

"...to cultivate a taste for literature or furnish the mind with knowledge, but with a true philosophical spirit, looking to the entire man, so as to develop his whole being – moral, social, and intellectual."

Samuel Ellis

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Alpha Delts Rally 'Round Illinois



Brother Alex King brought the convention to a standstill with his rendition of Brohemiam Rahpsody **KELLAN HIGGINS PHOTO BC '09**

Victor Guttman, CAL '09.

Convention. Those special few days every August when the horn is sounded and brothers flock to a prestigious North American university to join together in merriment, celebration, and most importantly, perform the business of the fraternity.

This past August Alpha Delta Phi held

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I've attended yet.***

Michael Floyd, CAL '11

it's 179th Convention, celebrating the centennial anniversary of the Illinois Chapter's founding in secluded Champaign. Brothers came from far and wide to join the celebration, resulting in a litany of humorous travel mishaps including missed flight connections, stalled trains, and at least one desperate attempt at hitchhiking.

"It was the most productive convention I've attended yet," said Michael Floyd, CAL '11, the California Chapter's alumni delegate. "I've attended the last three conventions – Berkeley, Union, and Miami – and I think that the changes in programming for Illinois were helpful on both an undergraduate and alumni

level. Especially the new alumni delegate roundtable session."

The alumni delegate roundtable session was created in response to feedback that the International gathered following the Miami Convention where both alumni and undergraduates requested more unstructured time to discuss issues and brainstorm in their respective groups. The roundtable produced a major new initiative, a President's Summit for all undergraduate presidents to take place in early January, shortly after most chapters swear in their new officers.

"One of the more important goals that

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The winners of our annual literary competition



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Brother Don French MI '53 leads alumni and undergraduates in the annual memorial service before the convention banquet. **KELLAN HIGGINS PHOTO BC '09**



179th Convention of the Alpha Delta Phi




Bro. Steve Ehrfurth MINN '06, Scott Mayhew WIS '94 and Lucas Glissendorf MINN '13 share a laugh at the hotel bar following the banquet. **KELLAN HIGGINS PHOTO BC '09**

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Alpha Delta Phi Showers Champaign with Song.

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we'll focus on with the Summit is starting out new Presidents and Treasurers on the right foot. Passing on institutional knowledge has been a weak point for some chapters in the past and we want to help correct that" says Billy Bronson, MINN '11, one of this years' Chapter Service Consultants.

Work didn't stop there though. In accordance with a constitutional amendment passed at last year's Miami Convention the Board of Governors has increased in size to accommodate a larger BOG portfolio. As a part of that another dedicated student governor slot was added and all three positions were up for reelection. Nine undergraduate brothers ran, a sharp increase from past years; those elected were John Williams, Y '12, Oliver Thorne, BC '13, and Alex Rossie, LP '13. Congratulations to our new Student Governors!

The convention was full of humorous



The Illinois chapter house gleaming in the sunlight at 310 East John St. **KELLAN HIGGINS PHOTO BC '09**



Col. Steve Nagel, ILL '72 USAF, the Convention banquet speaker after receiving the Alpha Delta Phi Award for (among other reasons) being a mission specialist, pilot and two-time shuttle commander with NASA. **KELLAN HIGGINS PHOTO BC '09**

and rewarding moments that will serve as great memories for years to come by all. Whether touring the Illinois chapter house - a beautiful example of architecture with its spacious great hall, playing black-jack and roulette in the hotel ballroom for Alpha Delt apparel prizes, or even the lively presentation on risk management by Dave Westol, there was hardly a dull moment to be had.

But possibly the most memorable moment of the convention occurred at the closing of the banquet, as outgoing Chapter Service Consultant Alex King, MASS '09 unexpectedly rose from his chair and belted out a magnificent performance of

"Brohemian Rhapsody", a parody of the Queen song based on Samuel Eells life, written by King.

"[Brother King] wrote that during a drive to Montreal. The Massachusetts and Memorial Chapters traditionally road trip to one another each year and during that drive the Mass brothers write songs about Alpha Delta Phi and Samuel Eells" says Joe Linksman, MASS '08. "We usually produce a few great songs each year, but "Brohemian Rhapsody" has achieved a sort-of legendary status back in Amherst."

When asked if he would consider an encore performance at next year's Convention (Penn State University - State College, PA) Brother King replied, "Of course; but only if we have an even larger turnout next year. I can't see why any able-bodied brother would want to miss such an amazing yearly event."

