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# Recruitment: A Record-Breaking Year

**D**ear Brothers:  
We are very pleased to report that 2008-2009 has been one of the most successful recruitment years in Alpha Delta Phi history. Combining fall and spring new-member classes, nine out of our 28 chapters and affiliates are projected to recruit 20 men or more, and 16 out of 28 groups are projected to recruit at least 15 men. Last year the fraternity recruited a total of 323 men, whereas **this year we are projected to recruit 453 men**, a 40 percent increase over last year. The large new class of 453 significantly outnumbers the group of 282 graduating brothers, representing a net gain of 171 undergraduates. Such an accomplishment comes as the result of a team effort and widespread success, but certain chapters stand out in particular this year.

With 20 new men, the **Kenyon Chapter** nearly doubled the size of its brotherhood this past fall, and revitalizing spurts of growth occurred at the **Lambda Phi Chapter** (MIT, 17 men), the **Massachusetts Chapter** (14 men), and the newly re-colonized **Washington Chapter**

(20 men). The **Miami Chapter** continued its quest for growth with 24 new men.

In addition to redoubled efforts from existing chapters, our affiliate chapters have also shown great promise. Our **Atlanta Affiliate** hit the scene with a founding class of 47 men, and recruited 22 additional Alpha Deltas this spring. From a cold-start founding class of only eight men in September, the **Connecticut Affiliate** recruited 33 new brothers this year. Both Connecticut and Atlanta may be chartered as early as the 177th International Convention, which will be held at Union in August 2009. The addition of these two affiliates will bring the number of active Alpha Delta Phi chapters to 28, composing a nationwide fall brotherhood that is **1,003 strong**, a significant milestone for the fraternity.

Xaipe,

Zack Pardey, MDSX'08, and  
Mo Sakrani, MDSX'09,  
Chapter Service Consultants

## Washington Chapter Initiates First Pledge Class

**O**n November 1, 2008, the recently recolonized Washington Chapter had its first initiation of new members. In addition to a huge turnout of Washington alumni, many undergraduate brothers from California, British Columbia, Middlesex, and Amherst were also in attendance. Congratulations to Washington Chapter and our new brothers!



*Bob Meyers, WASH'91, receiving the Glen H. Southwick Outstanding Alumnus Award from Mike Self, WASH'92, Peter Schmidt, WASH'43, and Bob Ranzenbach, WASH'59.*



*Frank Kitchell, AM'39, WASH'08, Kent Carlson, WASH'64, and Peter Schmidt, WASH'43.*

## RECRUITMENT STATS

Chapter / *Affiliate	*CUB	Pledges
Adelpho (Chapman)	21	9
British Columbia	34	23
California	27	8
Chicago	30	7
Connecticut*	0	33
Cornell	45	16
Atlanta*	47	22
Hamilton	47	17
Illinois	39	19
Johns Hopkins	82	26
Kenyon	22	20
Lambda Phi (MIT)	12	17
Massachusetts	6	14
Memorial (McGill)	27	13
Miami	37	24
Middlesex	22	14
Minnesota	23	13
Nittany (Penn State)	24	16
Nu Epsilon Zeta (Northeastern)	26	12
Peninsular (Michigan)	34	20
Phi Alpha (Duke)	59	15
Phi Kappa (Trinity)	31	19
Rochester	21	14
Toronto	13	6
Union	16	8
Washington (Re-start)	0	20
Wisconsin	37	7
Yale	37	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>453</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>16</b>

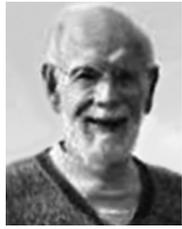
\*CUB = Current Undergraduate Brothers

# Remembering Dave Upton, P'45

**D**avid Frederick Upton, P'45, died January 31, 2009, in Ann Arbor after a courageous battle with heart disease. Born November 13, 1921, to Margaret Beckley and Frederick Stanley Upton, he was educated in St. Joseph, at Deerfield Academy, and the University of Michigan (engineering 1948).

