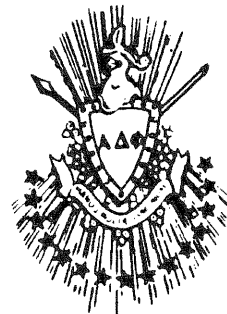




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A Rundown On Many Areas By Our Corporation President

Where are we? How are we doing? How am I doing? These questions come to mind as I consider this next newsletter. We, the alumni board and officers, are doing well. The flat bathrooms turned out beautifully, thanks to financial input from a number of people and ideas from many more. Primary responsibility for the physical plant has been handled beautifully for the past few years by Randy Bus '68, who has given freely of his time and financial support. Many thanks to Randy. George Kennedy '52 has recently taken the lead role regarding the physical plant, and we all wish him well. Randy will stay involved to some degree, but George will be the point man.

The next project is the computer room update and expansion, which we have been studying for a few years. Plans have been drawn up. We now need to line up financial support, determine the extent of the project (should we/can we rewire the house in order to set up a local area network?), get approval from the city of Ithaca, and begin.

The flooring on the first floor, especially in the great hall, has been an ongoing problem. It was recently refinished, evidently with a water-based polyurethane that lasted about three months. Likely, petroleum-based polyurethane would have stood up better, but the undergrads frequently party in these

rooms, and water and beer are often standing on these floors, quickly breaking down the finish. We are researching our options—varnish and/or wax being one of them—and hope to have this project completed this winter during the undergrads' vacation.

The exterior of the house remains our biggest and probably most important project. This includes resetting some stones, repoint-



ing parts of the house, and repairing the Gotehaus, the patios, and the chimneys. We are currently identifying firms to handle the analysis of what needs to be done. Let us know if you can suggest someone in this field. Also, we will continue to upgrade the kitchen as well as the basement living space, basement bar, and tower living space. We need your

input and support.

The house is well managed, although I would prefer to see broader involvement rather than a few people doing so much. The undergraduates appear to have a real desire to preserve as well as maintain the old homestead. I applaud their involvement and encourage them to participate further by attending our board meetings regularly. In fact, our meetings are open, and any interested Alpha Delt is welcome. Let us know in advance if possible, or simply show up.

I am doing well. Rhonda and I are expecting our first child on or about January 3, 1997, and we look forward to this event with great joy, enthusiasm, and a bit of apprehension. Our lives will most certainly change!

Do not hesitate to call me at 914/735-7166 (office) or 914/928-8109 (home) with your input, commentary, or feelings. If you are ever in the area, stop by and say hello: 2 Blue Hill Plaza, Pearl River, NY 10965 (office); 41 Rainbow Dr., Highland Mills, NY 10930 (home).

I wish you and your loved ones all the joy of the coming holiday season and a healthy, happy 1997.

XAIPE,
Kenneth E. Growney '82

Notes Of Interest About The Adelpic Cornell Educational Fund

We are pleased to announce the winners of the spring '96 ACEF Academic Excellence Awards: Tim Best, Rob Schundler, Marc Stern, and Andy Warren. As a reminder, these \$500 awards are given each semester to up to four active brothers who (a) live in the house, (b) are involved in house activities, (c) manage their obligations responsibly, and (d) despite all of those "distractions," manage to be on the dean's list. Congratulations!

We are also pleased to announce the winners of the following awards, which are given only in the spring semester and are designed

to acknowledge good character, scholarship, and brotherhood: John Kelly (Bruce Hart Award), Aaron Kissel (Lewis Award), and Greg Jeffers (Ted Booth Award).

As part of our efforts to promote Alpha Delt "on the hill," we are continuing to support the Knight Writing Program in the arts college (with one of the awards in honor of brother Jim Rice '30) and the Cornell Political Forum. New for the spring '96 semester, we are supporting the college of engineering's communications program—with the awards being named after our own Tom Foulkes '52!

As noted in the last newsletter, Bob Engle '65 passed away after a long illness. A memorial service was held on Homecoming Weekend at the Annabel Taylor Hall chapel, and Doug Bond '66 officiated. Memorial gifts in Bob's honor may be made through the ACEF.

Finally, the long-awaited renovation and expansion of the house's computer room into a study lounge and computing center is off the ground. An architectural layout/drawing has been completed by brother Joe Kujawa

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A Brother Explores The Customs, Protocols Of Japanese Business

While most brothers of Alpha Delta Phi braved another turbulent Cornell winter, Alexander Christopher Tepper '97 attended Waseda University in Tokyo for the entire spring semester of 1996. The Japanese business and society program, sponsored by the Council on International Educational Exchange, offers intensive course work on many aspects of Japanese society, including a very stringent language program. Other courses involved Japanese politics, culture, and business.