Neither can I.



Undergraduates swap stories and poker faces during Friday's Casino Night. **KELLAN HIGGINS PHOTO BC '09**

Chapter & Affiliate Recruitment for Fall 2011

Chapter/Affiliate: New Initiates

Adelphi: 6
Arizona State: 10
British Columbia: 15
California: 6
Chicago: 2
Connecticut: 11
Cornell: n/a
Davis: n/a
Florida State: 10
Hamilton: 15
Illinois: 6
Indiana: n/a
Johns Hopkins: 4
Kenyon: n/a
Lambda Phi: 17
Massachusetts: 6

Chapter/Affiliate: New Initiates

Memorial: 8
Miami: 4
Middlesex: 5
Minnesota: 7
Nittany: 3
Nu Epsilon Zeta: 5
Peninsular: n/a
Phi Alpha: 23
Phi Kappa: 17
Rutgers: n/a
Toronto: 11
Union: 10
Virginia: 7
Washington: 19
Wisconsin: n/a
Yale: n/a

Notes from our Chapters

Chapters provide us a report on their status, updates and achievements from this year.

Adelpho

Last semester we took on the largest pledge class in the chapter's history, implemented a more dependable dues collection system, and had a great time along the way. We're planning "Noise For the Needy", bringing major headline bands to raise money for a local soup kitchen. With a bright future and a green olive, Xaipe from the Adelphos!

British Columbia

This year we initiated 15 new brothers who immediately took on leadership roles in the chapter. We continue to dominate our campus, winning major campus events such as UBC's annual relay "The Great Trek", first place finishes for film festival and a song/dance competition. We have our eyes on winning the Greek men's sports trophy this year as well as the thrice victory in "Storm the Wall".

California

With another strong and enthusiastic pledge class initiated, the California Chapter is looking forward to another semester of continued growth and a fervently committed and passionate active membership. This spring we continue house improvements, building an active relationship with our alumni through in house events.

Connecticut

The Connecticut Chapter welcomed eleven extraordinary new brothers this fall while current members obtained leadership positions in the Greek and UConn community. We've volunteered

over 250 hours of community service and raised over \$1600 for Special Olympics Connecticut. Last fall the Connecticut chapter placed 2nd place in the annual homecoming competition, and 6th fraternity overall (of 26).

Florida State

The Florida State Chapter, having received its charter this August initiated 10 new members. We are proud to have a small, close-knit brotherhood with about 35 active members compared to a campus average of 91. We look forward to the initiation of a spring class, as well as increased brotherhood and alumni events for continued development of our chapter.

Hamilton

The Hamilton Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi raised \$2,000 for A Walk To Cure Diabetes this fall. Philanthropy aside, brothers returned to the Hill to celebrate Hamilton's bicentennial weekend this past September with a dinner in Eells Hall. With the return of six brothers who were abroad, we look forward to an increasingly active spring semester with some new brothers.

Illinois

Illinois celebrated its 100th anniversary this year by hosting convention. Over the winter break the chapter house initiated multiple construction projects, including refinished wood floors, bathroom renovations, and many other projects to make the house look vibrant and modern. The Illinois Chap-

ter would like to thank the hard and diligent work of the alumni who continue to fund raise and campaign for renovations and projects.

Indiana

Last semester we initiated our first pledge class at Indiana University. We've recruited three pledges so far this spring, and hope to pick up a few new faces before the end of the semester. We had our first formal and are looking towards a stimulating calendar for the remainder of the school year.

Johns Hopkins

Last semester our chapter unveiled the Colby Umbrell Study Center, a room dedicated to Colby Umbrell, who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country in Iraq. We continue to dominate football, and Johns Hopkins celebrated its first undefeated season to much fanfare. For the first time in our history, we initiated four new brothers. We look forward to a full spring pledge class.

Kenyon

The Kenyon Chapter started a lucrative Afterhours Burrito Delivery Charity, proceeds of which go to the New Directions Domestic Abuse Shelter of Knox County. Our chapter also bestowed Anthropology Professor Sam Pack with our annual Great Teaching Award. Professor Pack then presented to the Kenyon student body a lecture and short film he directed about the social ramifications of the reinvigorated art of water puppetry in Vietnam.

Lambda Phi

For the last 4 years the Lambda Phi chapter has pulled off strong and successful rushes that has led the chapter to retake all 5 floors of the house, as well as increase brother membership to an all-time high. We have taken up exciting new initiatives like Campus Traditions, which seeks to promote a stronger on-campus reputation, and the Hangout with an Alum program, which allows out-of-town alumni to connect with undergraduates through videoconferencing.

