# The Cornell Alpha Delt

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## Help Extend The Legacy Of Alpha Delta Phi At Cornell!

### Legacy and our Past

A legacy is a gift, especially a personal gift, handed down from the past, usually from one generation to the next. Indeed, a legacy has been passed on by the Alpha Delta Phi brothers who came before us; it has given us our fraternal traditions, our continuing brotherhood, our historic and unparalleled facility, and especially our independence. This is our unique inheritance. Our brotherhood has provided us with a special social education and a privileged opportunity for personal development with peers. Without exception, we are all better men for having been given this legacy.

### Preserving our Legacy in the Present

Our fraternal inheritance is of such great value that we must ensure its extension to the future undergraduates at Cornell. We must help them choose and be chosen by our great living fraternity. Our total roster of current and ancestral brothers numbers approximately 2,000 men. Of these brothers, almost 500 are on record for having continued our legacy with gifts of substance. Since our gift records are primarily for those still living, we can be comparatively proud that almost half of us have continued as current "legators." Still, more of us are needed to make generous gifts, according to individual means, that add value to the future of Alpha Delta Phi. I invite you, particularly if you have not participated but enjoy reading about our wonderful and august fraternity, to begin by making even the smallest gift to show that you care about past, present, and especially the future of your fraternity.

Alpha Delt is known campus-wide for quality, far more than most of our peer elite fraternities; but our legacy is not just for our own living/learning facility, which we are refurbishing. Our past alumni contributions at Cornell include significant portions of Balch Hall, Teagle Hall, Rice Hall, Severinghaus Reading Room in Kroch Library, and Fuertes Observatory.

However, as proud as we may be about our general contributions to Cornell University, we must never shirk our current responsibility for maintaining the legacy of our own beloved fraternity house. Our facility's needs are clearly a very demanding proposition, but they are a most necessary element if we are to supply our undergraduates with superior living arrangements. As the facility improves, so will the quality of our tenants.

We recently completed a small but difficult property swap with Cornell. Although it only involved a 32nd of an acre, contiguous to our driveway, we clarified the independence of our property, which had been threatened by Cornell land ownership mysteries, lasting over many years. John Dyson '65, Jim McCormick '69, Randy Bus '68, John Golder '83, and Ken Growney '82, among others, have helped improve the value of the Alpha Delt estate with completion of the driveway repair and parking lot reconfiguration. Now, fellow brothers, please help us replenish our funds. Our leadership has committed $168,000 for this independence. Only you can actually deliver the gift of renewal. As legendary Cornell Alpha Delta alumni leader Theodore H. Booth '25 wrote almost a half-century ago, "We should support the self-governing tradition of the optimum college living unit—a fraternity—as opposed to the organized indifference of college dorms."

Our legacy and contributions have not exclusively been for physical property. Very few other fraternity alumni groups regularly provide campus-wide benefit with public educational and literary events, faculty receptions, Greek awards, and especially our favorite and renowned Victory Club celebration. This latter has always included public invitations. Our legacy is indebted also to the Adelphic Cornell Educational Fund (ACEF). Thus, our living obligation includes our support of this unique and dedicated financial trust.

In this time of current Alpha Delt renovation, our fraternity alumni leadership team is really working hard; this past October we conducted a chapter member leadership development retreat. The 25 undergraduates and six alumni brothers gave up a full Friday for an extended dialogue and planning session. Facilitation sponsored in part by the ACEF addressed a plan to "Meet Alpha Delta Phi Responsibilities Outside the Fraternity" and to "Develop Strategies for Successful Rush." Very few other peer fraternal groups would even consider sponsoring such an organizational event, much less carrying it out. Moreover, such specific problem definition and resolutions require courage and commitment. Clearly, we can only continue this sort of effort with your support. If you are not convinced to give, read the separate article on page four. It contains invigorating news. It shows how

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# Help Extend The Legacy

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much leverage and relevance our alumni resources can provide for the lives of our young members, living in a self-managed environment.

Of course, the word legacy also refers to an alumnus relative or an alumnus-recommended individual for candidacy at Alpha Delt. Fraternal membership within a single family across the generations builds continuity and strength within that family and within our brotherhood. The effort begins by simply introducing our own sons, nephews, and grandsons to Alpha Delt. And, just as important, we must continue our support of the rush process through which new members are recruited. Simply suggesting rush leads is a valuable gift for the undergraduate rush chairman. Pass on names and particulars of any worthy young men who are attending or will attend Cornell. Send the names to me. I will pass them on.