When asked about the Japanese, brother Tepper responds: "To me, the most interesting aspect of Japanese culture is the underlying business outlook of the Japanese and how it is manifested in differing business situations. There is an entire subculture to learn when working in the Japanese business world." To learn more about the customs and protocols of Japanese business, he attended several business conventions that were conducted in Japanese and that served essentially as a networking vehicle for Japanese "salary men."

Alex had the opportunity to take classes taught by famous scholars in Japan. One of his classes was taught by Professor Sadria, who is a very famous *gaijin* (foreigner) who has had the unique opportunity to work for one of the Japanese bureaucracies. According to Alex, "Being taught by such a talented and enthusiastic professor really strengthened my

interest and provided an extra incentive to delve into every aspect of Japanese society."

While outside the classroom, Alex also played for the Waseda University rugby team and had a chance to engage in *hanami*. *Hanami* is a Japanese custom that entails going to Ueno Park at 9:00 a.m. to admire the famous cherry blossoms. This seemingly boring custom is enhanced by another custom that is closely intertwined with *hanami*—namely, drinking *sake*, Japanese rice wine. Alex has gained a discriminating taste for *sake* and has learned the trick of heating up bad *sake* to mask the bitter taste.

During the course of Alex's stay, he met a member of the Waseda Mikoshi Club. A *mikoshi* is a portable shrine that is carried through the crowded streets of the urban areas on certain holidays. Much to his surprise, he was invited to be a carrier of the *mikoshi*, an activity seldom participated in by foreigners.

Participating in the *mikoshi* ceremony entailed dressing up in traditional Japanese

ceremonial garb, which consists of a modified version of a *kimono* and Japanese *tabi* (tall wooden clogs). This proved a bit difficult due to Alex's 6'2" height. The Japanese could not find a pair of *tabi* that were remotely close to his size, and they ended up gluing two together for the occasion.

While actually carrying the *mikoshi*, Alex realized that the height of his shoulder was considerably higher than those of the other participants. This caused the *mikoshi* to lean at a ridiculous angle while they were carrying it down the street. Fortunately, the event ended in success and turned out to be an interesting and enjoyable experience for Alex.

Despite this minor mishap, Alex learned a great deal about Japanese business and is excited about the possibility of working in Tokyo after graduation, although he claims that he will never attempt to wear Japanese ceremonial robes or footwear again.

Jonathan Feldman '97

An Active Takes A Sabbatical On The Road

Eager for adventure and perhaps tired of the same old scene at Cornell, brother Dorian Fougères '98 decided to take the spring semester of 1996 off from school. After eight months away from Cornell, Dorian has returned with many a story to tell as well as a fresh perspective on his place in the world. After working at his home in Pittsburgh throughout most of the spring, Dorian and a friend took off to tour Europe on May 29. Forty-six days and 33 towns later, he returned with a wealth of experience. Dorian managed to spend time in 12 different countries, so picking out the highlights was quite a challenge. His favorite parts of the trip included hiking to a glacier in the French Alps near Chamonix, seeing the fjords on the west coast of Norway, and, of course, visiting the beer halls of Munich—Höfbräuhaus, Augustiner-Brau, and Augintener-Keller.

From his travels in Europe, Dorian returned with the primary thought that Europe has better beer, better chocolate, better meat, better fruit, better wine, better women, better parks, and better transportation than the United States. It's a wonder he came back at all. But he did, and his travels were by no means over when he returned to the U.S. in July.

Dorian was soon off to the west coast of Vancouver Island in British Columbia to take a month-long course with the School for Field Studies on conserving marine resources and temperate rain forests. There, brother Fougères got to spend many days in lush temperate rain forests, in species-rich rocky intertidal zones, and out on the great Pacific Ocean. Dorian spent two weeks on Flores Island in Clayoquot Sound during the course with people of the Ahousaht First Nation.

There, he took part in an ecotourism project analysis.

Dorian came away from this summer with experience and direction. An anthropology major at Cornell, Dorian has always been interested in the human aspects of ecology. Going into this semester, Dorian is preparing himself for a career based on much of the experience he gained this summer. He hopes to work on maintaining a proper balance between ecology, culture, and economy.

The true value of time abroad can never be underestimated. Dorian has not only gained worldly knowledge, but also focused his career goals on something about which he truly cares and has genuine interest. Next spring, Dorian hopes to leave the U.S. again; this time, he's heading for Australia to take another course with the School for Field Studies. When he returns, he hopes to work in Alaska next summer.

Marc Stern '98

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ACEF Notes Of Interest

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'91, "challenged" by board members of the ACEF, and, with very little modification or clarification, forwarded to the house corporation for its input. The next step will be to work with the local building department so that detailed construction drawings can be worked up and the project can go out for bid. Through the generosity of a "matched gift" from brother John Dyson, the ACEF has "seed money" to start this project. Thank you, John.