In Ann Arbor he became a lifelong Wolverine fan, a devoted member of Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity and of the Michigan Honor Society. His time at UM was interrupted by the outbreak of World War II. He served bravely in the Pacific theater as a naval captain and was present at the flag raising at Iwo Jima.

Following graduation he married his college sweetheart, Harriet Woodworth Skinner, and lived in Ann Arbor. Returning to St. Joseph in 1950 he joined Whirlpool Corporation as head of purchasing. Dave was actively involved in the



David Upton, P'45

Rotary Club, St. Joseph River Yacht Club, St. Joseph Junior Foundation, the Congregational Church, The Salvation Army, The Republican Party, and the Michigan Mental Health Association.

Dave had a passion for people and service that was displayed in his leadership as a trustee of Kalamazoo College, the University of Michigan William Clements' Library, and the Frederick S. Upton Foundation. In 1960 he was elected as a delegate to the Michigan State Constitutional Convention, and then served from 1962-64 as a member of the Michigan House of Representatives.

Later, Dave purchased Tabor Hill Vineyards. He became an advocate of Michigan wines, and was instrumental in the establishment of the Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council. He was proud of the numerous awards his wines received, including the fact that they were

served in the White House.

Following the death of his wife, Dave married Linda Richardson in 1986. This was an exciting and happy "chapter two" in his life. Together they made his dream of excellence for Tabor Hill a reality. With Linda at his side he became an advocate for organic food and complementary medicine. Dave and Linda loved to travel and hosted their friends and family in their homes.

Humble and always respectful of others, Dave had a unique ability to connect with all those he met. His capacity for love was immense and authentic and through this example we all felt more fully alive. He will always be remembered for his soft, patient yet always enthusiastic voice, and his generous spirit. Guided by his faith, he welcomed each chapter of his life as an adventure to be grateful for. Dave shared these experiences with whomever wanted to go along, and what a glorious ride it was!

Source: *The Herald Palladium* (SW Michigan)

## Some Notable Authors of The Alpha Delta Phi

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today's and included a military salute rather than a hand over the heart as practiced today. The Pledge was drafted to celebrate the anniversary of Christopher Columbus' discovery of the Americas as well as the United States' recent World Columbian Exposition.

**Phillip Barry** attended Yale University and graduated in 1918. An American playwright, Barry wrote several comedies about etiquette and manners. Later on, Barry wrote dramas, often dealing with religious themes, earning him greater critical and public prominence. Bro. Barry is best known for *The Philadelphia Story*, which was famously adapted for film in 1940.

**Thornton Wilder** completed his studies at Yale University in 1920. He served in the United States Coast Guard during World War I and the Army Air Force during World War II, rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel. Bro. Wilder was a prolific writer, penning over 30 novels and plays. He won Pulitzer Prizes for his plays, *Our Town* and *The Skin of Our Teeth*, as well as his novel, *The Bridge of San Luis Rey*.

**Thomas Merton**, a graduate of Columbia University in 1937, was a poet, theologian, philosopher, and social activist. He was a Trappist monk of the Abbey of Gethsemani in Kentucky and a lifelong student of comparative religion. As an advocate of inter-religious understanding, Bro. Merton engaged in discussions with prominent spiritual figures such as the Dalai Lama, Thich Nhat Hanh, and D.T. Suzuki. He wrote over 60 books and numerous essays, most notably his autobiography, *The Seven Storey Mountain*.

**Robert Ludlum** attended Wesleyan and graduated in 1951, whereupon he pursued a career as a novelist. Bro. Ludlum penned 25 novels, including the famous *Bourne* series,

three of which have been adapted for film. Prior to his career as an author, Bro. Ludlum participated in theater and acting, an experience he felt enhanced his writing and command of suspense and energy.

**Hedrick Smith** graduated from Williams College in 1955. After serving in the Air Force, he achieved fame as a journalist, working as a *New York Times* international correspondent, Washington correspondent, and editor. Bro. Smith received Pulitzer Prizes in 1972 for his role in the publication of the *Pentagon Papers* and in 1974 for his international reporting on events in Russia and the Eastern Bloc. He has also produced several television documentaries on Russian affairs and American politics. Recently, Smith has produced and contributed to the Emmy-Award-winning PBS program, *Frontline*.