## Legacy and Our Future

The word "legacy," derived from Latin, comes from *legare*, to bequeath or assign property. Legators, those who provide for the future, serve as envoys, transmitting these important values, which are simultaneously physical, intellectual, and spiritual, and guaranteeing that they shall endure for the future. This is your role as an alumnus of Alpha Delta Phi—to contribute and leave more value than you received. We must renew, rebuild, and provide continuity. It is our duty to extend the legacy of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell.

Please join with those who have gained as you have, so that the men who are yet to come, the future Alpha Delts, will continue our excellent path of growth and development and will continue to obtain the great benefit of brotherhood learning. I urge all of you to do your best as legators and envoys of the present. Please, be generous now. And plan for generosity in the future. Feel free to call me at 202/628-7460 or write me at hbs3@cornell.edu.

Howie Schaffer '90
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# Another Round Of Improvements At 777 Stewart Avenue

This summer, contractors again took to the Phi with sledgehammers in hand, crushing the old and making way with the new. Improvements sprawled all over the building, with several new doors on the second and third floors, a new third-floor bathroom, fire and life safety improvements throughout, and a complete face lift to the "pit" and bar area, making it an attractive and modern social space.

This summer marked another round of upwards of $90,000 in improvements. However, the true value was much higher—by partnering with Cornell's suppliers, we were able to obtain certain pieces of hardware for 50 percent of their usual costs, allowing us to substantially leverage our budget. Many thanks are due to several generous alumni who've committed significant funds to make these projects real. It is enormously gratifying to meet alumni visiting Ithaca—or receive the occasional e-mail—and find them excited about improvements and looking to help. AD's reputation as having some of the most involved and generous alumni is well earned.

The funds are being well spent. Every project is designed to address pressing needs of function or aesthetics, with maximizing the revenue potential of the living space, durability, and longevity guiding our choices of materials and methods. The third-floor bathroom was reconstructed using the same colors and material choices as last year's second-floor bathroom projects. Long-running issues of water leakage into the spaces below were corrected with completely new drainage plumbing and floor and shower seals. New water supplies continued from the renovations last year have permanently solved issues of questionable water temperature and pressure.

The door project was exciting and challenging. Three of the largest walk-through doubles on the second floor were converted to true singles. The third-floor bedroom doors were all replaced, and the closets were fitted with proper doors. All of the doors meet modern fire and accessibility codes, but moreover, were chosen with surface applied moldings to complement the original doors found on the bedrooms off the great hall balcony. We plan to use the same style of materials for future door replacements.

By far the largest project last summer in terms of square footage and visual impact was the renovation to the basement space under the Great Hall and library. The various rooms include the bar, the "pit," and the computer/laundry room. The bedrooms in the basement had to be removed due to modified fire code requirements (there is some question as to whether they were even legal to begin with). The computer room, having fallen into disuse with all bedrooms now sporting ethernet ports (thanks to the donors to the Adelphic Cornell Educational Fund), was removed and combined with the social room. The goal of the project was to produce an alternative venue for social engagements and spare the main floor from the additional wear and tear associated with such events. The active brotherhood has been looking for ways to hold the spontaneous parties and rush events in a more casual social setting, saving the luxurious main floor accoutrements for Victory Clubs and date nights.

The basement social space is designed for durability and usability. The overall available area is approximately 2,000 square feet. The existing interior was entirely gutted, to reveal the Abner Dean murals that graced the party room from the late 1940s to the late 1960s. New dimmable industrial style lighting was installed throughout, and the existing electrical service was updated. An acoustical spray was added to the ceiling to hide pipes and wires and cover blemishes from decades of varied ceiling treatments. The floors were ground to their original bare concrete condition and covered in an industrial grade epoxy sealer. The original "tile pattern" and brass inlays around the party room fireplace are again visible through the coating. The walls were covered in an antique plaster finish complementing the wavy original plaster of the Great Hall.

For furnishings, built-in benches of steel frames with thick oak panels were installed by the contractors. With several coats of spar varnish, they gleam and will hopefully withstand the test of time. The bar was constructed from cement blocks and poured solid for extra rigidity. The top is reinforced concrete and covered with several coats of the same epoxy as the floor. The top sports the gilded embossed characters "Alpha" "Delta" "Phi." The front of the bar is stone veneer, chosen to complement the exterior masonry of the house. Our masons have extensive experience with Cornell and other local historic buildings and used a special blend of mortar to create the aged look of the mortar on the exterior of the chapter house.

