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# Meet Your Newest Board Member...

Jake Jacobsen, MINN'87

As a member of the Minnesota class of '87, I moved into the house as a boarder and was quickly recruited into the ranks during a "recolonizing period." We struggled back and forth, and today we have a very strong and flourishing house, of which I am very proud.

I am entering my eighth year as a senior national account manager for US Internet Corporation and enjoy my position. The newest part of my life is my three-month-old son, who has changed my life in ways I never thought possible...it's truly an outstanding feeling.

I joined the board of governors with no hesitation. I was asked to help out, bringing my skills used at the Minnesota Chapter in building that house, not only in its active base but our alumni base as well. I am currently charged with two opportunities. The first is to develop the AΔΦ International website for all chapters' use with the help of Bro. Andrew Burton. We hope to develop this as an all-chapter portal where we will be able to share our successes and ideas to

help all chapters become strong and successful. Second, I've been assigned to work with the British Columbia, Minnesota, Peninsular, and Wisconsin chapters in alumni building. It is no secret that successful chapters have something in common...strong alumni support.

The Minnesota Chapter had previously been very weak in this department. When I was alumni president I put together a campaign to build our "Founder's Day" (yearly alumni/active gathering) from the 10 alumni attending the prior year to a more noticeable number, scoring 65 alums that year. At Founder's Day now it is not unusual to break 100 members.

Once the website is released I encourage all of you to register and load up content. Bro. Burton has done an excellent job on it, and it will help all of us build and grow stronger as a whole.



Jake Jacobsen,  
MINN'87

## Illinois Chapter Revitalized

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has transformed the house overnight (i.e., about 12-18 months) and reinstalled many of the old traditions in the house. When Dave spoke to the group, Jeff's ears must have been burning. He talked about alumni support, and three names kept getting mentioned for all their work: George Gauthier, Jeff Chamberlin, and Scott Likins. Jeff, we all offer big thanks for all of your efforts to help make Alpha Delt thrive once again. I also got to meet George Gauthier at the house.

Other alumni were also there from the classes of 1956 through 2008, and they were all as impressed as I was. At one point, I accused Dave Brown of hiring people to pretend they were Alpha Deltas, to have pulled off such an improvement in such a short time. He has basically recolonized the Illinois Chapter. My only regret was that it seemed a little embarrassing to hear so many positive comments about the current house versus the past few years, and yet there were several fraternity alums there from the past couple of classes. They must have been a bit embarrassed to hear how much we thought the place was a lost cause and now it no longer is.

Jeff, let me again thank you for all that you have done in the last year. I know you were an integral part of the group that saved the place from extinction with the work on the infrastructure, especially the sprinkler system, bathrooms, heating, and electrical service.



The Illinois  
Chapter house

Best regards,

Bob Ackermann, ILL'77

## Recruitment Update

Chapter	Fall '09 Initiates	Spring '10 Pledges	CUB*
Adelpho Chapter	5	8	18
British Columbia Chapter	21	0	56
California Chapter	9	7	24
Chicago Chapter	4	4	37
Connecticut Affiliate	8	8	41
Cornell Chapter	0	22	54
Florida State Affiliate	14	7	21
Hamilton Chapter	0	13	63
Illinois Chapter	10	5	59
Johns Hopkins Chapter	0	26	82
Kenyon Chapter	5	10	43
Lambda Phi Chapter	17	0	44
Massachusetts Chapter	6	7	20
Memorial Chapter	9	5	41
Miami Chapter	7	16	56
Middlesex Chapter	6	5	27
Minnesota Chapter	9	10	39
Nittany Chapter	5	10	43
Nu Epsilon Zeta Chapter	15	6	50
Peninsular Chapter	7	5	45
Phi Alpha Chapter	0	17	55
Phi Kappa Chapter	14	0	49
Rochester Chapter	0	14	29
Toronto Chapter	7	0	20
Union Chapter	6	0	18
Washington Chapter	13	10	31
Wisconsin Chapter	6	5	31
Yale Chapter	17	0	64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>1,160</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>41</b>

\* CUB stands for "Current Undergraduate Brothers"

# Letter From a Kenyon Brother

Some background history about Kenyon fraternities may help us understand the journey of the Alpha Deltas here. The original fraternities established at Kenyon (including KA, DPhi, PsiU, DU, and us) have remained small for a simple reason. Almost all of the chapters that these fraternities acquired were the result of men at each of the institutions organizing themselves and asking to join. There were no central offices organizing chapters at institutions where those fraternities wished to be represented.