**Chris Miller** graduated from Dartmouth University in 1963. He's a noted comedian, author, and screenwriter. He was first known for his contributions to *National Lampoon* magazine. Later, he began writing screenplays. Most notable was his script for the 1978 comedy, *Animal House*. In his memoir, *The Real Animal House*, Bro. Miller explains how his experiences as an Alpha Delt contributed to his famous screenplay.

**Ben Stein** graduated from Columbia University in 1966. After graduating from Yale Law School in 1970, he served as lawyer and speechwriter for President Richard Nixon. Since that time, he has been active as an actor, writer, and thinker. He has appeared in numerous films and television programs, including *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, *Win Ben Stein's Money*, and *Family Guy*. Bro. Stein has written articles for prominent publications such as *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, and *Yahoo! Finance*.

To date, he has written 28 books and novels, including *On the Brink* and *How Successful People Win*. In 2006, Stein contributed a lead article to *Xaipe*, and in 2007 he received *The Samuel Eells Award*, Alpha Delta Phi's highest honor for literary achievement.

The Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity is still creating individuals with remarkable talents in the arts, government, law, literature, education, science, engineering, and business. We hope this excellence continues for another 177 years, or longer.

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# ΑΔΦ Chapter Reports From Across North America

## Adelphi

This semester we plan to initiate six new brothers, bringing our active membership up to 21. We host open literary nights both on and off campus, encouraging brothers and non-Greeks to participate in the festivities. Along with our annual spring event, Pickle-Fest, we are working with alumnus Dave Green to schedule a "Noise for the Needy" concert later this year. Every day, there is more and more buzz on campus about the Adelphos, as our reputation of brotherhood, dedication, and camaraderie grow in the eyes of the Chapman community. Our group is as strong and stable as ever; we are all proud to be Adelphos, and always will be.

## California

This semester, our bids were accepted by four stellar gentlemen, and four more potential members have been targeted. The chapter began the semester with expanded literary and brotherhood events, including brother dinners and movie nights. Our house manager has overseen several improvements on the house and, with the help of a few of our alumni, we hope to get the house in the best shape possible. Our social calendar has focused upon building our reputation on the campus and with sororities on the Panhellenic Council. Recently, we proudly hosted our brothers from the British Columbia Chapter, who visited us over their spring break. So far, we've had an excellent year.

## Chicago

The Chicago Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi has initiated three fall pledges and plans to initiate three winter pledges this semester. This year, the chapter enjoyed a literary presentation from Robert Pippin and Evelyn Nef, a distinguished service professor of philosophy at the University of Chicago. The chapter has also held literary events at which brothers had the opportunity to present their own work. The Chicago Chapter is also organizing a philanthropy project to rebuild and improve an inner-city playground on Chicago's South Side. While our house suffered some ice damage in a winter storm, insurance is helping us get the house repaired.

## Cornell

The Cornell Chapter continues to gather strength and remains one of the strongest fraternities on campus. The active brotherhood has 16 pledges slated for initiation in April 2009. Bro. Eric Blair, COR'10, was elected vice president of recruitment for the Interfraternity Council (IFC), an honor for the house. The officers, led by President Pierre Estey, COR'11, recently held a transition meeting,

facilitated by Stewart Howe Alumni Service. This tradition ensures smooth knowledge transfer between incoming and outgoing officers. This year, Victory Club proceeds benefit Foodnet Meals on Wheels of Tompkins County. Thanks to our alumni, more than \$55,000 in house improvements were made in 2008-'09, including upgrades to our sprinkler and electrical systems. A comprehensive structural study has been commissioned from Ewing Cole, which will guide renovations in the coming decade.



Brothers from the MASS, MEM, and UCONN chapters

## Hamilton

This semester we recruited and educated 17 new members. We have maintained a strong presence on campus both philanthropically and socially. In addition to our numerous successful social events, we are planning to participate in fundraisers with the ABC House, a group helping to educate underprivileged kids, and will also be hosting multiple visits on campus from the Neighborhood Center, a Utica-based organization that helps to mentor local children in need of male role models. As always, we will participate and raise funds for the Utica Heart Walk. Bro. Christopher Warren gave a speech regarding the history of economic crises in the United States at the Alexander Hamilton Institute.