Life Looks Great From Atop The Greek System

As the fall semester reaches its midpoint, Alpha Delt finds itself standing atop the Greek system. Not only are we the social leaders on campus, but also we have the strongest alumni support and the best physical plant. Additionally, we are in very good standing with the administration.

As some of you know, the office of Greek life has been developing a "strategic plan" for the Greek system. Essentially, it sets minimum standards in the areas of alumni corporations, management of the physical houses, and financial procedures. The implementation of this plan could begin as early as January, though the next school year seems to be the more likely timeframe. Fortunately, through the hard work that has been put in over the years (from alumni and undergraduates alike), we are already "up to code" with this extensive plan. This brings me to my next point. What do we need to do to stay ahead? Upkeep of the chapter house, maintaining our alumni corporation, and having a consistently stronger rush than the rest of campus should be our goals.

At the foundation of Alpha Delt lies its alumni corporation. Without your guidance and advice, the house simply could not

function. Many thanks go to the officers and board of directors, who volunteer so much of their time. The undergraduates would especially like to thank Randall W. Bus '68 for the hard work he has put in these past few years. I urge alumni to get involved with the alumni corporation. Please stop by the house whenever you can

tion. Though not in need of immediate repair, the masonry work for the entire building needs to be reviewed and the necessary actions taken. This is a monumental task that we can accomplish only with your support. The interior of the house is in excellent shape, with numerous improvement projects having been completed by the undergraduates in the spring. Plans are also under way to expand the computer room in the near future.

Our fall social program is strong again this year. Our reputation around campus is excellent, especially with the freshmen. We anticipate an excellent rush this year and hope to take a pledge class of 20-plus.

In my three years of association with Alpha Delt, I have never seen us in a better position. Attitudes in the house are very positive, and alumni support is stronger than ever. However, we are always looking for interested alumni to help us tackle the projects at hand. Please stop by whenever you can and relive the ties that bind in Alpha Delta Phi.

Dan Sweeney
President



Alpha Delt's foundation: Our alumni gather during Reunion '96.

to see what's going on; you'd be surprised at how little it has changed from your college years.

One hundred years ago our brothers had the foresight to relocate Alpha Delt from Buffalo Street to 777 Stewart Avenue, as they observed a shift in the campus's development. This same foresight is required now regarding the house's physical condi-

High Attendance: Highlight Of A Terrific Homecoming '96

During the weekend of October 20-22, Alpha Delt actives opened the doors of the chapter house to welcome back returning alums and their families. This year's Homecoming, described by many alumni and actives as "the best ever," was one of the most highly attended in recent years.



Recent '96 alums Matt Zaute, Greg Jeffers, and Brian Gerich reunite at this fall's Homecoming festivities.

Before the main festivities kicked off, a local alumni dinner was held in the dining room. In attendance were brothers George Kennedy '52 and Thomas Foulkes '52. They were among the first alums to check out the new flat bathrooms, recently renovated.

On Saturday morning, brothers relocated the celebration to Kite Hill for tailgating festivities. Before the football game against Princeton, and, for that matter during and after the gridgers took the field, brothers enjoyed tasty chicken kabobs and smooth beverages. Brothers who actually made it into the game witnessed Cornell defeat the Princeton Tigers in double overtime. Some say the victory is due to the efforts of John Kelly '98, who is said to have laid a

key block in the final seconds of the game.

Saturday evening a banquet was held in the chapter house. Thanks to Mario, the house "chef," brothers were treated to a choice of delicious entrees. Extra special thanks are due to brothers John S. Dyson '65 and Fred Johnson '43 for graciously supplying wine for the banquet. During dinner, brothers Robert H. Schundler '99, Marc J. Stern '98, Timothy G. Best '98, and Andrew D. Warren '96 became recipients of the ACEF biannual academic scholarships in recognition of their hard work (and perhaps luck) in the classroom. Thanks to brother Stan Lomax '59, the evening was filled with song, and actives were given a chance to learn some new songs as well as to sing the classics along with the alums.

Thanks again to everyone who was able to make it to this year's Homecoming. Rumor has it that next year's will be even better (although that might be rather difficult).