Bob Price, K'58

When my chapter first petitioned for a charter in 1857, we wrote to AΔΦ's secretary, an undergraduate at Miami, who copied the petition by hand and mailed it to the other active chapters.

There was opposition to our request because of concerns at the 1857 AΔΦ Convention that the spirit of expansion, "exemplified by DKE," might not be in the best interest of Alpha Delta Phi.

Incredibly, this was nearly the same organization we were maintaining when I attended the 1968 AΔΦ Constitutional Convention and became co-chairman of the drafting committee. (Most of the older fraternities used this organization, too.) Prior to that convention, each of our chapters appointed an alumnus who lived in the New York City area as its delegate to the executive council. The E.C. hired Walter Kanwisher as our secretary, who ran the fraternity from his home in Pleasantville, New York. He hired the traveling secretary, a recent graduate, who put in an appearance at each chapter once a year. There were really no services offered, and there was almost no money. Prior to Walter, we had only a typist, Mary Vilas, who kept the records.

What has happened in the intervening 42

years is nothing short of miraculous to those of us who have seen the changes. We now have a functioning office; we have a foundation that affords tax deductions for alumni contributions; we have two competent CSCs; we have focused on our purposes and goals without losing our original intent. Finally, we can help existing chapters in trouble, and we can actually go out and start chapters—both of which were unheard of even during my undergraduate days.

Brothers, we have made marvelous gains over the 55 years since I joined AΔΦ. Yes, there are some things that annoy each of us from time to time. But please don't let impatience with things (that do not seem quite as we would wish them) cause us to seem to be ill tempered. We are all working for the same team with the same goals and are, albeit slowly, accomplishing them.

Xaipe,

Bob Price, K'58

## Comments From a U.W. Freshman's Dad

I am the father of a freshman daughter at the University of Washington. I am also a housing corporation board member for the Alpha Psi Chapter (UCLA) of Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity. I am writing to relay an exchange I had with my daughter recently.

Our freshman daughter pledged a sorority this fall, and, over the Thanksgiving break, I asked her how her house interacts with the fraternities on campus. I remember my fraternity days and wanted to compare notes. She mentioned that during exchanges and serenades with her house, most fraternities frequently offered only a repertoire of bawdy

and vulgar fraternity drinking songs. It seemed to her that these social exchanges were opportunities for the fraternity boys to impress the sorority women but that often the guys only ended up behaving poorly and were often boring and unimpressive. No surprise here; we often did the same when I was in school. When I asked her which fraternity stood out, however, she responded that the young men from Alpha Delta Phi were the gentlemen. They seemed to know the time and place for good behavior. She said the guys from AΔΦ could be counted on as reliable gentlemen during set-up dates, when members of other fraternities, by comparison,

sometimes wandered off drunk, leaving dates to get home by themselves.

As an alumni advisor I know how tough it can be sometimes managing young fraternity men. The way young people behave at college is often a reflection of how they were raised. From a father's perspective, and as a former fraternity man, it appears your chapter at the University of Washington is doing many things right, and the parents of the young men there can be proud. I thought you should know. Keep it up.

Fratemally,

Kevin Ivey '80 [AΨ Chapter of ΦΚΣ]

## Greek Life with a Twist: The UConn ADPhi Blog

Someone sporting a sweatshirt with a ΔX on the front is fairly easily recognized on the UConn campus as a member of the Delta Chi Fraternity. But the green and white AΔΦ letters that represent Alpha Delta Phi are mostly a mystery. The fact that people don't know about this new fraternity hasn't stopped the gentlemen of "ADP," as they refer to themselves, from forging a new future in Storrs.

Stephen Pizzo founded the fraternity's UConn Chapter in spring 2008, and since then the organization has clawed its way onto the national stage. It is one of the fastest growing chapters of the fraternity in the country. For the members of Alpha Delta Phi, it's a part of their UConn identity.

Sure, the community service and aim for academic excellence are resume boosters. But looking past that, ADP is a group of very close friends who share a connection meant to last well past the four years in Storrs.