## Illinois

The Illinois Chapter would like to thank our new alumni for their support and direction with our most recent accomplishments and for sticking with us through the rough times we have recently encountered. Although the pledge class was small, our new members will contribute greatly in the years to come. Their progress, as well as that of the active chapter, will be the driving force that leads our house in the right direction. We would also like to thank brothers Dave Cervantes, ILL'08, and Matthew Allen Power, ILL'12, for their hard work during rush. The active chapter completed 106 service hours during the month of January. We hosted a blood drive on March 18. Our thanks to brothers Hanno Friedrich Becker, ILL'10, and Steven

James Zelton, ILL'12, as well as the Red Cross for organizing this event. We also are planning our spring semester philanthropy, "Moosehead," with proceeds going to the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

## Johns Hopkins

The Johns Hopkins University varsity football team, which includes over 55 Alpha Deltas, enjoyed an 8-3 season and a trip to an East Coast Athletic Conference Bowl Game. The chapter also helped raise funds to rebuild a neighboring playground in Baltimore City. This semester, 10 brothers are hoping to help lead the JHU varsity baseball team back to the NCAA Division III National Championship. This spring will also see the chapter continue its coordination with the Pen Lucy Youth Learning Program, tutoring and mentoring local elementary school students. In March, the chapter plans to raise money for PAWS, the Hopkins Pet and Animal Welfare Society. Following another successful rush campaign, the JHU Chapter is poised to initiate 26 new

members in April, bringing the grand total of undergraduates to 94. The Alpha Deltas continue to be a beacon of fraternal life on the Homewood campus, holding three of the four executive positions on the student council and two executive positions within the Interfraternity Council.

## Kenyon

The Kenyon Chapter brothers are proud to announce that they currently have 16 spring pledges. Coupled with the four brothers initiated in the fall, the chapter will have nearly doubled its active membership by the end of the academic year. The chapter is still active in its philanthropic efforts and continues to run a late-night coffeehouse two nights a week with all proceeds going to the local battered women's shelter. The chapter will also give out its annual Great Teaching Award in April to a professor nominated by the students of the college. Recently, the chapter narrowly avoided disaster when a windstorm felled a tree just feet from the Lodge, the oldest continuous-use fraternal building in North America.

## Lambda Phi (MIT)

This fall, the Lambda Phi Chapter initiated 17 new members. Brothers have devoted considerable time to furthering the literary aspects of the house and developing our image on campus. To this end, on March 15th, we hosted an open literary competition called Mic Check. In March we also hosted a faculty dinner; the brothers invited several members of the MIT teaching

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staff to dine at our house and we made literary presentations to them. At Lambda Phi we are very proud of our successes this year and are looking forward to accomplishing even more next year.

## Massachusetts

After initiating 10 new brothers, the Massachusetts Chapter has re-established itself as one of the most prominent organizations on campus. We are already back in full swing with a new class of four spring pledges, which will bring our chapter from six brothers at the beginning of this school year to 20 by its end. We have also worked to develop our “Go Green” recycling program, hosted a small reception for the Board of Governors, reconnected with our alumni, and have made new connections with nearby chapters.

## Miami

The Miami Chapter has found new success with many of our programs this year. We recruited 24 new members without sacrificing the social, moral, or intellectual caliber of our pledges, and in spite of university-wide recruitment challenges for other Greek organizations. One of our biggest goals this semester was to organize and sponsor a philanthropy event. Currently, we are focusing our efforts on a 36-hour “Alpha Dunka Phi,” where we will use a dunk booth in uptown Oxford to raise money. Currently, we are organizing a campus-wide video-making competition. Depending on the response we receive, we may revive our story and poem competition.