XAIPE,
John W. Hamilton '97
Fall Vice President

Alpha Delta Phi's Seniors Prepare To Pursue T

Jeffrey L. Bartholomew

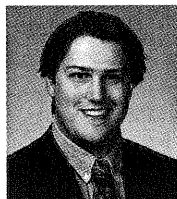
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SCHOOL: Arts and sciences

MAJOR: Economics

WORK EXPERIENCE/HONORS/ACTIVITIES: Sales assistant and intern, A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc.; assistant manager, Hawk Graphics, Inc.; funding chairperson, Cornell Political Forum; Alpha Delta Phi house manager

CAREER GOALS: Pursue a career in financial management



Dan Batiuchok

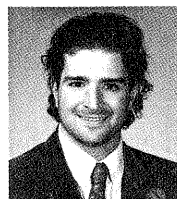
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SCHOOL: Arts and sciences

MAJOR: Psychology

WORK EXPERIENCE/HONORS/ACTIVITIES: Research assistant, Menninger Psychiatric Clinic; director of recycling program, Student Agencies, Inc.; event coordinator, Panache Catering

CAREER GOALS: A job in marketing, human resources, public relations, or advertising; also interested in mental health



Michael Bisordi

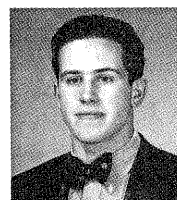
151 Rochland Ave.
Larchmont, NY 10538
914/834-0206

SCHOOL: Arts and sciences

MAJOR: Government/business concentration

WORK EXPERIENCE/HONORS/ACTIVITIES: Bear Stearns & Company, New York City (mortgage-backed securities); Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato, Washington, DC (banking committee); Smith Barney, New York City (financial management); Cornell international business program (certificate graduate); dean's list

CAREER GOALS: Entrepreneurial investment banking, possibly international



Timothy L. Blanchard

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SCHOOL: Architecture, art, and planning

MAJOR: Architecture

WORK EXPERIENCE/HONORS/ACTIVITIES: Currently abroad in Rome



Indra Chandra

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SCHOOL: Arts and sciences

MAJOR: Economics

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CAREER GOALS: Find everlasting inner peace...by making lots of money

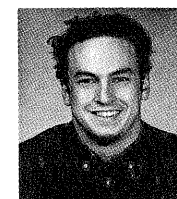


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SCHOOL: Architecture, art, and planning

MAJOR: Fine arts



Jonathan Feldman

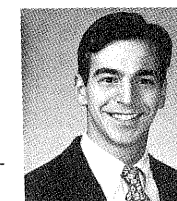
12 Lambert Johnson Dr.
Ocean, NJ 07712
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SCHOOL: Arts and sciences

MAJOR: Economics, Asian studies; international relations minor

WORK EXPERIENCE/HONORS/ACTIVITIES: Analyst, BT Securities Corporation; research intern, American Enterprise Institute; Cornell Economics Society; Cornell Japan-U.S. Association; freshman lightweight crew team; dean's list

Career Goals: Gain work experience in finance or business; eventually return to business school for an MBA



Joseph Giasi

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SCHOOL: Agriculture and life sciences

MAJOR: Biology

WORK EXPERIENCE/HONORS/ACTIVITIES: Teaching assistant, effective listening

CAREER GOALS: Pre-med or pre-dental



If you can assist any of these men toward their goals or know of anyone who can

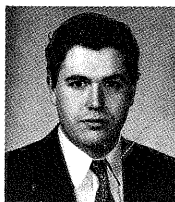
their Destiny Outside Cornell's Hallowed Halls

John W. Hamilton

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SCHOOL: Arts and sciences
MAJOR: History

WORK EXPERIENCE/HONORS/ACTIVITIES: Intern, American Psychiatric Association Division of Public Affairs; Alpha Delta Phi rush chairman, house manager, and vice president

CAREER GOALS: A career in sales or marketing with plans of getting an MBA



Lee Maschler

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SCHOOL: Agriculture and life sciences

MAJOR: Business management and marketing

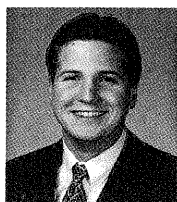
WORK EXPERIENCE/HONORS/ACTIVITIES: Victory Club, executive director; teaching assistant, financial/managerial accounting; assistant SOES trader; intern, the Indus group

CAREER GOALS: Investment banking/analyst in New York City



David D. Herbert

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MAJOR: Real estate development



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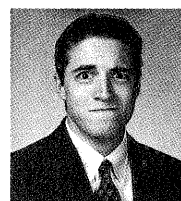
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SCHOOL: Engineering

MAJOR: Electrical engineering

WORK EXPERIENCE/HONORS/ACTIVITIES: Innovative Integration, DSP and Data Acquisition Products, Woodland Hills, CA (developed software for use with Innovative Integration DSP-based supercontroller boards); Emanate (Electronic Media and Net Advertising Technology Experts), Woodland Hills, CA (designed, programmed, maintained, and publicized WWW pages); John McMullen's Dean Scholar, Cornell College of Engineering

CAREER GOALS: Obtain a permanent position that will utilize his interpersonal skills and engineering background

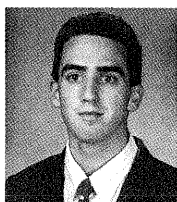


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SCHOOL: Arts and sciences
MAJOR: Sociology