### Welcome to Alpha House

The guys can usually be found lingering around "Second House" on Hunting Lodge Road. They may be hanging out around a bonfire in the backyard or conducting a formal pledge event. The members genuinely enjoy the company of one another. That's one reason the number of brothers has doubled from spring 2008 to fall 2009.

"People have slowly started to notice us, largely because we're a literary fraternity, and we put education and public service as our main tenets," said Mason Banwell.

House chef Willie Tucciarone tossed a piece of chicken at Banwell as Pizzo sat down next to him and agreed.

"We're genuine and up front about our ideals, and we stick to them," he said.

A bunch of guys sitting around a table eating the chicken all nodded their heads as Derek Welch, the house carpenter, swung the

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# ΑΔΦ Chapter Reports From Across North America

## Adelpho (Chapman)

We have been working hard to improve our rushing techniques and recruited five new brothers in the fall semester. The alumni organization is funding a new twice-weekly study session run by a prominent active to increase our collective academic success. Lastly, we were honored to host Bro. Alex King, MASS'09 (CSC), at our 26th annual Super Bowl party. This was a smashing success and raised over \$1,500 for a sick brother.

## British Columbia

This year, we will establish a biweekly book club, a campus-wide documentary night, and a debate and discussion night. Brothers answered phones in February at the Variety Show of Hearts Telethon, an annual event that raised \$7.4 million dollars for children with disabilities. We are also planning our signature Car Smash fundraiser. Brothers have been making consistent blood donations to the Canadian blood services and working at soup kitchens every Sunday with sisters of Gamma Phi Beta.

## California

We finished renovations of our bathroom and also plan to also refurbish our fence and pool. We hosted independent movie and music nights and organized an in-house literary competition. Philanthropic events include poker nights for charities and organizing a team for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. We are also participating in campus-wide programs, including the Crescent Crown talent show that supports Campfire USA and Tri Delt's House of Pancakes (which supports St. Jude Children's Research Hospital).

## Chicago

The Chicago Chapter initiated four new brothers in the fall. Prof. John J. Mearsheimer gave a literary presentation at our house to the brothers, our friends, and alumni on November 5th. He is the R. Wendell Harrison Distinguished Service Professor of Political Science at the University of Chicago and is renowned for his work on international relations and foreign policy making, including his books *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* and *The Israel Lobby*.

## Cornell

This semester, we were able to recruit 22 new pledges. We plan on hosting Hamilton again this year for its initiation in May, which will follow

our own in April. We are hoping to invite a number of professors and alumni to the house to give interesting lectures. We have also singlehandedly raised \$1,800 for Haiti from a benefit concert. We have several more large events in store for this coming semester, including our annual Victory Club.



Brothers of the Adelpho Chapter enjoy their 2010 Super Bowl party.

## Florida State Affiliate

This year, we found and moved into a new chapter house near campus, where we can have space for a chapter room, library, and office. We have already successfully implemented a literary presentation at each chapter meeting, are growing a library full of both academic resources and great novels, and are planning a literary event that would be both intellectual and entertaining. This semester, we will be participating in a 40-hour dance marathon to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network.

## Hamilton

Bro. Van Der Ven was recently elected student body president. Chapter President Bro. William Preston was awarded the "Alfred J. and A. Barrett Seaman Prizes in Writing" and was asked to join the Phi Beta Kappa Historical Honors Society. Three brothers were accepted as fellows by the Alexander Hamilton Institute. Numerous brothers also made the dean's list. Brothers are also captains of the men's soccer, lacrosse, and cross-country teams. We recently held a very successful dinner in Eells House. We are working with other campus organizations to raise money for Haiti, and we're organizing the spring Utica Heart Walk.

## Illinois

Our house hosted one of its most successful homecoming celebrations in recent years last October. We had our first alumni welcome dinner and hope to keep the alumni involvement going with an alumni-undergraduate event revolving around a basketball game this spring. We will hold our Moosehead charity concert, featuring the band Silver Medallion, and are currently seeking a national literary organization to

which the proceeds can be donated. We are hoping for at least 30 donors at our semi-annual blood drive.