## Middlesex

This semester, our George Washington Literary Night will feature presentations by both brothers and associate members (and we are inviting some Harvard undergrads to join us). Our chapter aims to hold more philanthropy events than ever, including our first charity mixer with a Wellesley sorority. The education of associates has become more intense. In addition to the philanthropy projects established last semester, our training program includes a chapter house improvement project as a way of giving the associates an investment in our beloved Old Fox. This year we recruited 14 new members.

## Minnesota

In the fall semester, we initiated 10 new members, our largest class since recolonization. It is very exciting to see the chapter grow as we continue to improve. This semester, we hosted an indoor hockey tournament to recruit an ever-stronger pledge class. We are continuing our weekly lecture nights, where brothers choose topics and present them to the house and friends. We are also working to expand our lecture night and bring in guest speakers from the community.

## Nittany (Penn State)

The Nittany Chapter has exceeded its recruiting goals for the third year in a row, initiating nine new brothers in the fall, and educating seven more potential new members this spring. If all goes well, this will be a record-setting year for the Nittany Chapter with 16 new brothers. We have scheduled our first campus-wide Spelling Bee, which will raise money for the charitable organization, THON. Additionally, we have also raised over \$6,000 for the Four Diamonds Fund, which supports the pediatric cancer section of the Hershey Medical Center.



*Nittany Alpha Deltas support THON Marathon.*

## Peninsular (Michigan)

The Peninsular Chapter has made many improvements over the last year. We are now looking at 20 new initiates for the current school year. After some unfortunate events of last spring, the campus standing of our house has vastly improved. We are currently working with the Michigan Union to participate in a joint charity volleyball event for early next fall. We have also teamed up with the Delta Gamma Sorority to raise money for Relay for Life in early April. Over winter break, our house was broken into, robbed of nearly \$7,800 worth of personal property, and flooded, resulting in massive damage throughout the house.

## Phi Kappa (Trinity College)

This year we worked with the community service office to raise money for the Relay for Life at Trinity. Alpha Delta Phi was the only organization to rank in the top three in both total money raised and participation rate. We are currently preparing for this spring's Relay for Life and are organizing teams and fundraising captains to lead this effort. The brothers worked together to clean and paint the Hartford Conservatory Music School and organized Halloween games and puzzles for local families. We also collaborated with the university's history, politics, economics, and religion departments to organize an essay contest in celebration of the 2008 presidential election. In February, together with Musiak, an organization of Trinity musicians, we hosted a free concert on campus. Currently, we are working closely with The Mill, a new campus music and arts house, to host Giantess, an up-and-coming Boston group. Our goal is to recruit 20 new members.

## Rochester

In addition to our three new brothers last fall, we recruited 11 more this spring. We continue to get involved with many local philanthropic events, most recently competing with other campus groups in taking action to conserve energy as part of “UR Unplugged.” The brotherhood has hosted two literary events already in 2009, each time using nearly all of our available seating to accommodate the guests! With one event planned for each month of the semester, the Rochester Chapter's literary spirit feels stronger than ever.

## Union

This fall, we recruited another four quality members, each capable of assuming leadership roles in the future. The student affairs committee has given us a rare three-year housing renewal, a great honor for our chapter. Our chapter showed outstanding effort at this year's John Calvin Toll Day—a philanthropic event in which Union College students work on various community service projects around Schenectady—earning an award for having the highest participation rate amongst Greek organizations. We have continued our support of the World Vision Organization to help nine year-old Gideon Kisakye receive basic necessities in a poverty-stricken area of Uganda. Recently, in tandem with several Greek and non-Greek organizations, we hosted “A Total Alliance,” an event aimed at raising awareness about LGBT (Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender) issues on campus. Currently, we are fielding a team for Relay for Life, holding professor dinners, and hosting the campus geology club. This year, we hope to recruit English Professor Hugh Jenkins to serve as a faculty liaison for our literary competition. We are looking forward to hosting the 177th Annual ΑΔΦ Convention, August 6-9, in Schenectady.