All of these projects are expected to help increase new member recruitment and house occupancy. We have addressed some of the most serious aesthetic and functional challenges of the house and endeavored to meet the demands of the modern Cornell student. True singles are the status quo for off-campus apartments, which compete with fraternities for student living spaces. The increased occupancy of the former outer rooms more than compensates for the loss of the two basement rooms. In addition, in the former servants' quarters (on the hallway between the basement social room and the kitchen), the majority of the low-hanging pipes have now

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# Report Of The Undergraduate And Alumni Leadership Retreat

A very special Alpha Delt one-day retreat was held on Friday, October 17, 2003, at Cornell's new Carol Tatkon Center located in Balch Hall. The goal of this session was to develop an action plan for the 2003–'04 school year, focusing on meeting and managing Alpha Delta Phi's responsibilities outside the fraternity and developing strategies for a successful rush.

The undergraduate chapter's involvement in several incidents over the past 12 months was part of the impetus for this effort, as well as the alumni board's concerns about the chapter's efforts in member recruitment. Organized by Howie Schaffer '90, president of the Alpha Delta Phi alumni corporation, this event was sponsored, in part, by the Adelphic Cornell Educational Fund and facilitated by Guy Iaccarino '84, client services consultant, Stewart Howe Alumni Service.

## Defining the Responsibilities of the Chapter and Its Members

The retreat framed the discussions around the chapter's four main stakeholders: alumni, the university, the community, and the national fraternity. Stakeholders were defined as those external groups to which the undergraduate chapter has responsibilities, and which also have power to affect the chapter's existence as an official entity.

Once the alumni began soliciting the thoughts and feelings of the undergraduate brothers about their relationships with these stakeholders, the undergraduates' sense of disenfranchisement and alienation from the stakeholders became evident and needed to be thoroughly addressed. The strongest sentiments involved relations with the alumni, the university, and the community. Originally scheduled to last approximately 45 minutes, this portion of the seminar lasted almost three hours, due to the strong sentiments of the undergraduates. A very healthy and productive discussion ensued with numerous action steps developed to ensure the development of greater communication, understanding, and trust. Tony Cashen '57 (chair, Fraternity and Sorority Advisory Council and Delta Upsilon member), Kent Hubbell '67 (Alpha Delta Phi member and dean of students), John Dyson '65 (Alpha Delta Phi member and Cornell trustee), and Suzy Nelson (Kappa Alpha Theta member and associate dean, Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs) all gave presentations and entertained a lively and interactive discussion with the undergraduates and alumni.

We also discussed making membership recruitment a more proactive enterprise to ensure that men of quality are approached for membership in Alpha Delta Phi, rather than hoping that qualified candidates will show up at the house during rush. This afforded the undergraduates an opportunity to identify prospectives' desired characteristics and, in doing so, to underscore values-based recruitment practices.

There is now a general action plan in place for the two stated goals of 1) meeting Alpha Delta Phi's responsibilities outside the fraternity and 2) executing a strategy for a successful recruitment.

While this was a bold and successful event on its own, this retreat has far more importance and significance if viewed as the beginning of a process. The sense of alienation felt by the undergraduate brothers is evidence that what is really required is not one discussion, but a series of discussions and interactions between the chapter and its four stakeholders. The Adelphic Cornell Educational Fund has indicated a willingness to review proposals to underwrite the costs of meeting facilitation and documentation for future retreats. This process could produce the following results.

- Undergraduates would better understand the position of the entities with which they interact, allowing them to make better decisions and improving the learning process that is so central to the fraternity experience.
- Alumni would better understand the current realities of the undergraduates, which are often very different from those during their time in school, allowing them to provide more targeted and meaningful guidance, and also improving the learning process.
- The community and university would better understand who the Alpha Delta Phi brothers are as people, improving not only those relationships, but also the safety and security of the individual brothers and the fraternity as a whole.
- Newly initiated brothers would have opportunities to learn more about fraternity operations and to further appreciate the responsibility that they have shouldered—to preserve, protect, and positively promote 777 Stewart Avenue—as new members of Alpha Delta Phi.

This process has the potential to increase the depth and quality of the dialogue between the undergraduate chapter and its stakeholders, so that they may work together more effectively to address all the issues confronting Alpha Delta Phi. The impressive fact that 25 undergraduate and eight alumni brothers were willing to drive hundreds of miles to then give up a full five hours on a Friday evening and participate as fully and passionately as they did while they were there should not be taken for granted. Alumni brothers in attendance included George Kennedy '52, Tom Foulkes '52, Tom Colbert '74, Ed Miccinati '74, Peter Fifield '75, and Howie Schaffer '90. It is obvious that these men represent the hundreds of other alumni brothers who care deeply about their fraternity, but could not attend to personally contribute and offer their votes of confidence and support.