## Johns Hopkins

The Johns Hopkins football team, composed mostly of Alpha Deltas, had its finest season in the team's 100-year history, advancing to the Final 8 in the Div. III playoffs this year. In addition to our campus-wide literary competition this fall, we plan to organize writing competitions for pledges and brothers this spring. The chapter has donated over \$1,000 to several charities, including the American Red Cross, Engineers Without Borders (a Hopkins student group), and several local libraries.

## Kenyon

We recruited 10 new members this semester. This spring, we will hold a freshman literary competition. The Great Teaching Award will be presented at the end of the year. We hope to expand our after-hours program, a late-night breakfast service with proceeds going to the Mt. Vernon battered woman's shelter, and hope to expand the program to get the campus involved in other ways. Last semester we had a very successful book drive.

## Lambda Phi (MIT)

Lambda Phi Chapter will participate in several literary and philanthropy events. On Cafe Thursdays, we invite friends to dinner and share original pieces of literature, analysis, or music. Several brothers in the house have also formed their own a cappella group, the Star and Crescendoes. We will also be hosting Mic-Check, an open-mic night for the MIT community, and monthly book drives to support local causes. The brothers will also be holding a fundraising mixer with Habitat for Humanity.

## Massachusetts

We are looking forward to getting the official Massachusetts Chapter Alumni Association up and running. In addition to participating in Relay For Life and Greek Week activities to raise money for local philanthropy efforts, we plan to further volunteer our time to help the local community. The Massachusetts Chapter is excited about regaining its dominance of fraternity life at the University of Massachusetts.



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## Memorial (McGill)

Last fall we hosted the annual two-week poppy drive on campus, raising \$2,500 for Canadian veterans. We also participated in a Students Helping Students canned food drive and plan to sell hot chocolate to support the Colorectal Cancer Society of Canada. Our literary activities this year include an essay-writing contest for new members, oral presentations by new members, a literary dinner, and a lecture by Professor Richard Adams, former chair of the Marianopolis College English department.

## Miami

This semester, the Miami Chapter's cumulative GPA was fourth among all fraternities on campus. We also aim to train our pledge class to perform well in Delta Zeta's "Puttin' on the Hitz" philanthropy. This semester, we will be holding a campus-wide literary competition, with donations from a writing center here on campus. We will also be working shifts at local food banks with our neighbors, the Campus Ministry center.

## Middlesex (Brandeis)

We are in the process of signing papers on a new chapter house. We have strengthened our literary program to include rush events, pledge events, our now-alumni-sponsored George Washington Night, and more during the semester. We have scheduled visits to at least six other chapters and are looking forward to meeting our brothers throughout the country. We are also playing an integral role in the unified Greek life effort here to raise money for rebuilding Haiti.

## Minnesota

The Minnesota Chapter had an extremely successful fall semester that brought the overall membership to its highest number since the chapter recolonized in 2000. Additionally, the chapter will continue its biweekly lecture nights as well as incorporate new events such as fireside chats and poetry slams. Finally, the Minnesota Chapter continued its philanthropic success through both our annual Car Smash and Chilitalacular events in the fall that raised money for the 9/11 Orphans Fund and Toys for Tots.

## Nittany (Penn State)

Five new brothers were initiated in December, bringing the active brother total up to 38. The semiannual Literary Night has been scheduled and should bring in a record-setting attendance. In other news, the Nittany brothers have planned a benefit night at a local pub in order to raise money to aid the efforts in Haiti. The chapter also plans on attending its third THON, a 48-hour dance marathon, sending two brothers to represent the chapter.

## NEZ (Northeastern)

In the fall, we added 15 new brothers, successfully defended our IFC Challenge Cup, and collected over \$2,000 for various charities. Our goals include a successful rush, to rank in the top three for fundraising at this year's Relay For Life, and to earn the university's Gold Standard Award for our philanthropic endeavors. We plan to hold our first "George Washington Night" literary event and construct a new brotherhood room to house our library.

## Peninsular (Michigan)

We have five winter pledges this year, the biggest winter pledge class in some time. This year's a great year for our newsletter; we were able to issue two editions in the first semester, and we plan on continuing this practice. On the philanthropy front, we will be partnering with the Delta Gamma Sorority in the Relay For Life fundraiser.

## Phi Alpha (Duke)

In addition to our standard social programming, the Phi Alpha Chapter began the year with the first annual Parents' Weekend Dinner and Silent Auction, raising almost \$20,000. Following that success, we hosted a fundraiser for C.A.R.E. for Carter, a local organization that works in innercity schools. Recruitment went well, and we will initiate 17 pledges this spring.

