

Back On Track: Revitalized International Literary Competition Enjoys 600 Percent Growth

The literary nature of our fraternity is one of its most unique aspects. In Samuel Eells's vision of "the whole man," the ability to express oneself through various literary pursuits was central. The literary tradition lives on in the activities that local chapters promote in the chapter house and on campus. Many local chapters have established regular literary meetings, where members can share their thoughts and impressions of literary works from a host of different arenas. Other chapters work hard every year to promote and run literary competitions on their local campuses, bringing the richness of our literary tradition to others.

With this proud and vital tradition, it was all the more sad when our International Literary Competition, at one time the recipient of hundreds of entries yearly from members throughout the fraternity, fell to the worst level in its existence last year. In 2003, a majority of chapters lacked even a single entry. Many were left to wonder if the competition could be revitalized or if it was destined to smolder and disappear from the life of the fraternity.

Happily, with the help of a new group of volunteers, publicity for the literary competition was raised to substantially higher levels. With this new vigor in communica-

tions, the chapters responded with one of the highest number of entries in recent memory. Entries from both the fraternity and the Alpha Delta Phi Society had a combined increase of over 600 percent. This increase was especially strong for fraternity entries, which were submitted at a rate 16 times that of last year!



Even with the large increase in entries, the most impressive part of the 2004 International Literary Competition was the overall quality of the entries. Brother Bob O'Connor, JH '67, who ran the judging of this year's literary competition, stated, "We have good reasons to cheer the winners. The quality is outstanding in the judgment of all

reviewers, including myself. This is the best batch of entries in recent years."

Winning the grand prize, the **Daniel Pearl Memorial Award for Excellence in Literature**, for this year's competition (as well as the top prize for fiction) was Brother David Marcus (K '07) for his fictional work, "Gravity." All reviewers were unanimous in their high opinions of Brother Marcus's talent; we are all quite proud of his accomplishment, as well as the accomplishment of our other winners and outstanding participants.

As the chairman of the literary program, which is administered and funded by the Samuel Eells Literary and Educational Foundation, Inc., I offer heartfelt thanks to Brother O'Connor for his hard work on the competition. I would also like to express my appreciation to the chapter presidents, alumni presidents, and literary officers for their support of the competition.

One area we would like to improve in 2005 is total chapter representation. While we did have a substantially larger pool of entries this year, there are still chapters that chose not to participate. My goal for next year is to have participation from every single chapter—a goal I hope everyone shares!

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... And The Winners Are ... 2004 Showcases Extraordinary Talents

GRAND PRIZE WINNER:

★ David Marcus, Kenyon '07, for his work of fiction, "Gravity"

CATEGORY WINNERS:

FICTION:

- ★ First: David Marcus, Kenyon '07, for "Gravity"
- ★ Second: Michelle Menard, Brunonian '06, for "Visit to the City of the Dead"
- ★ Third: Cam Wardell, BC '05, for *Los Soldados de la Carretera*

NON-FICTION:

★ First: Samantha Schulz, Columbia '05, for "Social Criticism of the Mid-Culture Crowd"

★ Second: Steven Frankel, Memorial '06, for "The Dieppe Raid: Canada and the Second World War"

PHOTOGRAPHY:

- ★ First: Steve Ehrfurth, Minnesota '06, for "Ray of Light"
- ★ Second: Adam Green, Brunonian '05, for "Bird's Eye View"

POETRY:

- ★ First: Heather Otrando, Columbia '04, for "New England, August"
- ★ Second: Donald Johnson, Cornell '04, for "Sound of an Economic Boost"

AMOUNTS AWARDED TO LITERARY WINNERS:

Grand Prize Winner – \$1,000
First-Place Winners – \$100
Second-Place Winners – \$50
Third-Place Winners – \$25

We have good reasons to cheer the winners. The quality of this work is outstanding. This is the best batch of entries in recent years. We look forward to continued growth in our competition as well as participation by all chapters very soon.



Brothers Gather On The West Coast For 172nd Convention

offer a big “thank you” to all who attended the 172nd conference and convention in Anaheim. It was an honor for the Adelpho Chapter to host its first convention ever. There were 25 chapters and affiliates represented from the U.S. and Canada. The tone was set early with a rousing and inspirational introduction of Honorary Chairman William “Bump” Peters, Adelpho '84.

Recruitment was the theme, and our hard-working chapter service consultant, Warren Wills, and the undergraduates had productive sessions in planning strategies on how to increase our brotherhood numbers and help our group grow stronger. Meanwhile, the alumni group discussed the long-term needs of the international fraternity as a presage to Brother Jon Vick’s call to engagement. They

considered, as well, the alumni role in initiation.