Hopefully, the undergraduate brothers will be able to understand that demands for accountability from their alumni, the university, and the city of Ithaca are a new reality of fraternity life in a new century. Alpha Delta Phi will need to adapt and evolve in coming years in response to more intrusive and onerous regulation. Strong alumni participation is the key to a more a solid foundation on which to build future successes. The hand of the alumni, now and always—as evidenced by the creation and realization of the leadership retreat—is extended to the undergraduates as a gesture of support and brotherhood.

# Retreat Helps Chapter Work Through Difficult Relationships

Following our undergraduate leadership retreat this semester, Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell has made enormous strides in managing our relationships more effectively with the university, local community, and our alumni brothers. The retreat was a great success, attended by the entire undergraduate brotherhood. We also were privileged by the attendance of many alumni brothers, especially John Dyson '65, who gave his thoughts and insights on the future of the Greek system at Cornell. We owe great thanks to our alumni brothers for their support and encouragement. It was a great example that they set for many undergraduates to follow in their footsteps, staying connected to the house that brought them the greatest experiences of their undergraduate years. We also thank the Adelphic Cornell Educational Fund (ACEF) for their support, which paid for the top-notch facilitation.

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The retreat began with the alumni and undergraduates getting to know each other. Following, the facilitator led us through a process, getting to the root of the problems that have plagued us recently, leading to social sanctions. We concluded that these problems stemmed from problematic relationships between us, the university, local community, and alumni. With the university, we decided that instead of maintaining an "us versus them" philosophy, we would work within the system to improve our status. Doing so, we have put in great efforts to participate with campus-wide Greek sponsored events, such as the Greek Olympics. We also experimented with a new activity among all of the fraternities in our neighborhood. In the "McGraw Crawl," two brothers from each class were paired with two brothers from the same class from the four other McGraw Place houses. Instead of a house versus house competition, it was class versus class, aimed at promoting better relations among all of the typically competitive fraternities.

Next, we learned how to better manage relations with local community enforcement officials, such as the police and fire departments and the building inspector. Since the retreat, we have not had any police or fire officials come by the house for complaints, and we have obtained our building occupancy without any of the old delays or problems. Helping this effort was a protocol dinner that we organized in the middle of the fall semester here in the Alpha Delt dining room. The chiefs of the fire and police departments, the chief building inspector, and Suzy Nelson, the associate dean of fraternity and sorority affairs here at Cornell, joined the undergraduate brothers for a home-cooked Italian dinner prepared by Mario Giacco, legendary Alpha Delt cook. The meal gave us a great opportunity to discuss difficulties we'd had with one another and to find ways to work together more productively in the future.

Finally, we concluded with strategies for the undergraduates to improve their relations with the alumni. This, we felt, was most important because our relationship with our alumni will continue long after we've graduated from Cornell. Responding to concerns from undergraduates that the alumni have a different set of goals than themselves, we realized that we all had at least one common goal: the preservation of the principles that have maintained Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell as one of the premier fraternities over the last 134 years. For a retreat that started with some contention, it ended with all smiles and an energetic rendition of "Gay Gallant Ship."

With much alumni support, our mansion on Cornell's campus still sits as an unparalleled structure and institution. Recently, fully one third of the lower level of the house was remodeled into a multipurpose social room, to contain the crowds and mess often associated with mixers, rush events, house rentals, and charity functions. Finally, the Great Hall and main floor will be reserved for small gatherings or formal functions such as faculty receptions, the Homecoming banquet, and Victory Club charity balls. We are grateful to the many alumni donors whose contributions have made possible these upgrades to our living quarters and these needed investments in the future of the Phi.

It has been a pleasure to serve as president of Alpha Delta Phi this past semester. During my tenure, many changes have occurred to the university and to the social policies that we have had to abide by. We have adequately adjusted, however, and I only hope that I have served by the ideals of the undergraduate presidents who have held the gavel before me.