## Rochester

The Rochester Chapter continues to grow, garnering an additional 14 new pledges for the spring semester. We still hold frequent literary events for the campus community and have been enjoying the recently instated fireside chats. Plans are under way to start a speaker series, for which Alpha Delta Phi will host campus-wide lectures given by Rochester professors. These events will add to our credibility as both a literary society and a Greek-letter organization here at the University of Rochester.

## Toronto

The Toronto Chapter almost doubled in size with the introduction of seven outstanding initiates, bringing the active chapter's strength to 20. We are continuing our involvement with the Rethink Breast Cancer Foundation and will host our largest literary event in years. The event's guest speaker is the organization's founder, who will speak to the brothers and our invited sorority guests. Brothers will also be taking underprivileged children from the St. Felix Center out for an afternoon of ice skating.

## UConn Affiliate

The Connecticut Affiliate had a successful fall semester. We secured an off-campus fraternity house and initiated eight eclectic members. We hosted two literary events, including our annual holiday literary event, "Roosevelt Night," in December. In November, we hosted "Dodging for Dollars," a dodgeball competition to raise funds for the Special Olympics of Connecticut. Additionally, we held our second annual ADPhi Dodgeball For Literacy Tournament, from which all profits were donated to the Books for Africa Foundation.

## Union

We initiated six new members last fall. In November, we formally celebrated the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Union Chapter. Alpha Delta Phi held its first Haitian relief fundraiser the day after the devastating earthquake and is leading the IFC effort to continue fundraising in the Greek community. Our alumni organized a leadership conference in February and are holding the first annual Union Chapter Founder's Day celebration on May 22.

## Washington

After initiating 13 new members last quarter, we are actively working to become more involved in philanthropic efforts. We began the Entire Man Lecture Series, which includes professors and directors from the university. To kick off the new year, we are committing one-fourth of the brotherhood each weekend to volunteer at the local soup kitchens and food banks. We are also participating in the many philanthropies hosted by both UW fraternities and sororities.

## Wisconsin

We are very excited about our house renovation plans. We have also started some new traditions, such as a weekly book club and a semi-annual spelling bee. We also brought back one of our historically popular philanthropy events, Kickball on Ice, this February. Additionally, we are continuing such activities as the highway cleanup and our volunteer work at local shelters.

## Yale

Last semester we initiated a class of 17 fine fellows. We participated in a nationwide prostate research fundraiser called Mustache Movember, and raised the most money in week three, winning a complimentary JetBlue flight anywhere in the United States. Brother Forrey donated this flight to neophyte Allouche, who visited the Chapman Chapter. The annual Pledge Spelling Bee was a huge success, and things are moving along nicely with the Yale Adelpic Alumni Association.

*Reports compiled by Kellan Higgins, BC'09*

# Alpha Delta Phi Society News

## Society Establishes Affiliate at Harvard University

The Alpha Delta Phi Society's Board of Governors voted to extend affiliate status to a group at Harvard University in January 2010.

The initial group includes seven members, who have already begun identifying potential recruitment targets for the spring semester.

Three Boston-area graduate members have volunteered to serve as the Harvard Affiliate's pledgemasters. Michael Blitstein, BRN'03, Joan Charlotte Matelli, MID'92, and Teague Hopkins, MID'06, are going through the Society's required pledge education materials and exposing the Harvard pledges to the different pledge education style of each of the Society's existing chapters.

The Columbia Chapter will host the first initiation of the Harvard Affiliate pledges



Harvard Affiliate's founding pledge class. Front row, l. to r., Phoebe Johnson-Black, Shelby Johnson-Sapp, Blessing Oyeniyi, and Jen Brawn. Back, l. to r., Nick Navarro, Candice Courtney Smith, and Dana Platt.

on February 27, 2010. Society members from all chapters anticipate attending this special event.

## Selecting A New Society Flag

Following up on a story mentioned in the Alpha Delta Phi Society's page in the fall 2009 *Xaipe*, the Society's Board of Governors voted to adopt as its official flag design the flag preferred by a vote of its members who participated in a survey.

The Society's flag committee considered several design ideas and also worked diligently to follow rules established in the 1992 Fraternity-Society Separation Agreement.