We were also fortunate to have several excellent educational sessions. Dr. Edward Dana, a Chapman University psychology professor and a Greek himself, gave a presentation called “The Psychology Of Why People Join Groups.” Dani Smith, a health educator as well as the head of counseling services at Chapman University, presented on the topics of risk management and substance abuse risks among Greeks. Ms. Smith did a fine job balancing this serious and important material with a sense of humor that impressed us all.

When business was done for the day, we celebrated as only Alpha Deltas know how. Brothers and their guests boarded two coach buses to Newport harbor for a cruise on the *Wild Goose*. The boat (which once belonged to

John Wayne) cruised the harbor while guests enjoyed refreshments and played cards in the game room on the ship’s main deck.

Our Saturday night banquet was a night full of laughs and memories as our keynote speaker, Chris Miller, Dartmouth '63, entertained us with stories and memories of being a Dartmouth Alpha Delt in the 1960s.

We at the Adelpho Chapter hope that all those who attended the convention had as good a time attending as we had putting it together. I look forward to seeing you all at the Virginia convention, August 11-14, 2005!

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All aboard the Wild Goose!



Outgoing President Dave Brewster (l.) and incoming President Jon Vick (r.) present Executive Director Bill Millard with Board of Governors Award.

Chapter Awards Announced

E.O. Blackman Award for Best Chapter:

Awarded at the Anaheim Convention to both the **Chicago** Chapter and the **Hamilton** Chapter. This award is presented each year to the most outstanding chapter(s). Criteria for judging include rush, pledge education, initiations, literary program, chapter finance, alumni relations, and annual reports filed by each chapter.

Newsletter Award:

First place awarded to **Rochester** Chapter. Runner-up was **Cornell**. The judging for this award was performed by Paul Wickstrom, PEN '70.

Most Improved Chapter Award:

Presented to **British Columbia** and **Trinity**.



Seward Scholars '04

The Seward Scholarships are awarded each year to outstanding members of the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity and Society for academic achievement and campus leadership. Larry Seidel, CHI '71, chairman of the scholarship committee, reports that this year’s winners are as follows:

- *Philip Derkson, McGill - \$600
- *Adam Erickson, Hamilton - \$600
- *Adrian Stier, Hamilton - \$600
- *Christopher Guhin, Brunonian - \$600
- *Marcus Goncalves, Johns Hopkins - \$600
- *Joshua Jackson, Adelpho - \$600
- *Daniel Honegger, California - \$600

The Seward Scholarships and the literary program are administered and funded by the Samuel Eells Literary and Educational Foundation, Inc.

State Of The Chapters Report

Having officially visited nine of our active chapters and one of our affiliate chapters at Penn State, I find our brotherhood across the continent is as strong as ever.



Warren Wills,
Adelphi '04

The results of the hard work of my predecessors, Cray Coppins, K '01, Justin Horne, UMASS '02, and Dustin Jones, CAL '03, are shining through at every chapter and affiliate that I visit. I have been pleased to find that

younger members of our chapters are stepping forward and assuming leadership positions.

British Columbia

I started my travels on the West Coast at the British Columbia Chapter. Though the chapter seemed to be struggling through tough times (only 11 brothers at the time), it has doubled its numbers with 11 pledges soon to be initiated. The hard work of President Scott Andrews and the efforts of their alumni house manager, Mike Grant, show that this chapter truly deserved the Most Improved Chapter Award granted at our annual convention. The group looks forward to hosting the January 14-15, 2005, meeting of the Board of Governors.

Washington

In September, I met the newest alumni president of the Washington Alumni Association, Brad Furber. The alumni are turning over a new leaf in setting a deadline for their re-emergence on the West Coast. They have given themselves 18 months to restart the undergraduate membership and stabilize house finances. Several governors will be joining the alumni for a January 13, 2005, alumni dinner.

California

My next stop was at the California Chapter, which, among the 70 Greek societies at Berkeley, has high aims. Though the house is ready for some remodeling work, these young men have recently brought in five brothers to the fold of 18 and are living up to the standards set by Samuel Eells in keeping literary traditions and work in the community at the forefront of their mission at CAL.

Adelphi

My last visit in the West was to my beloved Adelphi Chapter, which lately has been dealing with recruiting challenges. The 16 brothers have been busy with on-campus activities and fundraisers, and they've recently taken control

of their own finances. They are primed for a large pledge class in the spring and are still aglow after hosting their first ever Alpha Delta Phi convention last August.