XAIPE,
Josh Goldstein '05
Fall 2003 Undergraduate President

## Alpha Delta Phi Occupancy and Academic* Data for Spring 2003

Number of undergraduate members: 75

Brothers living in the house: 34

Maximum house occupancy: 55

Spring 2003 House GPA: 3.105
(Ranked 23 out of Cornell's 45 fraternities in 2003)

Fall 2002 House GPA: 3.080
(Ranked 24 out of Cornell's 44 fraternities in 2002)

**All grade-point averages (GPAs) are calculated by dividing the sum of brothers' Cornell grade points by the sum of the chapter's semester credit hours. Grades are gradually improving in the house, particularly with the encouragement provided by the Adelphic Cornell Education Fund providing $500 awards to the five brothers living in the house with the highest GPAs each semester. However it is important to recognize that the difference between the rank of 24 and the rank of 10 is one-tenth of a point.*

# Through Strong Alumni And Active Brother Support, Alpha Delt Prevails Once Again

This year's fall semester has been an interesting and productive time for the Phi, with the recent completion of a variety of house renovations and improvements. Although the semester started off tough with a later than anticipated move-in date, brothers managed to work together to get the Phi up and running. Now we have a strong roster of brothers living in the house and anticipate even more move-ins for the upcoming semester.

We have recently completed the transformation to all single bedrooms with new doors and related room improvements. Previous doubles have been fully transformed into large and spacious singles. Brothers can now enjoy the privacy and quiet many college students yearn for during these years of personal and intellectual growth. Between their privacy and quiet offered, these new singles will provide a most helpful lure for future brothers of the Phi.

Also important is the completion of our new multipurpose room, located in the basement of the Phi. This room, as many alumni have already testified, is most impressive. With a new bar and dance floor located in the basement, future social events promise to be safer and intrude less on the rest of the house. The new lighting in our multipurpose room will provide a safer environment for any social event, just as the room's location promises to intrude less upon those not partaking in the festivities. Also key to the new room's utility is compliance with a variety of new multipurpose room requirements. Thanks to George Doerre '04 and other brothers for overseeing these projects.

Lastly, the beautiful view of the lake and Ithaca can be viewed once again from the tower of Alpha Delt. Thanks to the advice of many brothers and fall house manager, this view, cherished by many in the past, has been fully restored by the removal of some overgrown branches. Come by and see the moon's evening shadow be cast upon Cayuga Lake; it will leave an everlasting impression upon you!

Thanks to the generous alumni support and hard work from the current brotherhood, the Phi is now stronger than ever!

XAIPE,
Ryan Colbert '05
Fall House Manager

## Another Round Of Improvements

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been disconnected. A brief project this winter will see their removal and some basic renovations (carpet and paint) to the basement rooms, ensuring their occupancy in future semesters.

This work could not have been undertaken without the substantial support of Mike Zak '75, Todd Slotkin, '74, Jim McCormick '69, Duane Stiller '83, and the estate of Richard Pietsch '26.

As mentioned previously, we are planning upgrades to the former servants' quarter rooms, new bathrooms on both sides of the Rotunda, and Goat House drainage and exterior improvements. If you are interested in supporting these critical projects, please write to me at gwd6@cornell.edu. At present, we only have $6,000 of the total of $71,000 needed to complete these capital improvements that will ensure the structural integrity of the Phi for decades hence.

George W. Doerre '04

***Note from the editor:*** *George Doerre '04 has served as construction manager for all the capital improvement projects undertaken at the Phi in the last two years. We owe him an enormous debt of gratitude for his vision, commitment, personal sacrifice, and perseverance. His dedication has been exemplary. At the 2003 Homecoming banquet, as a token of our collective congratulations and thanks, Brother Doerre was awarded a special alumni service award.*

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## A Party Almost Every Weekend

The social traditions of the brothers of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell University have been strong and from our very beginnings have elicited the ire and the condemnation of university officials, parents, crusty old alumni, and neighbors. In a more innocent era, when the legal drinking age was lower, parties at the Phi poured forth like, dare we say, champagne. The undergraduates remain challenged to obey laws, manage risk, and hold themselves accountable for their social program. They are forced to deal with an environment of heightened oversight by the Ithaca Fire Department, Ithaca Police Department, Cornell University Public Safety, the Interfraternity Council, and their own alumni board.

Despite these realities, in order to prevent the sepia tones of antique memories from seducing our senior alumni into forgetfulness, I include the social report from the December 1957 Cornell Alpha Delt, to remind us all that "a party almost every weekend" is not the invention of the brothers who currently occupy the house.