The winning design was design "A." The Society will present flags to each chapter during the 10th Convention Banquet at the Middletown Chapter on Saturday, March 20. You can see the winning design, and all the finalists, at [www.adps.org/flagsurvey](http://www.adps.org/flagsurvey).

## Undergraduates Create New Society Parliament

Undergraduate delegates voted to create a new Society Undergraduate Parliament during their Fall 2009 Educational Caucus.

The new organization is designed to facilitate undergraduate involvement in Society business, foster interchapter travel, assist undergraduates in organizing and presenting their ideas, and encourage more undergraduate activity on Society strategic activities.

Carling Bateman, COL'10, was elected the parliament's first president. Meredith Lee, GRN'10 will serve as treasurer, and Jeffrey Tratner, BRN'10, was elected as interchapter and expansion chair.

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## News From The Alpha Delta Phi Society Chapters

### Bowdoin Chapter Graduate Organization

A new year's snowstorm curtailed plans for members to gather to celebrate the beginning of 2010 at the former chapter house, but plans are under way for the chapter's annual reunion weekend, August 5-8, 2010. More information will be available on the Society's web site as details are finalized. The graduate organization continues to support literary endeavors at Bowdoin, including literary speakers and support of the From the Fishhouse on-line poetry database ([www.fishhouse.org](http://www.fishhouse.org)).

### Brunonian Chapter

The Brunonian Chapter has started the 2010 spring semester by hosting successful campus events and the beginning of recruitment. The Harvard Affiliate's pledges enjoyed a visit to the chapter in one of their first official gatherings with the Society's membership. Planning for the chapter's major philanthropic event, Bizarre Bazaar, has also begun.

### Columbia Chapter

The Columbia Chapter is moving through the new semester with rush recruitment.

We are currently in our last week of the rush process and will be initiating a new pledge class on Friday, February 19. In addition to this, our chapter will also be hosting the Harvard Affiliate initiation on Saturday, February 27. The Columbia Chapter is also undergoing the final steps in the process of purchasing our house back from the university. The undergraduate membership has been working closely with our graduate board in securing this transition and are very excited to begin remodeling our house.

### Middletown Chapter

The Middletown Chapter initiated 17 members during the fall semester, bringing the total undergraduate membership to nearly 60. The larger membership is helping the chapter with its early-semester social events and in keeping the Star & Crescent Eating Club packed at each meal. Chapter members thank everyone who expressed concern after a power plant explosion in Middletown made national news. The power plant was miles away, and no one at the chapter was impacted by those events.

The chapter is looking forward to hosting the Society's 10th Convention and Leadership Training Conference on March 19-21, 2010.

### Stanford Chapter

The Stanford Chapter now has 34 members, its highest total in many years. The chapter has started hosting social events in preparation for the spring quarter rush. Four undergraduate members are planning to make the trip across the country to attend the convention and continue to strengthen the ties with their East Coast siblings. The Stanford Chapter is also proud to begin planning the Society's 2011 Convention and Leadership Training Conference.

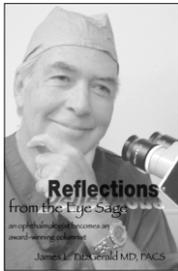
### Granite Affiliate

The Granite Affiliate was once again honored by the University of New Hampshire Greek life coordinator for achieving the highest grade point average on campus during the fall semester. By-laws for a graduate chapter organization have been drafted and approved as the first class of members prepares to graduate. Follow the affiliate's activities on Facebook and Twitter (@GraniteADPS).

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## Take a Look at the Eye Sage

**Brother James L. Fitzgerald, HAM'61**, is the "Eye Sage." Here's his own description of his work and the evolution of his new book, *Reflections from the Eye Sage*.



"It's been a lot of fun to put this book together. For four years I was writing articles for a local newspaper, and I slowly developed a formula for consistently

turning out catchy articles. Then, like so many other newspapers—it died.

So, I gathered up a bunch of the pieces that help to illustrate my style development during the journey. I retired in 2007. Since then I've been spending time writing, playing stand-up bass for a hot Dixieland group, and bothering my new wife, Cate. Thankfully, she requires a lot of bothering.

For folks not living within the magnetic field of our Vermont bookstores, I've set up a simple website where you can order a book: [www.theeyesage.com](http://www.theeyesage.com)."