Memorial

Memorial has an active chapter of approximately twenty brothers and aim to increase to thirty in the upcoming semesters. We hosted various philanthropic events at the house to raise money for several causes, such as breast cancer awareness and screening, a children's hospital and, of course, the Poppy Drive at McGill.

Miami

Miami had a third place finish in Greek Week, the highest since the chapter was re-founded in 2006. A handful of brothers, with the generous donation of alumnus David Motts, tore up the old carpet in the basement and put down tile. We initiated four sophomores to our fraternity in October and look forward to another strong Spring rush.

Minnesota

Minnesota had a successful fall recruitment culminating in a November initiation of another set of quality men.

Philanthropically, we supported multiple charitable organizations, including the National Center for Family Literacy and the American Red Cross. We look forward to many more exciting events and opportunities make a difference on campus and in the Twin Cities community.

Middlesex

Recruitment for this year stands at 13, and active brother participation increased to a new high. We raised over \$500 for Children's Hospital Boston this fall. Though we appreciate LP's willingness to host us each semester for initiation, we decided to hold this fall's in the Old Fox, a place of great symbolic importance to the Middlesex Chapter.

Nittany

Nittany has been busy this semester. We are currently raising money for the Penn State Dance Marathon, the largest student run philanthropic event in the United States. Last year we raised over \$10,000 dollars and aim to go above that. Our chapter learned a lot at the Johns Hopkins Leadership Conference, and plan to implement this knowledge at first chance.

Nu Epsilon Zeta

NEZ welcomes 5 new initiates, bringing our brother count to forty. In November we celebrated the 90th anniversary of our founding at Northeastern University. In the coming months we will be raising money for Relay For Life as well as volunteering at 2012 Race Up Boston Place Stair Climb. Our chapter's greatest ambition is improving our alumni network after seeing what a great opportunity the 90th anniversary was for our active members.



The British Columbia Chapter kicking off rush. **MICHAEL YEUNG BC'13**

Peninsular

With the sisters of Alpha Delta Pi we raised over \$1500 for Ronald McDonald House through a charity volleyball tournament. This spring we are refinishing some of the worn-down parts of our 102-year-old house, bringing it back to its former glory. In addition, we will be sending out a large class of graduating seniors, who will recount their college stories at our annual senior roast.

Phi Alpha

The members of the Phi Alpha Chapter mourn the loss of our beloved friend and brother Matthew Grape. Matt was a bright, compassionate, incredibly loyal man, and will be missed by us and by his many friends in the Duke community. He was a highly devoted brother and served as Special Events Coordinator for the chapter. His death is a shocking tragedy and we send our prayers and condolences to Matt's family for their loss.

Phi Kappa

PK took part in a Halloween community service event hosting families from the Hartford area where we festively decorated the house

and the brotherhood gathered to play games with kids and hand out candy and other prizes. We also hosted our first career night at the house where alumni talked about various types of jobs available to us after college.

Toronto

The chapter initiated eleven new brothers, doubling our active chapter size. Our brothers are very involved in campus life, varsity athletics, local sports teams, and our vice president is operating a highly-valued student business. The Toronto Chapter is truly on the rise and is aiming for the most improved chapter award.

Union

This fall we initiated ten new brothers. In addition to our new member education activities, we have been active in our philanthropic efforts, tutoring local children in an after school program and raising money for one of our favorite charities, The Asperger and High Functioning Autism Association. We've installed new dishwashers in our house, refinished our century-old dining tables, and are planning on

refurbishing our bar and replacing our library furniture.

Virginia

The Virginia Chapter continues on its strong recruitment path since we re-opened in 2010. We are looking to incorporate our literary traditions into a philanthropic event, while also building upon the connections between the alumni association and our chapter. Virginia is very excited for the upcoming year.

Washington

A strong seven-member Spring 2011 pledge class was augmented by an additional twenty-one new pledges this fall, bringing our total membership to over 70 young men. In addition to winning both Theta's "Dodgeball for a Cause" philanthropy and Kappa Kappa Gamma's "Kappa Fling" philanthropy, our house is looking to jumpstart a philanthropic event of our own by the end of the school year. Never forgetting our musical roots, a brand new baby grand piano has recently been placed in our formal room.