## UCONN Affiliate

Since being granted affiliate status at the 176th ΑΔΦ Annual Convention, the Connecticut Affiliate has grown to 17 brothers strong. After initiating nine brothers at the Massachusetts Chapter in the fall, we are determined to pick up right where we left off. In doing so, we have secured a house for the upcoming academic year in a prime location within walking distance from campus. Our recent socials and literary presentations garnered much interest during the first week of rush, providing us with the confidence to surpass our goal of pledging 10 new associate members, in fact, recruiting 16. Following the visit of CSC Bro. Mo Sakrani, MDSX'09, during the first week of the semester, we feel we have absorbed the proper direction and aim to achieve our goals for this spring. However, in spite of our recent success and high hopes for the semester, we are still a young but thriving organization with much to do and learn as we progress toward a bright future within The Alpha Delta Phi.

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# Alpha Delta Phi Society News

## Society Holds Convention in Boston March 27-28, 2009

The Alpha Delta Phi Society held its Ninth Convention and Leadership Training Conference in Boston, Massachusetts, on March 27-28.

Delegates, governors, and members gathered from each of the Society's chapters and its affiliate to discuss Society business, participate in educational leadership training seminars, and honor its award winners.

Leadership training programs included a risk management presentation by Willis HRH's Bobbi Larsen, a seminar on chapter literary program best practices, and a presentation on chapter operations, finances and budgeting.

The Saturday night banquet was preceded by a song workshop organized by incoming Governor Zanne Gerrard, MID'94. Members were able to learn new songs, share songs special to their chapter, and prepare for the inspired singing that concluded the festivities.

The banquet keynote address was made by Nessa Burns Reifsynder, BDN'86. Reifsynder discussed the strong Alpha Delt ties, with photos



*A song workshop prior to the traditional Saturday Banquet was a new feature of the Society's Ninth Convention.*



*Alpha Delta Phi President Jonathan Vick, HAM'64, (left) accepts the President's Award from Society President Craig Cheslog, BDN'93, during the Ninth Convention Banquet.*

dating from 1957 to the present, that have continued to inspire her fellow Bowdoin graduate members to fight to continue to meet together at the old chapter house nine years after Bowdoin abolished its fraternity system.

Society members were also honored to have Alpha Delta Phi International President Jonathan Vick, HAM'64, attend business sessions and the Convention banquet. Craig Cheslog honored Vick with the Alpha Delta Phi Society President's Award in recognition of Vick's service and dedication to The Alpha Delta Phi.

In another banquet highlight, former Society President Charles Gross, BRN'72, was honored with the Star and Crescent Award, the highest distinction for a graduate member.

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## News From The Chapters and Affiliate of the Alpha Delta Phi Society

### Bowdoin Chapter Graduate Organization

The Bowdoin Chapter's graduate organization has conducted a new round of negotiations with Bowdoin's administration to shift its reunion gathering, at the college's request, from the class reunion weekend. The new reunion gathering is planned from July 30-August 2, 2009. Check [adps.org](http://adps.org) for more information as it becomes available. The Bowdoin Chapter also continues to financially support campus literary activities and the FDR Cup.

### Brunonian Chapter

The Brunonian Chapter has 21 pledges and is presently planning for its annual charity auction, Bizarre-Bazaar, to be held on April 16. Thanks to generous alumni giving, Brunonian also initiated a campus-wide, professionally-judged literary competition, PenUltimate. New England poet John Hodger recently led a reading and a fireside conversation. The chapter has also raised \$10,000 for a SELEF literary endowment.

### Columbia Chapter

The Columbia Chapter recently initiated 11 new members and now has seven pledges. Chapter leaders are working on a plan to repurchase the chapter house from Columbia University before

the current lease term ends in 2011. Columbia's undergraduates continue their commitment to the arts on campus by hosting literature nights twice a month, hosting student theater groups, and initiating a concert series.

### Middletown Chapter

The Middletown Chapter currently has 20 pledges and 42 active undergraduate members. The Star & Crescent Eating Club remains profitable and broke records for most people served at a single meal. The chapter's three-year Sesqui-centennial Capital Campaign reached a successful conclusion, and a donor plaque unveiling will be featured during May's reunion. The campaign's results include a chapter house that is in good physical shape and completely free of debt.