Virginia

The Virginia Chapter has been going through recruiting challenges as well, initiating one member this fall. The group must contend with a new policy at UVa that restricts freshmen from pledging during the fall. This policy has become quite common all over the country and has regulated some of our chapters to small classes or no classes in the fall. Although it has 10 active members, this tight-knit group is persevering this semester with a multitude of weekly activities that have brought around numerous prospective pledges for the coming spring.

Chicago

Awarded the E.O. Blackman Best Chapter Award (jointly with Hamilton) at the convention this past summer, our University of Chicago Chapter is thriving. Thanks to the Chicago alumni, the chapter house is going through the finishing touches of an extensive remodeling process that started at the beginning of the summer. The house looks 100 percent better after a complete overhaul of the electrical and plumbing systems, refinishing of all the woodwork, and recarpeting of the floor. The brothers are currently pledging 10 new members, who will be added to their current membership of 30.

Peninsular

Our chapter at the University of Michigan is now pledging nine men to join the 23 who are currently in the chapter. They recently hosted a successful meeting of the Board of Governors, at which David Upton, PEN '45, was awarded the Alpha Delta Phi Award, the most prestigious in the fraternity. The chapter maintains an active social presence on campus with literary events and other social activities coordinated with other fraternities and sororities. The brothers hope to do extensive work on their house in the near future.

Toronto

Our chapter in Ontario, a notoriously quiet group, is speaking volumes with its current status. Thus far, it is the highest-rated chapter I have visited; this was accomplished through a delicate balance of brotherhood, tradition, academics, and leadership. The group recently initiated nine brothers, joining 19 active members. With strong alumni assistance and a goal to improve its status on campus, the chapter plans to improve the condition of its old Victorian house with future renovations and improvements.

Rochester

The Rochester chapter has yet to reoccupy its chapter house, which was taken away by the university in the spring, but it is well on its way to doing so in June. With the strong leadership of their undergraduate president, Mike Mastromonico, ROCH '05, and continual support from many loyal alumni, this chapter of 16 has sailed through tough times. The members have, of late, earned a great reputation on campus with monthly literary events and social gatherings with sororities. Everything is in place for its re-emergence as the most respected fraternity at the University of Rochester.

Union

The Union Chapter recently hosted the fall New England Leadership Conference and has been revitalized by the initiation of 16 new members into the current membership of 19 brothers. It remains a strong chapter, with guest literary speakers every trimester, weekly Thursday night dinners with dates, and a continued emphasis on philanthropy. The chapter is also maintaining the campus garden and helping a local group support children's dialysis.

Nittany Affiliate

I am impressed with our affiliate at Penn State and its dedication to academic excellence. The group currently has 16 members and is pledging three more. (They are also counting on a larger class in the spring due to restrictions on fall freshmen pledging.) The affiliate regularly checks the real estate listings in search of a chapter house. It may be granted a charter within the next year.

Cornell

The Cornell Chapter proudly reports the completion of \$200,000 in capital improvements to the chapter house. The alumni board is grateful to all recent contributors. At Homecoming 2004, Doug Bond '66 was awarded the Alumni Lifetime Service Award, and George Kennedy '52 was elected a director emeritus of the board of directors. Congratulations to both brothers! For more news and information on the Cornell Chapter, visit <http://www.adphicornell.org>.

Hamilton

The Hamilton Chapter, co-winner with Chicago of the E.O. Blackman Best Chapter Award, boasts over 50 active members and plans to initiate a pledge class of at least 15 at Cornell next May. Though lacking a chapter house, the group is negotiating with Hamilton over promised private meeting and office space and an option on land to build a new chapter house. These brothers have terrific spirit and don't let adversity hold them back. They regularly hold the best parties "on campus" off campus, using bus transportation to ensure safety;

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Alpha Delta Phi Continues Expansion Efforts

Since 1832, Alpha Delta Phi has pursued measured expansion at the best colleges and universities in North America. The Board of Governors recently adopted a revision of our expansion plan. We will be focusing on four areas of potential growth, as described below.

Overall Planning

1. Inactive chapters: The Board of Governors feels that, taking into account the present conditions at schools where we have had a chapter in the past, we owe it to the brothers of those chapters to attempt recolonization. The Hudson Chapter, at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, the Santa Barbara Chapter, at the University of California at Santa Barbara, and the Western Ontario Chapter, at the University of Western Ontario, are our particular focus at this time, but we are monitoring others.

2. Areas of rapid growth: We are making efforts to expand the fraternity into North Carolina and Southern California. Wake Forest, UNC, Duke, and Davidson College are

the targets in North Carolina. USC, UCLA, Occidental, UCSD, and UC Irvine are all potential targets.