WORK EXPERIENCE/HONORS/ACTIVITIES: Marketing intern, Minwax Company; computer assistant/consultant, Asset Technologies, Inc.; database management at VISA International, San Francisco, CA

CAREER GOALS: Go into packaged goods marketing; first, work in consulting or marketing and get an MBA in two to three years



Daniel C. Sweeney

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SCHOOL: Arts and sciences

MAJOR: Economics

WORK EXPERIENCE/HONORS/ACTIVITIES: Sales assistant, MetLife; research assistant, A.G. Edwards; dean's list; Alpha Delta Phi president

CAREER GOALS: A challenging position in the business world

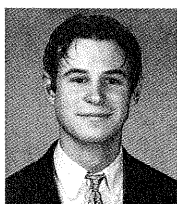


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SCHOOL: Industrial and labor relations (ILR)
MAJOR: ILR

WORK EXPERIENCE/HONORS/ACTIVITIES: International Academy of Social Insurance; Alzheimer's Association

CAREER GOALS: Public policy position in Washington, DC



Alex Tepper

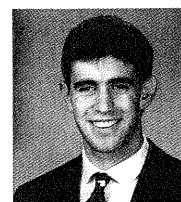
2083 Montane Dr. E.
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SCHOOL: Arts and sciences

MAJOR: Economics and Asian studies

WORK EXPERIENCE/HONORS/ACTIVITIES: Sales and trading department, George K. Baum (an investment bank); intern, Inter-Global Association (a Japanese import/export company); fluent in Japanese and Spanish

CAREER GOALS: Investment banking, management consulting, or international trade



would greatly appreciate your help.

Our Alumni Report Their News

"I was glad to get back to Ithaca in June for my 70th Reunion," writes RICHARD F. PIETSCH '26 (250 Pantops Mountain Rd., #312, Charlottesville, VA 22911). "We had a great time at the Alpha Delt cocktail party. Sorry JIM RICE '30 could not make it but very glad to see TOM FOULKES '52. We enjoyed being in the west lounge for a concert by some visiting troubadours."

Writes PHILIP S. LYON '27, "Good to hear DICK PIETSCH '26 is still navigating. His father and mine were both Cornell Alpha Delt, his '96 and mine '97. I too live in a 'happy' retirement home. I play a little golf now and then but have to have partners who can not only see my shots but also remember where they go!" Send Phil best wishes at 6555 W. 75th, Apt. 225, Overland Park, KS 66204.

"We were the first class to occupy the house in September 1931," writes LLOYD B. LOVITT JR. '34. "I have fond memories of the happy times we had there." Keep in touch with Lloyd at 7500 Mimosa Rd., Germantown, TN 38138.

ERBIN D. WATTLES '37 notes that he is "just getting old and crotchety. I am a pretty good vegetable farmer, especially on tomatoes." Greet "Shug" at 1006 Berkshire,

Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230-1311.

Writes JAMES C. TOTMAN '44, "Ever since leaving Cornell—I was drafted in 1942 for World War II—I have increasingly been convinced, particularly living the last 36 years in Europe, that our chapter house is one of the—if not *the*—outstanding landmarks of architecture. It is truly encouraging to see that both pledges and brothers prove their appreciation for the uniqueness of the house by participating in its repairs. My sincere congratulations." Drop Jim at line at 15 Rue Michel Chauvet, 1208 Geneva, SWITZERLAND.

Pens ROBERT N. POST '50, "I had a wonderful visit with DAVE ROWLAND '55 and his family in April 1996. Dave is my wife's second cousin. We were in Racine to be at a book signing for a book on the life of Frederick March (Wisconsin '20), who was my wife's godfather." Get in touch with the Posts at 4 Carpenter Lane, Mantoloking, NJ 08738.

Drop a line to JOHN A. BROOKE '57 at Ocean Reef Club, 22 Baker Rd., Key Largo, FL 33037. He writes, "I'm happy to report that TED OLT's ('57) daughter, Susie, was married on January 20 to Bart Graham in Davenport, Iowa." John has seen DOUG YEARLEY '57, JOHN FISH-

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.

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ER '57, and DICK WAMBACH '54. "I read with interest the article on the renovations, as I was alumni president when the sprinkler system was installed, and I well remember DOUG BOND's ('66) initiation. Keep up the good work."

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An "Alpha Delt Idol" Gains Valuable Insights During Stay In India

Brother Indra Chandra '97 was doing some poking around east of Ithaca last spring and summer. Well, he was quite a bit east of the school on the hill—northern, western, and eastern India, as well as Nepal (Kathmandu) and Thailand.