XAIPE,
Howie Schaffer '90

### SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Even though the Cornell University Faculty Committee on Student Conduct and the lack of Fall Weekend has put a damper on the social functions at Cornell, the social life of Alpha Delt has been excellent. Through the outstanding work of the social committee, consisting of John Ebin, Stan Watkins, Bob Hazlett, Stan Lomax, Gordon Cutts, and Bob Hubbard, there has been a party almost every weekend. The committee started out the year with a sour hour after the Colgate game and a dixieland party that night with Sigma Phi and Delta Upsilon. The band was a Syracuse band called "the Orange Peels" and they were tops. October 5 was a quiet weekend with initiation in process, but the next weekend made up for it. After the Syracuse game there was a cocktail party at the house and then a beer blast with Theta Delta Chi and Chi Psi at Theta Delt. October 19, was our Alumni weekend and was run by Alpha Delt's fabulous vice president, James M. Edgar. There was a good return of alums and everybody had a great

After the Columbia game, screwdrivers were served and with Cornell's win they sure did taste good. The next weekend took the place of our forty last houseparty. It started with another win for Cornell against Brown and then everyone returned to the house for some Moscow Mules, chips and dunk, and music by Herb Marsden. After a terrific buffet dinner a dance with Sigma Phi went on with a little more liquid. December called for a Tea dance on a Sunday afternoon with Zeta Beta Tau, our famous Faculty Eggnog party, and our annual house Christmas party (to finish the left overs). After Christmas there will be a final exchange and a party to let off steam before finals. The term hasn't been as successful as Dave Rowland's, but we can try can't we?

**Rush Report, Fall 2003**

## Brothers Aim For 20 New Members

The active brothers of the Alpha Delta Phi put on a great face this fall in preparation for formal rush in January. With the completion of the downstairs multi-purpose social room and the addition of new doors to all the inner rooms, the house looks better than ever. In addition, several brothers put considerable work into their rooms to make the house truly shine.

The brotherhood introduced itself to the incoming freshmen in several ways. One of the most successful was the formal dinner we threw for the legacies of the Alpha Delta Phi present at Cornell. The dinner was attended by all invited, and as a result six legacies are all very good potential new members for our brotherhood this spring. The six new legacies include the sons of David Ryan '67, Philip Reilly '69, Fred Parkin '63, and Chris Miles '76 and the younger brothers of Nick Matuszczak '01 and Chris Jennings '04.

The Phi also hosted a guest lecture in cooperation with Cornell University that was well attended by potential new members.

Overall, informal rush has been going extremely well, and we hope to enlist more than 20 new members this year. We have reached out to a wide variety of kids, from legacies to intramural soccer players, from kids who love to have a great time to kids who think work comes first. The brotherhood has even reached out to a student interested in interpretive dancing and kids from places all over the globe, including Singapore and Hawaii. The brotherhood has worked hard this semester, and, as a result, I feel comfortable we will have a strong brotherhood in the future to continue our traditions.

XAIPE,
Matt McCord '05
Spring 2004 Undergraduate President
Rush Chair 2003-'04

**MOVING?**
**Be sure to let us know!**

# Sanchez '62 Wins MacArthur Foundation Genius Award

Pedro A. Sanchez '62, an Alpha Delt alumnus and current director of tropical agriculture at Columbia University's Earth Institute, was recently named a MacArthur Fellow for 2003.

Sanchez is one of 24 such individuals to receive the fellowship, also known as a "Genius Award," in 2003. As a recipient, he will receive $500,000 over the next five years to be used in his area of research. He is the second Alpha Delt to win a Genius Award. He joins Eliot Wigginton '65, an author and educator, who was awarded a fellowship in 1989. Alpha Delta Phi is the only organization on the Cornell University campus that enjoys the honor of having among its ranks two MacArthur geniuses.

"[It] feels great," Sanchez recently said, on joining the ranks that only 659 others have been named to in the award's 25 years. "I am extremely honored to have been named a MacArthur fellow and will work doubly hard to research every avenue, expand every effort, and develop every means to alleviate global hunger."

Sanchez plans on using the funding to continue his research in the field of soil agronomy, an area of interest his father also studied. He has subsequently been a key player in the development of agroforestry —the practice of planting trees in crop fields to improve nitrogen-fixing in crops — providing nearly a quarter-million farmers in Africa with a cost-effective means of fertilizing their soil naturally.

This soil scientist has also worked in South America. Leading a team in Brazil, Sanchez transformed 75 million acres of largely unusable land into arable productivity, which, according to reports, was one of the largest such conversions ever.

The man who now helps millions make better use of their land got his start at 777 Stewart Avenue. Recalling memories of Cornell during his undergraduate years in the late 1950s and early '60s, Sanchez cited "Learning and friends, particularly at Alpha Delt" as most important. Forty years after graduating from Ithaca, he continues to remain interested in and actively involved in house matters; his most recent visit was in May of last year.