### Stanford Chapter

The Stanford Chapter has just initiated 12 new members—the largest pledge class in recent history. The new members have already begun regular literary nights and are planning their next rush with the goal of building on last semester's success. On May 1, the graduate members plan an Alumni Literary Night and are working to support the undergraduate chapter's lively revival.

### Granite Affiliate

The Society's newest organization at the University of New Hampshire is working to add new members and strengthen its organization while taking steps to reach its goal of becoming a chapter before the founding class of members graduate. The affiliate's next initiation is planned for May 1. The membership recently established a values-based recruitment standard and has been holding biweekly teas open to everyone in the UNH community.

### 2008 Society Order of the Sword and Spear Honoree

Robert C.K. Boyd, MID'08, was announced as the winner of the 2008 Society Order of the Sword and Spear award, the highest honor for a Society undergraduate. As his advocates for the award explained, "he has the ability to unite people together under a common cause" and had "a profound impact on the college community."

Boyd served as co-ed chair, steward, treasurer, quorum member, and as a member of numerous house committees. He intends to become a lawyer and work in politics.

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# Alpha Delta Phi Literary Page

## Dead Man's Hill (An Imperfect Pantoum)

I have grown to hate repetition,  
The cat scratch on outdated blackboards,  
The same path I would walk to the same school every day,  
The same old stories.

The cat scratch on outdated blackboards  
Cuts like sledders kamikaziing down hills in  
The same old stories  
Of missing fence planks, ice and splat,

Cuts like sledders kamikaziing down hills in  
A town where the only thing not always stagnant was our creek  
Of missing fence planks, ice and splat,  
One man had a hill to face.

A town where the only thing not always stagnant was our creek  
It ran across one of the streets named after our town's ghosts.  
One man had a hill to face,  
He took up his sled and made a break for it

It ran across one of the streets named after our town's ghosts.  
He wanted more than just these cold frost-covered streets,  
He took up his sled and made a break for it,  
Silver bullet slicing fast down sugar coated hills.

He wanted more than just these cold, frost-covered streets,  
He wanted to feel what it meant to live, to be  
A silver bullet slicing fast down sugar coated hills,  
Ready to jump through the picket fences they had built in his way.

He wanted to feel what it meant to live, to be  
Flying, to be above these streets for once, he was  
Ready to jump through the picket fences they had built in his way  
The sled flipped over, ice and blood in the street.

Flying, to be above these streets for once, so he was.  
He left the world that night with stories,  
"The sled flipped over, ice and blood in the street"  
All the townspeople would say.

He left the world that night with stories  
Which would earn the rocky mass its name "Dead Man's Hill."  
All the townspeople would say  
"He died running through the fence into oncoming traffic."

Which would earn the rocky mass its name "Dead Man's Hill?"  
They talk about how he died,  
"He died running through the fence into oncoming traffic,  
His hands couldn't stop the sled, his bones couldn't stop the cars."

They talk about how he died.  
"When he tried to go off our worn, comfortable paths,  
His hands couldn't stop the sled, his bones couldn't stop the cars—  
He broke."

When he tried to go off our worn, comfortable paths,  
The same path I would take to the same school every day —  
He broke *away*.  
I have grown to hate repetition.

by Jason H. Simon-Bienrebaum, MDSX'11  
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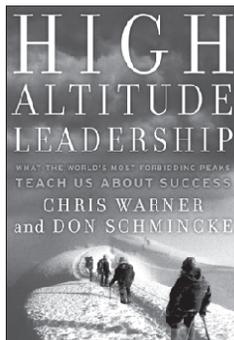


## High Altitude Leadership

In their new book, scientist and Alpha Delt Don Schmincke, LP'79, and mountain climber, Chris Warner, reveal the secrets to becoming a High Altitude Leader. Scientist and mountaineer share first-person examples from major climbing expeditions, interspersed with scenarios from boardrooms around the globe, to pinpoint eight dangers that prevent people from reaching the highest levels of performance.

"To thrive in the face of today's business challenges and tomorrow's unpredictable risks, you need to become the type of leader whose career, team, and company excels in the most extreme environments. With so much at risk, you have to be a high-altitude leader, using every bit of your talent and every ounce of your strength to guide your team to peak performance," say Schmincke and Warner.