While he was there, brother Chandra was trying his trade at anything he could get his hands on. In the beginning of his stay in the spring, Indra was involved with a study-abroad program. It focused on the cultural aspects of India as well as an intensive study of the Hindi language. During a brief visit home, he assured me that the program was relentless in assigning work. But while reminiscing, he grinned and said, "But for me, it wasn't a problem, mere child's play." "Wow!" I responded. "You know, Indra, you're pretty cool, even for Alpha Delt standards." After this hint of a challenge, our trailblazer was off to rip a trail through researching foreign institutional investment in India for the remainder of his semester. He didn't stop there, though.

After coming back home for only a week or so, just for some refueling, he was off to conquer the world—not really, only Thailand. While in the country whose name can be jumbled to say "I and Thai," our coura-

geous forager found a bank. At the bank, he took on an internship position focused on studying the domestic banking system, opportunities for investment, and, I quote in intellectual, know-it-all businessman tone, "specifically, a global mid-term note issue." Indra didn't go into details, but today he boasts, "I was like the diamond in the rough at that outfit, the praised but behind-the-scenes guy; I made that place what it is today." Again I responded, "Wow! You're my new idol, Indra (hey, alliteration for you poetry buffs); you're pretty cool even for Alpha Delt standards."

At this point in the interview we were done with the generic "Where were you? What did you do?" questions, and now it was time to bring the bacon home for this here reporter. I started, "What does the future hold for one Indra Chandra from Cherry Hill, New Jersey?" Our cool, calm, and collected brother Chandra set a weighty glance at me and replied, "I've been offered an innumerable amount of opportunities abroad after I graduate, 'Money' (Indra's nickname for me), but alternatively I may take some training in banking, finances, or consulting here in the States. I have so many possibilities that I now know what it feels

like to be an extremely valuable asset in great demand. It's really hard, hard work making everyone around me look so bad and myself so good." "*La madonna mia*," I said and reiterated the obvious: "You're not just cool for Alpha Delt standards, Indra; you've reached the distant limit of ultimate coolness, the one Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino was referring to after a New England game two seasons ago—'cooler than ice on fire.'"

Now was the golden moment to wrap up this interview with the consummate question: "What were the most important things you have taken away from this experience?" Indra took one frank look at me and said, "'Money,' it's like this—I have a more worldly perspective on all things now and a vision of where the potential lies in my generation."

Brother Chandra is genuine in all of his responses, and if I were a significant player in the business world today, I wouldn't hesitate a second to hire "My Cousin Vinny" (my nickname for Indra). He's even cool when he's philosophical.

Michael B. Creighton '98

Looking Back From The Wilds Of Utah

I spent my summer working in wildlife biology for the National Forest Service in northeastern Utah. I spent two and a half months conducting goshawk surveys, bat surveys (including mistnetting and cave exploration), and amphibian surveys (which entailed extensive night surveys alone and far away from my tent in the wilderness), developing and delivering interpretive programs for wilderness users, working on radiotelemetry of adult and fledgling goshawks, performing archaeological excavation, and assisting in a small amount of fisheries research. In short, my summer was spent working entirely in the forests, mountains, streams, and wilderness of northeastern Utah. I wrote this article about a week before my time in Utah was up.

"See you in a few months," I said as I left Cornell late this spring. A stop home, a few errands here and there. And whoosh, I sped off: Utah bound, not looking back. Yes, that was the plan: leave it all behind without a thought until I return, an entire summer of living 100 percent in the present moment.

The first stop of my cross-country road trip was in Greenfield, Indiana, a quick visit with a good friend, former Alpha Delt President Greg Jeffers. Actually, I ended up staying a few days—nothing like Indiana Alpha Delt hospitality. Then I sped off to Utah...not looking back.

But in my car listening to the music we'd listen to at "the house," I couldn't help think back to the previous two semesters at Cornell, at Alpha Delta Phi, with my brothers. Not looking back? I left my car for a few days at Dinosaur National Monument in Colorado, to camp, to explore, to journey way out into the backcountry, to not look back.

But there I was again, this time amid the

natural splendor of petrified dunes, juniper-dotted buttes, sundance on water, cloudless infinite sky, seeing in everything that which has helped shape my life the past year and a half—Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell.

I finally made it to Utah a few days later, ready to start my job with the Forest Service. I settled into my new home, a guard station halfway between civilization, a small town 25



Brother Marc Stern '98 snaps a shot for Grandma at 11,000 feet in Utah.

miles away to the south, and the hulking magnificent mountains of the wilderness rising to the north. I looked toward the forests and toward the mountains, but I also looked back—back to times when solitude such as this was a myth, good times and bad shared together at the Alpha Delt chapter house.

Drifting through days and nights in the wilderness, hiking steep terrain and rocky peaks, wet stream crossings and cave explorations, conifer forests and aspen groves, stalking the elusive goshawk, listening in the dark of night for frog calls, or silently patrolling a mistnet for bats making ripples chest deep in a high canyon's moonlit stream—a sound, a scent, an unprovoked thought would call my mind back to our mansion on the hill we can all think of as home.