Sanchez continues to credit Alpha Delt for shaping him into the leader he is today. "It taught me English, how to wash dishes to pay my meals at the house, and politics [and] leadership," he said. "I was always a house officer, from assistant treasurer to president." And clearly for this very distinguished alumnus of one of Cornell's oldest and most respected fraternities, the friendships built while living in the house continue to endure to this day. "[I'm still in touch] with a few," Sanchez said. "I have contact with my roommate, Otto Doering '62, Russ Cherry '62, Thom Chirug '64, and David Hopcraft in Kenya."

The brothers of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell University extend their hearty congratulations to Pedro Sanchez on his historic achievement.

Marc B. Zawel '04

*Marc Zawel '04 is the managing editor of the* Cornell Daily Sun.

# AD Tradition Scholarships Need Your Financial Support

In 1998, the board of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell University made a commitment to raise $68,100 to endow the Alpha Delta Phi Tradition Fellowship. These fraternity and sorority scholarships and fellowships were established by university trustee and Alpha Delta Phi board member John S. Dyson '65. We are very pleased to report that Alpha Delt alumni have raised nearly $52,000 to date. We appeal to our brothers to once again dig deep and to help us complete our pledge by helping to close the remaining $16,000 gap. Only then will we be certain of our ability to annually reward students who exemplify work, service, and scholarship by providing recognition and financial assistance toward education expenses.

The most recent recipient of the Alpha Delta Phi Tradition Fellowship is Joshua Goldstein '05, the fall 2003 undergraduate president of the brotherhood. Congratulations to Brother Goldstein on being recognized for this prestigious honor.

Donations to this special fund are tax-deductible to the fullest extend of the law. Please designate your donation to Cornell Fund #171727 on your next Cornell annual giving appeal. Or send your donation directly to Alpha Delta Phi Tradition Fellowship, c/o Jacquie Wright, Director, Scholarship Development, Cornell University, 55 Brown Road, Ithaca, NY 14850. Please make sure to indicate Cornell Fund #171727 on the memo line of your check. Donations may also be eligible for corporate matching programs. Please check with your employer or financial advisor. Thank you to all of our annual contributors for your continued generosity.

Thomas E. Goldstone '94
Chair, Scholarship Committee

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*We should support the self-governing tradition of the optimum college living unit—a fraternity—as opposed to the organized indifference of college dorms."*

—Theodore H. Booth '25, Board Chair Emeritus

# News From Our Alumni

"WALLY JANSEN '52 and his wife, Jane, were in Pittsford from Saint Michael's, Maryland," writes RICHARD W. WAMBACH '53 [redacted] "They joined TOM FOULKES '52 and his wife, Anne, with DAVE BROOKE '50 for dinner at the Wambachs'. Wally has reported that Hurricane Isabel caused no damages to his boat or home, although they experienced very high water."

ROBERT W. HOWARD '56 wrote to express his sadness about the passing of DATUS PROPER '56 in July. "The obituary noted that Brother Proper arrived at Cornell by motorcycle. It made me remember the time the late TOM HIBBEN '57 and DICK DeCATO '55 headed for Cleveland from Ithaca on a motorcycle during the winter of 1954 or 1955 with an ambient temperature of around 10 degrees Fahrenheit." Bob lives at [redacted], and can be reached by e-mail at [redacted]

STANLEY LOMAX '59 is planning to attend his 45th Cornell reunion in June (10-13) and is looking forward to a gathering of classmates on Thursday afternoon at the house. For details, contact Stan at [redacted]

Please note this new address for ROBERT T. BLAKELY III '63: [redacted] Bob is executive vice president and CFO at MCI in Ashburn, Virginia.

In August, JOE R. McAFEE '63 became the vice president of business and finance for eCornell, Cornell University's new venture for distance learning via the internet. We don't yet have his new home address, but he can be reached at work at eCornell, [redacted]

G. EDWARD DeSEVE '67 makes his home at [redacted]

PHILIP R. REILLY JR. '69 is delighted to report that his son, Thomas, started at Cornell this year. "He has already been to a couple of parties at the house, with which he was duly impressed." Drop a line to Phil at [redacted]

CRAIG LYALL '74 writes, "I have never been back to Ithaca, let alone Alpha Delt, since I graduated in 1974! I can't believe that. I really would love to make the voyage back. I have been living in the San Francisco Bay area for the last 24 years, in Oakland. So maybe I will make a point of coming to Cornell and Alpha Delt for a visit this year. In the last few years I have seen PETER FIFIELD '75. I have also seen CHRIS RUTLAND '75 in the last five years. I occasionally talk to my old roommate, LLOYD RICHTER '74, who lives in North Carolina." Craig can be reached at [redacted]