## Theodore Rex – an Alpha Delt for all Time

*Theodore Rex*, by Edmund Morris  
Random House, New York, 2001

*"With a true philosophical spirit looking to the entire man, so as to develop his whole being — moral, social, and intellectual."*

Perhaps no other Alpha Delt captures the spirit of our literary tradition more than the towering figure of the 26th President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, Harvard 1880. Reading his story reminds us that, above all, this was a man who left none of life's passions unattended.

History remembers him as a robust leader, war hero, naturalist, writer, explorer, and gifted politician. His verve is legendary, his energy so vast that it bordered on unfathomable. Roosevelt is certainly one of the most accomplished men in the history of this country, as well as our fraternity.

It is some task to write a successful biography of the man, and Edmund Morris has written two. Following on his Pulitzer Prize-winning *The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt*, Morris gives us the story of "TR's" two world-changing terms as President in *Theodore Rex*.

At 42, the youngest of any U.S. President, Roosevelt assumed the highest office after the assassination of William McKinley on September 6, 1901. The book takes us on his journey over the next eight years as he applied his superhuman energy to bring

our country into the 20th century.

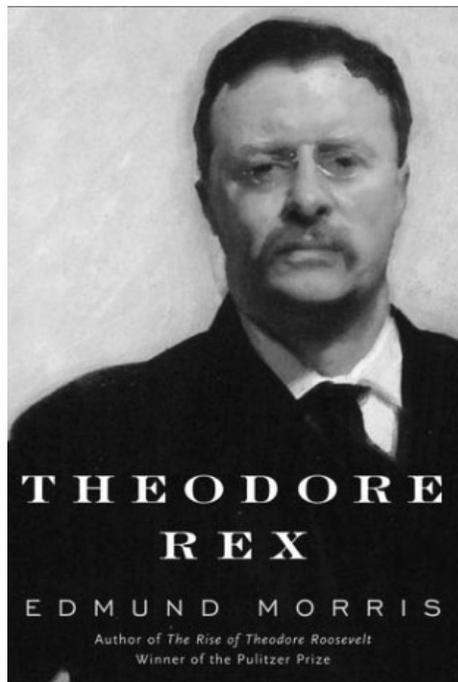
Writer John Burroughs once wrote that TR "was a many-sided man, and every side was like an electric battery." In *Theodore Rex*, we read how Roosevelt "trust busted" with his "big stick," as well as how he fostered a revolution in Panama so he could build his famous canal. He won the Nobel Peace Prize for mediating an end to the Russo-Japanese war, all the while combating the country's problems with race and labor relations.

His greatest legacy remains the creation of a national conservation policy, protecting millions of acres of United States parks and forests.

Morris's biography does an exceptional job of capturing the mercurial enigmatic 26th President.

He writes about Roosevelt's eight years as president as if it were a novel, with much success. There are parts missing, like Roosevelt's college and family life, and we feel that with so much accomplished, where are the unifying threads that bring this story together? Perhaps the book's great flaw is that it follows the truly

spectacular *Rise of Theodore Roosevelt*. Still, despite that sense that something is missing from the book, every Alpha Delt will truly appreciate this story of the man who rightly shares Mount Rushmore with Washington, Jefferson, and Lincoln.



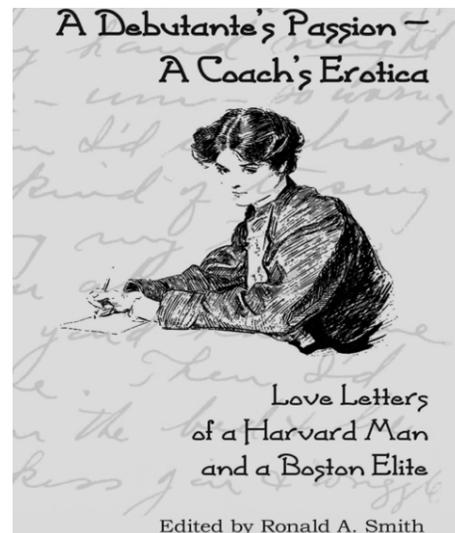
Nick Sarro-Waite, HAM'03

## A Debutante's Passion— A Coach's Erotica: Love Letters of a Harvard Man And a Boston Elite

Bro. Ronald A. Smith, N'58, announces the publication of *A Debutante's Passion—A Coach's Erotica* (Eifrig Publishing), a collection of love letters between a Harvard student and athlete, Bill Reid, and an Eastern elite, Christine Williams Lincoln, in the late Victorian period and early 20th century. More than 300 letters are included from the first time they met, through their engagement and a lengthy separation while Christine took an eight-month voyage with her family to Europe, and, especially, after their marriage and the birth of their first three children.