Yale

In the wake of the Delta Kappa Epsilon incident last year, the Yale Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi endured the Administration's investigation of campus-wide fraternity activities, cooperating at each step along the way, but also taking a stand for our rights at this past semester's Yale Greek Roundtable. In the coming year, we look forward to the initiation of yet another strong pledge class, as well as the establishment of the first official alumni association for our chapter since it's re-founding in 1990.

Society Establishes Affiliate at Binghamton University

Founding Class of 15 Members Initiated on October 29

The Alpha Delta Phi Society has recognized a new affiliate at Binghamton University in New York. The new affiliate gives the Society 10 recognized chapters and affiliates for the first time in its nearly 20-year history.

The Binghamton Affiliate's founding class includes 15 members (7 male, 8 female) initiated on October 29.

The founding Binghamton initiates come from as close as two towns away from the University and as far as Nashua,

N.H. and Henderson, Nevada. They have a wonderfully supportive faculty advisor who is an English professor at the University.

The Affiliate has also already begun to build its literary traditions by starting a new on-line literary magazine at <http://www.whitewash-dreams.org>.

The new Affiliate members are looking forward to meeting more of their siblings at undergraduate events and through future road trips.



The Founding Members of the Binghamton Affiliate of the Alpha Delta Phi Society

News From The Chapters

Bowdoin Chapter Graduate Organization

The Bowdoin Chapter Graduate Organization continues to meet at the former chapter house, including an annual reunion and New Years' Eve. The next reunion will be from August 2-5, 2012. Check www.adpsbowdoin.org for more information. The Chapter also continues to support literary activities in Maine.

Brunonian Chapter

The Brunonian Chapter has initiated 15 new members, with a total of 43 undergraduate members. Brunonian continues to host tea every week, inviting the greater Brown community to engage in conversation at the chapter house. A Better Lot, our annual charity auction, took place on campus in mid-October. We were able to make this a successful and beneficial event for the larger Providence community and school system.

Columbia Chapter

The Columbia Chapter maintained the highest chapter GPA of all Columbia Greek Life and continued its efforts to support the arts on campus with our monthly "Coffeehaus" music events and biweekly Literature Nights. The Spring Formal, which benefited the Harlem Children's Zone, was very successful. With the generous help of our alumni association, we held our first annual Alpha Delta Phi Society Parents' Weekend in conjunction with Homecoming Weekend.

Granite Chapter

The Granite Chapter continues to grow and to build its literary and philanthropic traditions. There are currently 17 active members. This semester they teamed up with another student organization on campus, Improv Anonymous, to raise funds for our philanthropy, First Book. The Granites have also partnered with Barnes and Noble for fundraiser to help Seacoast Reads, a nonprofit which pairs local college students with elementary students in an effort to teach them how to read.

Middletown Chapter

The Middletown Chapter currently has more than 70 members and expects to add a new batch with this semester's rush. All aspects of the house are running smoothly—our officers are working diligently with the Star and Crescent restaurant continues to operate at capacity (150 a night) to campus accolades. During reunion, the Green Scum intramural team celebrated their 1961 Reunion at the house with stories and laughter. Our outreach efforts to alumni continues to be rewarding.

Stanford Chapter

The Stanford University successfully hosted the 2011 Society Convention, its first since 1964. The Chapter currently has 44 active members. Recent events have included football tailgates, and a Divine Comedy Night. One of our big upcoming new events this quarter is Literary Academy, during which we will play word games and perform a dramatic reading of a play. The Chapter is also looking to bring in speakers (authors, poets etc.) through support of the Society and Stanford's English department.

Harvard Affiliate

The Harvard Affiliate has 16 active members and is working to enhance its literary and philanthropic activities while formalizing the organization's operations. A group of local Society graduate members have also started working closely with the affiliate.

Penn Affiliate

The Penn affiliate of the Alpha Delta Phi Literary Society has spent the past semester defining our goals and mission. We have decided to put a greater emphasis on academic and personal growth among our members. Along with hosting several social events for members, the Society just hosted an event open to the entire campus.

Vermont Affiliate

The Vermont Affiliate is in their fourth semester on campus. They have held the highest GPA in Greek Life the past three semesters. The Vermont Affiliate is looking forward to working with the Fletcher Free Library during their book fundraiser in November. The group succeeded with an initiation class that more than doubled its membership.

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Presenting the 2011 Literary Competition Winners

Victor Guttman, CAL '09.

This year's literary competition was hard fought and saw a resurgence of entries on the traditional writing categories of the contest. Congratulations to all the winners and best of luck to everyone entering the 2012 contest!