Now, quietly sipping sunset at the foot of the High Uinta Mountains, I can begin to look back on my time here in the forests I've come to know better than most of those who've lived here all their lives. And I can now look

forward to the time I have left to spend at the chapter house at Cornell. Just like the people out here who have never invested the energy in exploring their own backyards, I feel that too many of us let our precious time in our present surroundings slip away, always looking ahead, or behind, or somewhere other than right where we are.

Now don't get me wrong; there's nothing wrong with looking ahead or with "looking back." At times we can't help it, and at times it is the appropriate thing to do. But let us also look around and savor what we have. I have done my best to soak in everything I can out of my time here in this part of the world, enjoying the beautiful, almost magical, present moment, appreciating gifts that are sprinkled everywhere. I have set the goal to carry this habit back with me to the hill-tops of Ithaca.

I have also spent my fair share of time in reflection. This time is a great reward for the type of work I do. Such reflection is just as vital as the present—thinking back to the times that have shaped us, touched us, made us who we are.

I am lucky enough to return to that upon which I now reflect. And now I'm realizing that Alpha Delt will always be there to return to, to remember, to relive moments we may have forgotten. I take great comfort in this thought. But what about the places we can't physically visit? The people we have loved and lost? Let us also remember the value of the present moment, that all moments are fleeting and will become ever more so as we move forward in time, and thus live them intentionally and actively.

Take comfort in our everlasting past, in the strong longevity of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell, but also embrace the present—for it won't be long before we find ourselves looking back at today.

Marc Stern '98

On The Road...To Napoli, Rome, and Florence

Michael B. Creighton '98 recently arrived at Cornell this fall after enjoying a summer of travel we all wish for. Michael wanted to spend his first summer abroad soaking up the culture of an interesting foreign country and settled on Italy. For the better part of two months, brother Creighton lived with a host family in Napoli (Naples), Italy, while touring the country, learning the language, and making friends on the other side of the world.

By a stroke of luck, Michael was able to contact a host family, who adopted him for the summer. He explored the local sites in and around Napoli and learned about the native culture. In particular, Michael's excursions to the island of Capri and the Amalfi coast stand out as his most memorable. Off

the coast of Napoli the island of Capri is known for being an exclusive retreat for European nobility and home to villas of ancient Roman emperors. On the Amalfi coast, on the southern tip of the country, Michael enjoyed the scenery offered by the Mediterranean Sea and the nearly tropical weather. Also, just 20 minutes away from his host family's home were the ruins of Pompeii, remnants of the ancient Roman Empire.

When he was traveling around the country, Michael split his time between the apartment of his adopted brother, Carlo, in the heart of the city and with the rest of the Tomeos in the countryside town of Battipaglia, where he helped out in the family's shoe business. With the Tomeos' help,

Michael soon became comfortable with the Italian language and adopted some of their customs, including having several espressos a day (which he continues to drink here in Ithaca). After his two months were up, Michael headed back to the U.S. ready for his junior year at the house. But what trip to Italy would be complete without seeing Rome and Florence? On the way home, Michael visited the two elegant, ancient cities, enjoying their history, culture, and cuisine. In fact, he was so enchanted with Rome that he is going back for a semester abroad next spring. For Michael, one can't get too much of a good thing.

Eli D. Mogil '99

Our Alumni Report Their News

"I launched a new career two years ago," reports JOHN M. FISHER JR. '57 (770 Cloughton Island Dr., Miami, FL 33131). "One is never too late to get smart." He is working as a consultant, providing market research, strategic planning, and some marketing communications services for small businesses in south Florida, "although my largest client has been in Scotland." He notes that the big difference between working for an agency and working for himself is that now he can fire a client. He keeps in touch with JOHN BROOKE '57.

Send correspondence to ROBERT I. DODGE III '59 at a new address of 51 Louie Lane, Stafford, VA 22554.

"I will soon complete three years as the Asia Foundation's representative in Mongolia," writes SHELDON R. SEVERINGHAUS '62 (66 Cleary Court, #609, San Francisco, CA 94109). Shel finds Mongolia a fascinating and beautiful country. "On June 30, 1996, Mongolia held its second parliamentary elections under the country's new constitution (1992). The Democratic Union Coalition Union Party delivered a stunning defeat to the (former) Communist Party, thus establishing the first democratic government in 75 years." Shel was a member of an election observation team, along with former Secretary of State James Baker and Senator Chuck Robb (Democrat, Virginia), among others. "This included a two-day, 1,500-kilometer trip in a Russian helicopter observing the elections in three provinces comprising the Gobi Desert. Nomadic herdspeople rode 30 to 40 miles on their horses to vote in yurts converted to polling stations. About 90 percent of eligible voters voted. Shame on America."