Fear, selfishness, arrogance, lone heroism, cowardice, comfort, and gravity are dangers that Schmincke and Warner say can sabotage anyone—at 26,000 feet or on the 26th floor. Fear, say the authors, is the nemesis of effective leadership; when it surfaces, action stops. Fear kills strategies, keeps staff from making



important decisions and leaders from leading. The authors explain how to tame fear and ways to overcome the other seven dangers that plague today's businesses. Implementing trendy training programs may seem like a foolproof strategy for success, but it doesn't mean that employees will be more productive or more effective. The authors warn leaders to be wary of the latest tools that seem to promise more than they can deliver.

Each of the eight dangers in *High Altitude Leadership* is illustrated with log entries from some of Chris Warner's most exhilarating expeditions—K2, Everest, and Mount Shivling, to name a few. The thrill of the climb, the risks that hang over every step, the death of a fellow mountaineer, the callousness of some climbers, and the carelessness of others—tell the story of high altitude leadership.

What's more, all of the advice found in *High Altitude Leadership* is supported by Don Schmincke's thorough research into how people organize and perform in groups and teams, and his study of the high failure rate of many management and leadership programs. *High Altitude Leadership* is the travel guide for traversing the dangers on the road to success.

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# The Greeks Have a Word for it: *Xaipe*

Lawrence Durrell wrote, “The Greece I love—poverty that brings joy without humiliation, the chastity and fine manners of the islanders, the schisms and treacheries of the townsmen...the taverns with their laurel wreaths, the lambs turning on the spit at Easter, the bearded heroes, the shattered marble statues.”

And he gives the meaning too: “When you see the gravestones from the little necropolis

of Cameirus...it is the so-often repeated single word—the anonymous *Xaipe*—which attracts you...It is not the names of the rich or the worthy...but this single word, ‘Be Happy,’ serving both as a farewell and admonition, that goes to your heart with the whole impact of the Greek style of mind, the Greek orientation to life and death: so that you are shamed into...realizing how little you have fulfilled...a thought so simple yet so pregnant, and how

even your native vocabulary lacks a word whose brevity and grace could paint upon the darkness of death the fading colors of such gaiety, love and truth as *Xaipe* does upon these modest gravestones.”

*Excerpted from an article that appeared in The New York Times on November 6, 1960, by Freya Stark. We thank Sebastian J. Colella, COR '05, for bringing the article to our attention.*



*Adelphos gather for their 25th consecutive Super Bowl party, February 2009.*

## AΔΦ Chapter Reports From Across North America

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### Washington

The Washington Chapter is off to a great new beginning at the University of Washington. The original 15 members have instituted literary social gatherings at the chapter house each Tuesday evening and have signed on three new pledges as of February 1st. With many rushees in their recruiting pipelines, they have set a goal for themselves to achieve a total of 50 members by the start of the 2009-2010 academic year and once again become one of the top fraternities in the University of Washington's Greek system.

### Call for Book Reviews

The editor is seeking reviews of books and other works by Alpha Deltas, for publication in future issues of *Xaipe*.

Please send to:  
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### Wisconsin

Last semester we hosted the successful “Election Night: Alpha Delt Style” event. We also held our first AΔΦ Spelling Bee, which was such a success that we decided to make it a bi-semester event. We are also participating in community programs such as Habitat for Humanity, Neighborhood Watch, and Adopt a Highway. Although we fell short of our recruitment goal, the active brothers are truly dedicated to the growth of our community and brotherhood. Our Alumni Steak and Lowenbrau event will be held on Saturday, April 25. We invite all alums to return to their former house. We would also like to invite all alumni to stay involved through the 1832 Club and thank the current alumni board for their hard work in raising funds for renovations to the house.

### Volunteers Wanted!

The Alpha Delta Phi is seeking volunteers and members to serve on the Board of Governors.

If you are interested, please contact Bro. President Jon Vick by e-mail at [JonVick2@aol.com](mailto:JonVick2@aol.com).

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