Grand Prize

Fortunatus and Corporality

by: Hope Williard, Brown University '11



Fiction

Ten Million Strangers

By: Lindsey Grimes, Wesleyan University '12

Beauty in the Breakdown

By: Marissa Bergman, Brown University '14

The Suicide Party

By: Katherine Sorin, Columbia University '13

Non-Fiction

The Skeleton of Technology

By: Connor Hantan, Stanford University '11

Big Big Auntie

By: Dan Ping He, Wesleyan University '13

Metaphor, My Ass!

By: Olivia Lenz, University of Pennsylvania '13

Poetry

Constance in a Time of Manic Pixie Dream Girls

By: Gabrielle Beans, Columbia University '14

After Effects of Time Travel

By: Annie Williard, Brown University '11

We Hold These Truths

By: Nathan Margolin, Brown University '11

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Joon

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A Message from ΑΔΦ President Bro. Steve Starnes



Stephen Starnes,
Hamilton '80

Dear Brothers,

This column is often used to announce a new initiative or to beg for money – usually a bit of both. This season, I would like to take us in a different direction and discuss what it means to be an Alpha Delt. What it means to be a brother.

There are multiple ways to tackle this. We have a Covenant – a pledge or promise – by which we try to lead our fraternal lives. It seems complicated to use a 180 year old heritage in the modern context – or maybe it is not so far removed as to be impractical.

My wife Rose and I have a close friend who (let's call him Sam) is in his mid 20's, has not yet finished college, has no steady job, has substance abuse issues and some not inconsequential learning differences. He seems to survive by his wits and his gregarious nature. He hit bottom this fall and ended up in a hospital after a five-day binge of pills and booze. I drove to New England, collected him at an emergency room and drove back to Philly to live with us until he pulled himself together.

There are many complex reasons why Sam ended up in the emergency room of a distant hospital. His father and mother left his life when Sam was just a kid. He attended several boarding schools and colleges. His extended family had lost

interest or motivation to help long ago. Having Sam around was too hard. Just how a person with a loving family can stray so far from the main stream is a difficult mystery.

Sam's college experience lacked direction, a mishmash of coursework for the sake of a credit with not one adult mentor since boarding school. His safety net had gaping holes in it.

The transition we enter freshman year and leave at graduation is marked by a change from adolescence to adulthood. We learn not only academically but ethically, socially and morally how to be an adult – how to make adult decisions.

Sam needed a brotherhood. A place of peer and adult support combined with social direction, a kick in the pants, a shoulder to cry on and a pat on the back from a brother.

Our brotherhood is singularly prepared to assist with this vital transition. With a heritage dating back nearly two centuries, Alpha Delta Phi is the pre-eminent of all fraternal organizations to recognize this essential niche. And we will always work to fulfil the obligation which comes from that top rank.

This year, the Fraternity inaugurated two initiatives meant to further undergraduate engagement and transition guidance:

This January the first annual Presidents' Summit kicked off in Baltimore. Attending the Summit will be the newly elected undergraduate president. The purpose of the summit is to improve critical leadership skills, address and solve issues such as collecting money and participation, and provide a primer on the annual convention. We also hope to discuss the challenges of fraternity/

collegiate relations in the 21st Century and provide a forum to jointly outline the agenda for the August 2012 Convention.

Secondly, last fall the AD Phi Amnesty Hotline became operational and available for calls. This line came into existence at the urging of both undergrads and alumni. It provides a direct phone link to me on any issue (hazing, substance abuse, university relations and any problem). By leaving a message in confidence, I – or my designee on the board of governors – will return the call and assist in solving a problem. No retribution, penalty or negative action will be taken – a true amnesty on all reported subjects. The number to call is: **(508) 266-1832**. It rings to a fraternity Blackberry which is with me at all times.

Please remember that the Presidents' Summit and Amnesty Hotline are just two of many programs and services the International provides to make your chapter stronger and to compliment the efforts of your chapter's alumni leadership. Mentoring young people takes time and money so give generously to the Samuel Eells Literary & Educational Foundation (tax deductible), your International and your chapter.

Xaipe,
Stephen

PS: Sam's story continues. He left one morning to return to his comfort zone. It is unclear whether we had helped to change his downward spiral. I was heartened to hear that Sam did check into a detox/rehab program so we may have had some impact. I guess that is all the more reason for me to be committed to helping our young actives to be better young adults.

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