The love letters of Bill and Christine give a glimpse of the inner life of two passionate individuals at a time in the early 20th century when the private life of sexual obsession was often covered up by an outward existence that appeared prudish and sexually repressed. Bill would write, "Wouldn't it be just perfect if we could get into bed without a thing on and lie all night long in each other's arms. . . . The thought of your deliciously soft arms, breast, your hot plump cheeks, your delicious legs. . . and joining me in all the ravishing delights lovers can devise." Christine responded, "When I get thinking of the delights in store I can hardly wait for the time to come."

Beyond the loving letters of a sensuous debutante from Brookline, Massachusetts, and an erotic athlete, coach, and sometimes scholar from Belmont, California, there is an intriguing story of a western boy who traveled east, who then met and married an elite from the Boston area. Could an individual from the west return to the west with an eastern woman with strong attachments to her family, friends, and eastern sophistication and live in happiness?



# The Star & Crescent Newsletter Returns!



Brothers:  
For many years, the Alpha Delta Phi undergraduate international newsletter, *Star & Crescent*, has lain dormant. However, with the growing need for intercommunication between the undergraduate chapters, I decided to revive this once-forgotten publication.

The first issue of the new *Star & Crescent* came out on January 1, 2010. The eight-page issue featured a potpourri of topics, including chapter history, interchapter relations, and a few things regarding merchandise. The issue focused primarily on chapters in the Midwest, where I had most recently been spending my time.

*The Star & Crescent* is meant to bolster interchapter communication—something I feel passionate about. My hope is that

undergraduate brothers will be able to read about new and exciting things going on at other chapters, contact them, and participate. We hope that this newsletter will supplement the forums that are being created online.

Initially, my plan is to produce this publication monthly, subject to time and financial constraints.

While *Star & Crescent* is intended as a printable issue, no money exists for a hard-copy publication. Currently, *Star & Crescent* is only available electronically.

If anyone is interested in sponsoring a full-color run of this publication, or contributing in any way, please contact me at [kellanhiggins@gmail.com](mailto:kellanhiggins@gmail.com).

Kellan Higgins, BC'09

## Greek Life with a Twist: The UConn ADPhi Blog

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back door open, bearing the wooden coffee table he'd just finished building for the living room. Welch doesn't live here, but he keeps busy building tables, shelves, and chairs for Second House. Derek and Willie ask for nothing in return for building or cooking. That's just the way it works here.

### Living and working together

"These guys are some of the best friends I have ever, and will ever meet in my life," Banwell said. "We stand by each other not because we have to, but because we want to."

There are now 12 UConn fraternities that are part of the official regulated system, and about 10 percent of students overall are fraternity members. These existing organizations didn't work for the guys of ADP, so they started their own group. "We were looking for a purposeful organization that valued academics," Banwell said. "Plus, we wanted a more relaxed and informal feeling than the other fraternities offer."

For example, the group recently held a dodgeball tournament on campus that raised money to send books to Africa. Those who happened upon it might think it wasn't very organized. Balls were flying everywhere and it looked like a bunch of guys just fooling around. But as it turns out, ADP made more than \$250 at the tournament.

ADP is a group of close friends who have fun together while working for a great cause. What could be better?

"We've got something that works for us," said Banwell. "Nobody is telling us what to do or how to do it, like some of the other fraternities here work. Plus, I just hurled a

bunch of balls at my friends for an hour while raising money to send books to Africa. What more could you ask for?"

by Bridget Shannon  
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Brothers of the UConn Affiliate

## Call for Book Reviews

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

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Editor Bro. William Mack at [william.e.mack@gmail.com](mailto:william.e.mack@gmail.com).

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If you are interested, please contact Bro. Pete Heinrich at [pete8822@aol.com](mailto:pete8822@aol.com).

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