Write JOHN M. BEEMAN '63 at Citibank N.A., 5/F, Union Building, 100 Yanan Rd. E., Shanghai 200002, CHINA.

Attorney and businessman, CHARLES M. MOOS '67 reports that he and wife Melinda have two children: Dan, a junior at Amherst College, and Carolyn, a senior in high school who is 6'6", a nationally ranked basketball player, and a member of the U.S. junior national team. Write him at 3710 Northome Rd., Wayzata, MN 55391.

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Writes KNIGHT A. KIPLINGER '69, "Our family recently moved to a new home within Washington, DC (around the corner from our previous residence). I'm busy preparing for the 50th anniversary year ('97) of *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine*, founded by my grandfather and father (Cornell '39) the year before my birth. I enjoy hearing from '60s vintage Alpha Deltas when you're in DC (3630 Fordham Rd., Washington, DC 20016)."

Attorney THOMAS W. WITHERSPOON JR. '69 notes that he was married to Jan Kistler for a short time and then married Elaine Goss in 1978. The family splits its time between Litchfield, Connecticut, and Martha's Vineyard. "I'm in the process of losing 50 pounds in preparation for turning 50 in November." He sends greetings to DAVE MORTLOCK '69. Thomas's address is P.O. Box 1208, 49 Wolcott St., Litchfield, CT 06759.

Reports WESLEY J. GROVE '73, "I have survived my third bank merger at Texas Commercial Bank, now a subsidiary of Chase. I have recently resolved mid-life crises by completing a course in mountain climbing at the Colorado Outward Bound School (which is the sort of thing Mark Twain had in mind when he wrote, 'I'm glad I did it and glad I'll never have to do it again.'). I became an empty nester in September with the departure of my daughter to Princeton, where she'll pursue a pre-law program." Send best wishes to Wes at 12 Falling Leaf, Houston, TX 77024.

For the Record

Despite our best efforts, it seems there are always a few checks that are still in the mail to us when we compile our year-end honor roll of donors. Therefore, we offer our belated thanks to:

Michael R. Elliott '87
Andrew T. Hahn '86
Philip S. Lyon '27
Charles M. Moos '67
Robert E. Nelson '59
James C. Totman '44
E. Jerry Tyler '67
Colin H. Williams '92

A banker with Dean Witter Reynolds, RONALD G. JOHNSON '77 writes, "My wife, Cindy, and I are busy raising our two boys. I sit on the NASA board of arbitrators and am a trustee for the McKinney Education Foundation." He resides at 3103 Voltaire Blvd., McKinney, TX 75070.

An assistant manager of business development for Twentieth Century Fox, MICHAEL A. DeLUCIA '87 reports that after spending a year living and working in Rome, Italy, he has been transferred to London (133C Chesterton Rd., London, ENGLAND W10 6ET). "I hear that PIERRE MARTIN '87 has bought and is now running a hotel in Florida."

A venture capitalist, RAVI MOHIAN '89 moved to Boston after completing his MBA at Michigan. "DARREN STARR '92 joined the program there." Send Ravi greetings at 259 Marlborough St., Apt. #3, Boston, MA 02116.

"I graduated from NYU medical school in May 1996," writes KENNETH S. HIMMEL '90, "and then moved to San Francisco in June to start my internship. I will move to Houston in one year to start my residency in ophthalmology at Baylor. Drop me a line at 1530 Gough St., #601, San Francisco, CA 94109, and I'll try to get back to you in my spare time. I work 120 hours a week, though, so you may have to wait."

COLIN H. WILLIAMS '92 was to be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests in Christ's holy catholic church on the Feast Day of Alfred the Great, Saturday, October 26, 1996. Send him best wishes at 120 W. Fifth St., Oswego, NY 13126.

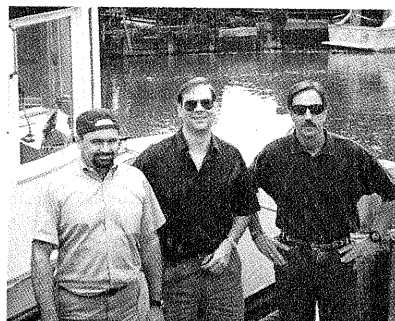
Get in touch with C. PATRICK SCHOLLES '94 at 324 E. 52nd St., #3A, New York, NY 10022-6722.

"I'm working hard but having fun, too, and hope that people call me or drop by when in New York City," pens JOHN S. SCHWARTZ '94, a law student (104 W. 70th St., #6E, New York, NY 10023—telephone: 212/580-9018).

DECEASED

We regret to report the death of the following alumni:

THOMAS M. HIBBEN '57
JOHN V. OWENS '36



Doug Smith '78, Steve Ritchey '81, and Thom Chirug '64 at Old Port Harbour during Reunion '95.