3. Geographic gaps: We hope to fill the gaps between existing chapters, such as Indiana and Pennsylvania, at such schools as Indiana, Purdue, Lehigh, and Penn.

4. Distinguished locals: There are several local fraternities we will be exploring regarding the possibility of affiliating with Alpha Delta Phi. Omega Theta Chi at York College, York, Pennsylvania, and our Nu Epsilon Zeta affiliate at Northeastern University, Boston, are examples of this focus.

Expansion at Northeastern University

An 83-year-old local fraternity at Northeastern University, Nu Epsilon Zeta, petitioned for and was granted affiliate status with Alpha Delta Phi at the Board of Governors meeting this past August. NEZ has not recruited new members since 2000 but has remained a strong alumni organization.

"The NEZ alumni organization would be the envy of many an active chapter," Jay Flynn,

volunteer director for expansion, reports, "They have a regular program of events that are well attended, and the officers of the association meet monthly. The campus map at Northeastern reads like an NEZ alumni roll."

Peter Luiso, president of the NEZ alumni, is enthusiastic about the affiliation. "The two organizations have worked well together. We feel we can create a strong undergraduate brotherhood together." NEZ alum Gene Flynn said at a recent event in Boston, "We look forward to becoming Alpha Deltas. We talked to a number of fraternities, but Alpha Delta Phi was the one that impressed us the most."

Alpha Delta Phi initiated 35 alumni members of NEZ on November 6 at the annual NEZ alumni banquet, held at the Westin Hotel in Waltham, Massachusetts.

Alumni volunteers are needed to assist in these potential expansion projects. For more information on these exciting developments, contact Brother Jay Flynn by phone at 508-916-1725 or by e-mail at jayflynn22@juno.com.

State Of The Chapters ...

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they have an active literary program and sponsor up to three guest speakers each semester; they are strong supporters of the American Heart Association, of which Brother David Faxon, HAM '67, is the immediate past president. Brother Julian Scurci, HAM '03, was recently elected alumni president, taking over from longtime President Mark Richardson, HAM '81.

Chapters to be visited soon:

I will soon visit Illinois, Johns Hopkins, Kenyon, Lambda Phi (MIT), Massachusetts, Memorial (McGill), Miami, Minnesota, Phi Kappa (Trinity), Wisconsin, Yale, Amherst, and York University.

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The British Columbia chapter house.

David F. Upton, PEN '45, Receives Highest Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity Award

The following is excerpted from the proclamation that was presented to Brother Upton on October 23, 2004.

Proclamation

Whereas Brother David Frederick Upton, University of Michigan Class of 1945, was initiated into the Peninsular Chapter of the Alpha Delta Phi, said Chapter founded in 1846 and being the second oldest continuously operating Chapter in Alpha Delta Phi having been in operation for 158 years, and

...

Whereas, following in the footsteps of other famous Alpha Deltas in Government, Brother Upton served in the Michigan Constitutional Convention in 1960 and was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives and served from 1962 to 1964, and

...

Whereas Brother Upton has demonstrated loyalty, leadership, and generosity to the Peninsular Chapter, his Brothers, and to Alpha Delta Phi through his service on the ADP Board of Governors for many years during the 1970's, and as Honorary Chairman of the 164th ADP International Convention in 1996 in Ann Arbor, and as a major contributor to the Fraternity Annual Fund appeal, and as an Officer

and Board Member of the Peninsular Chapter for over two decades, and in recognition and gratitude for his contribution to higher education through his founding and funding of the Pensoc Fund which today funds scholarships for University of Michigan Alpha Delt undergraduates.

...

For the multitude of these *Whereas*'s we are honored by his presence and proud to be his Brothers, and with gratitude and fraternal fondness by the unanimous consent of the Alpha Delta Phi Board of Governors hereby and herewith do grant Brother Upton, PEN '45,

The Alpha Delta Phi Award

Granted for extraordinary service to his country, his Brothers, his Chapter, and his Fraternity. The Alpha Delta Phi Award is the highest award granted by the Fraternity and has been granted to only seven previous Brothers in the 172-year history of Alpha Delta Phi.

Granted this 23rd day of October, 2004,
in Ann Arbor, Michigan,
on behalf of the
Alpha Delta Phi Board of Governors

Jonathan C. Vick
President, Alpha Delta Phi International

Spotlight On Alpha Delta Phi Author

Brothers: As a literary fraternity, we would consider it appropriate to offer a regular column—in each issue of *Xaipe*—featuring books written by or recommended by Alpha Deltas. If you would like to help with this endeavor (and that includes governors, volunteers, chapter leaders, and brothers-at-large), please send in book recommendations to: governors@alphadeltaphi.org. Thank you!

