaurants. As it stands now, our cook must take out lunch meat at approximately 11:00 a.m. and let it sit out until 2:00 p.m., when he leaves. This is potentially very hazardous, but he can't ameliorate the situation with his current resources.

If you are interested in any of the above proposals, please feel free to contact me at 607/256-0376.

George H. Matsuzaka '98

# Alumni Near And Far Send Us Their News

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time I was there, 45 years ago, when we all gathered there for a house party in conjunction with the crew races at Marietta, Ohio." Bob is enjoying his retirement at 4 Carpenter Lane, Mantoloking, NJ 08738.

...And speaking of JAMES R. THOMAS II '50, we got a note from him as well. This septuagenarian is still serving on various corporate and community boards and stays fit by swimming and playing golf. He resides at 910 Newton Rd., Charleston, WV 25314.

JOHN DAVID ROWLAND '55 writes, "I met Jan and TED OLT '57 in Chicago for brunch and good conversation on February 11, 1996. Lots of interchange of what we each know of former classmates. We are hoping to get together again before the year is out." Our address for Dave is 6411 Charles St., Racine, WI 53402.

The class of '59 has been getting together for regular reunions, the last of which was held in St. Croix. C. STANLEY LOMAX '59 writes that nine of the 12 classmates were able to attend (see picture at right). "The group, with wives, sons, and daughters, enjoyed snorkeling around Buck Island, tennis, swimming, sailing, sumptuous meals (particularly at the Lawaetz estate), and camaraderie." He adds that the next reunion is to be in Chicago, hosted by Jan and BILL DRING. The director of human resources for Nomura in New York City, Stan makes his home at 81 Seven Bridges Rd., Chappaqua, NY 10514.

DOUGLAS P. BRANDON '61 is the manager of product sales for Lukens Steel Company in Coatesville, Pennsylvania. He writes, "Our son, Andrew, graduated from the University of Virginia with a 3.5 GPA in May 1995 and is pursuing medicine in Charlotte, North Carolina. He is working in the emergency room at a local hospital and is studying for med school. His first choice is Cornell. Can anyone advise contacts to facilitate this process?" If so, drop him a line at 302 Mount Bradford Way, West Chester, PA 19382.

"I'm sponsoring, in the English department, readings by recently graduated writing students who've been published," reports FREDERICK H. PARKIN JR. '63 (2260 Vallejo St., San Francisco, CA 94123). "I've asked them to call it the Alpha Delta Phi

Alumni Readings Program, to preserve our literary tradition."

LANCE B. DAVIS '76 tells us that he's a municipal judge in Easton, Missouri, and that he has a private practice in family law and criminal defense work as well. He married his new wife, Dana, in 1993, and he has a son, Truett, who is six years old. Get in touch with him at 9400 Private Dr. 3903, St. Joseph, MO 64505.

Architect/designer P. MICHAEL WOLFSON '81 continues to live in London (11 Queensgate Gardens, London SW7 5LY, GREAT BRITAIN). He has been exhibiting his furniture designs in Europe and America but works mainly in the U.K. and on the continent.



*Brothers enjoying the class of '59 reunion in St. Croix. Left to right: Dave Vrooman, Bob Nelson, Dan Hall, Bill Dring, Hans Lawaetz, Stan Lomax, Tom Erickson, Bob Dodge, and Rick Dyer.*

JAMES T. BARRINGER's ('86) folks wrote to advise us of Jim's new address and to let us know what's been happening in Jim's life. The letter reads, "Following graduation from Cornell and receiving his commission in the Navy, Jim was assigned to surface warfare school in San Diego and then to the *Saint Louis*, which was based in Sasebo, Japan.... After completing his four years in the Navy, he stayed on in Tokyo, where he studied the Japanese language and taught English to Japanese executives. Then he came back to the states to get his master's at Thunderbird, the American School of International Management near Phoenix, Arizona. He concentrated on Asian studies. Upon graduating in 1993, he joined Kidder Peabody's office in Newport Beach, California. In the summer of 1994, he had the opportunity to join Bloomberg's office in Hong Kong, marketing their financial information services. Last October he married Meg Satoh in Tokyo, and they now live in Hong Kong." Jim and Meg's address is Greenbelt Court, Flat 7G, Discovery Bay,

HONG KONG.

STEPHEN D. BRINKMAN '86 can now be reached at 6 Maple Ave., Essex, CT 06426.

The director of multimedia sales for Oracle Corporation, DAVID J. McCABE '86 lives at 203 Bellevue Way NE, #264, Bellevue, WA 98004.

Write to MICHAEL R. ELLIOTT '87 at P.O. Box 491877, Los Angeles, CA 90049.

"I am a litigation associate with a 'boutique' firm specializing in the defense of insurance bad faith and ERISA claims," reports CHRIS D. OLSEN '87. "My wife, Cheryl (Mt. Holyoke '87), and I recently celebrated our daughter Olivia's first birthday." Chris adds that he's looking forward to his 10-year reunion in 1997. Until then, stay in touch with him via e-mail at [CDolsenEsq@aol.com](mailto:CDolsenEsq@aol.com) or via "snail mail" at 3483 Moore St., Los Angeles, CA 90066.

We have a new address for KARL J. DAVID '89: 417 Ocean Front Walk, Apt. 1, Venice, CA 90291.

Also recently relocated is JOSEPH A. DESSI '89, who has moved from New York City to 221 S. 12th St., #611N, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

The vice president of equity research at Montgomery Securities, CHRISTOPHER J. HARTUNG '90 lives at 225 Chestnut St., #B, San Francisco, CA 94133.

JOHN D. ANDERSON '95 works for Seattle First National and makes his home at 14796 Sivertson Rd., Bainbridge Island, WA 98110.

## DECEASED

We regret to report the death of the following alumni:

JOHN J. CONWAY JR. '37,  
September 26, 1995  
ROBERT A. ENGLE '65,  
March 18, 1996  
HEIKKI J. JUTILA '51,  
December 12, 1994  
ROBERT S. YOUNG '39,  
November 17, 1995