Stay in touch with JEFFREY P. FLAMER '85 at [redacted]

On October 16, 2003, Monica and SCOTT STEELE '89 welcomed daughter Sydney Isabel. Congratulate the Steeles at [redacted]

*Scott and Sydney Steele.*

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## SEND IN YOUR NEWSFORM

The success of this newsletter depends, in part, on the participation of our alumni. Please take a moment to fill out your newsform and return it to the address on page two. Include your latest news, news of Alpha Delts with whom you've kept in touch, and maybe also one or two of your fondest memories of life as an active brother. We'll look forward to sharing your news in the next issue of *The Cornell Alpha Delt*.

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An attorney at Wilson Sensini Goodrich & Rosati in Palo Alto, JOHN MAO '91 lives with wife Ann at [redacted] Send e-mail to John at [redacted]

MARK J. BEARDI '94 is an assistant vice president at M&T Bank in Buffalo, New York. Mail reaches him at [redacted] and e-mail at [redacted]

When he wrote in October, WADE B. PITTS '94 had just bought a condo in San Francisco and had signed up for Ironman Canada. Write to him at [redacted]

Contact JOHN S. SCHWARTZ '94 at [redacted]

JOHN C. KELLY '98 reports a new address of [redacted]

On September 12, 2003, RUDY KOCH '00 and his law school sweetheart, Rebecca Rose Landfield, became engaged to be married. Rudy and Rebecca, who have been dating since their first year at Cornell Law School, are living and working in New York City. The wedding is planned for this fall. Send best wishes to Rudy and Rebecca at [redacted]

BENJAMIN UFER '00 lives at [redacted].

## DECEASED

We regret to report the death of MICHAEL L. NEWPORT '62 on *May 26, 2003.*

We all mourn the passing of RICHARD F. PIETSCH '26, who died in October 2001. However, last summer we were pleasantly surprised to be informed by his son Richard (Rick) L. Pietsch, Williams '62, that his father's estate included a $5,000 bequest designated for Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell University. Rick wrote to say, "Hope you put this money to good use. I've been by the house at Cornell several times. Dad was always proud of it, and I understand why." Brother Pietsch's bequest was used to underwrite portions of recent house renovations and to support our growing archive housed in the Alpha Delta Phi Collection at Kroch Library.

All brothers are encouraged to remember Alpha Delta Phi in their wills. For more information on including the Phi in your estate or trust plans, see article at right.

# Make a Lasting Legacy Gift To Alpha Delta Phi Through Planned Giving

Has Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell University affected you, your family, or a fellow brother in a special way? If so, you may want to consider making a memorial or honorary gift. The obligations of upkeep, maintenance, and leadership development at the Phi are great, and our needs vastly grow every year. Have you remembered Alpha Delta Phi in your will? A gift is a wonderful way to leave a strong personal legacy with Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell University and to make a strong vote of confidence in the future of brotherhood at 777 Stewart Avenue.

## You can leaving a lasting legacy to Alpha Delta Phi through planned giving.

Have you remembered the values and traditions of Alpha Delta Phi in your will? A bequest as part of your estate or for a stated amount will ensure that Alpha Delta Phi's commitment to brotherhood, leadership, service, and sacrifice continues after your death.

You and your loved ones get more than tax and estate planning benefits when you name Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell as a beneficiary of your will or living trust. You get the chance to help shape the future of our world, one brother at a time, for generations to come.

Your gift, in the form of a bequest, can be stated simply:

I give, devise, and bequeath to Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell, Inc.
...a percentage of my estate
...a specific dollar amount
...the residue of my estate after other beneficiaries have received their shares and expenses have been paid

If you already have a will, you can write a codicil to amend it, adding a provision for Alpha Delt. If you do not have a will, an attorney can help you design a well-planned one. If you have already named Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell University as one of your beneficiaries or plan to do so, we encourage you to tell us now. Knowing of your intentions permits us to better formulate our own plans and helps you get the greatest possible satisfaction from your gift. Thank you and bless you if you have already remembered Alpha Delta with a legacy gift.

## Thank you for all your support of Alpha Delta Phi at Cornell University

Your generosity is an essential ingredient to our success, both now and in the years to come. If you have questions about any gift opportunities or beneficiary designations, please contact Howie Schaffer '90 at 301/891-2999 or hbs3@cornell.edu. He can put you in contact with free professional advisors who can help you with your plans while providing maximum protection for your privacy. XAIPE!