Best regards,
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Christopher Whitcomb, HAM '81, Publishes New Book, *Black*



Christopher Whitcomb, HAM '81

Hamilton alumnus and former FBI agent Christopher Whitcomb, HAM '81, is the author of a new novel, *Black* (2004, Little Brown & Company). *Publishers Weekly* says: "Whitcomb (*Cold Zero Inside the FBI Hostage Rescue Team*) parlays the experiences and expertise of a 15-year career with the FBI into a cutting-edge counterterrorism thriller. Imaginative plotting, rock-solid prose, fascinating technology and blasts of furious action will hold readers hostage until the last surprising pages...This is a stellar thriller from an exciting new voice."

Whitcomb currently works as an on-air terrorism analyst for NBC News, speaks internationally on security and crisis-resolution matters, and writes on a freelance basis for several national publications.

Prior to leaving his position as a supervisory special agent at the FBI in 2001, Whitcomb investigated acts of terrorism,

including the World Trade Center bombings in 1993 and the *USS Cole* attack in Aden, Yemen.

From 1991 to 1997, Whitcomb served on the bureau's elite Hostage Rescue Team. There he distinguished himself as an assaulter, sniper, explosives expert, and tactical helicopter operations officer. He participated in some of the FBI's most controversial investigations, such as the Branch Davidian standoff in Waco, Texas, and the Randall Weaver shootings in Ruby Ridge, Idaho.

His most recent position was director of the FBI's critical incident response group's strategic information management office, where he oversaw crisis-specific planning and intelligence management during attacks involving weapons of mass destruction, terrorist threats, and exotic criminal investigations. He has been awarded numerous citations and awards, including the FBI's Medal of Bravery for exceptional courage in the line of duty. Whitcomb, who has a master's degree in education, also taught interrogation tactics to new agents and international law enforcement officers at the FBI Academy. While there, he wrote the Integrated Case Scenario, an innovative training protocol that serves as the basis of the FBI Academy's 16-week new agent training curriculum.

Since the release of his memoir, *Cold Zero*, in 2001, Whitcomb has become a regular on dozens of television and radio programs. He has appeared on *60 Minutes II*, *Larry King Live*, *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart*, *Hardball with Chris Matthews*, *Montel Williams*, NPR, BBC TV, and many more. He is a frequent contributor to *Imus in the Morning*, *Today*, and various programs on MSNBC.

Christopher Whitcomb has spoken before the United States Senate, British Parliament, the United Nations, and dozens of professional organizations. He has written a monthly column for *GQ* and has been published in the *New York Times Magazine*, *FHM*, the *New York Times*, and many other newspapers and magazines. His next novel, *New White*, is due out in spring 2005.

We urge you to check out the website for Christopher Whitcomb, HAM '81, at:

[www.christopherwhitcomb.com/
author/index.htm](http://www.christopherwhitcomb.com/author/index.htm)

Tom Livingston, IL '90, Joins Governors

The ADPhi International Board of Governors welcomes Tom Livingston, IL '90, as its newest member.

Tom has a long history of engaging with and assisting Alpha Delta Phi. He was the alumni president of the Illinois Chapter for five years during the 1990s. He revitalized the chapter and the alumni organization. He led a capital campaign for the renovation of the chapter house at Illinois, raising approximately \$200,000. He also organized the 166th ADPhi International Convention at the Illinois Chapter in 1998.

Professionally, Tom was the senior policy advisor for higher education for former Illinois Governor Jim Edgar. From 1999 to 2003, Tom served as executive director of the Illinois Medical District Commission. He is currently resident vice president for state relations (government affairs) for CSX Corporation, a leading railroad.

Tom has a master's degree in public administration from the University of Illinois at Springfield and a B.S. in communications from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He lives in LaGrange, Illinois, with his wife, Casey, and children Will and Avery.

Tom is a very welcome addition to the ADPhi Board of Governors, where he will oversee our awards and scholarships programs and participate in strategic planning. Welcome, Tom!

Jon Vick, HAM '64, President
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Alpha Delta Phi Announces Internship Opportunities

The Board of Governors recently adopted a plan for offering internships to exceptional undergraduate members interested in fraternity operations. Several full-time and part-time positions are available, in such areas as expansion, graphic design, newsletter development, and

chapter services. Some require travel, but students remaining at their own campuses can fill other available positions.

More information on these positions is available from Warren Wills, chapter service consultant, or from Jay Flynn, volunteer director for expansion.

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