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176th Convention of The Alpha Delta Phi Invigorates the Brotherhood

The 176th Convention of the Alpha Delta Phi, hosted by the California Chapter in Berkeley, was convened with a number of goals in mind. The most important of these were: to strengthen the fraternity through expansion, both by increasing the number of brothers in our current chapters and by establishing new chapters; to become leaders on campus by refocusing our attention on our literary and philanthropic ideals; to more efficiently run our chapters; and to improve the practice of our ceremonies and rituals.

To meet these goals, the undergraduate delegates from each chapter participated in an engaging combination of lecture-style instruction and group-based skill building "breakout sessions." In these breakouts, undergraduates from different schools worked together to create their chapter budgets, map out their recruitment strategies, and schedule their literary events for the upcoming semester. By the end of the weekend, many active brothers had action plans to take back to their chapters.

As an added bonus, the Convention Delegates were also treated to guest speaker and Emmy Award winner Jeff Crilley, a television news reporter from Dallas, Texas. Mr. Crilley, who recently published *Positive PR—The Inside Scoop*, gave an energetic and informative lecture on how to use the local press to give free publicity to the positive things Alpha Delta Phi does in the community.

But the 176th Convention wasn't all business. In commemoration of its centennial anniversary, California Alumni Association President Bro. Douglas McKenzie, CAL'83, and the California Chapter hosted an exciting weekend. Friday night, we were treated to a boat ride on the San Francisco Bay, featuring such landmarks as the Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz Island.

The following evening, the annual banquet was held at San Francisco's Marine Memorial Club. The guest speaker, Bro. Captain Jim "Guido" DiMatteo, CAL'85, officer and naval aviator, delivered an emotional speech about how being an Alpha Delt prepared him for the challenges he would face in his adult life. In his address, Bro. DiMatteo reflected on his experiences as a combat pilot, commander of the famous Top Gun flight school, and family man. Through his dedication to his brothers, family and country, Bro. DiMatteo embodies the truest spirit of Samuel Eells' decree that we must always endeavor to develop the entire man.

As a young Alpha Delt, I have only had the opportunity to attend a few conventions, but this year's event has made me particularly excited that, as a life-long brother and the Editor of *Xaipe*, I will have the chance to attend many more.

William Mack, CAL'06
Editor, *Xaipe*



New Chapter Service Consultant Zachary Pardey, MDSX'08, and outgoing Chapter Service Consultant Jared Kowis, P'08, at the 176th Convention.

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Bro. Douglas McKenzie, CAL'83, presents Bro. Dale Sartor, CAL'74, with the Board of Governors Award.



Master of Ceremonies, Bro. Paul "Chip" Erickson, CAL'83, addresses the brotherhood at the banquet on the final night of the convention.



Bro. Captain Jim "Guido" DiMatteo, CAL'85, right, and William Mack, CAL'06, left, at San Francisco's Marine Memorial Club.

California Chapter — 100 Years and Counting

The beginning of Alpha Delta Phi at the University of California, Berkeley, can be dated to the closing of the Class Day speech in 1900 when then university president, Bro. Benjamin Ide Wheeler, BRN 1875, was approached by two men representing a group of 10 individuals interested in establishing a chapter of the nation's preeminent fraternity in Berkeley. To these men Bro. Wheeler gave the following charge, which would become the California Chapter's most fundamental lesson to all new members for the next 108 years: "Get strong men. Men of character, leaders in the university, officers of the student body. And of the classes, literary men, debaters, athletes of the right kind. But above all, GET MEN!"

The founding brothers of the California Chapter took his advice to heart, recruiting recognized leaders among the student body including Bros. Clinton Miller, and A.J. Cloud, who had, the previous year, stolen the Stanford Axe that would become the trophy for the annual Cal-Stanford Big Game winner. Finally, in 1908, word came from the convention in Minnesota that the fraternity's expansion to the West had been approved, as had a

charter for the California Chapter. There were 53 members initiated and Bro. Wheeler presided at the banquet following the ceremony that was highlighted by the reading of a letter of congratulations from Bro. Theodore Roosevelt, HVD 1880. Over the next century, the chapter consistently produced pioneers in medicine, accomplished members of the U.S. military, champion athletes, distinguished scholars, and leaders of industry. And it has served generations of young men as a place of social, moral, and intellectual growth and as a means to forge the strongest of friendships—which for me became crystal clear this past summer at the convention in Berkeley.

The California Chapter began playing a vital role in my family at the start of fall semester in 1921 when Bro. John Hatfield, my great-grandfather, was initiated into the fraternity. In 1946, his son-in-law, Bro. Edgar Chappell, my grandfather, was initiated into the chapter. At the convention this past summer I saw for the first time, in a biography scrapbook of the chapter from the 1940s, the initiation program for the fall 1946 ceremony which included my grandfather's name and

the names of his pledge brothers whom I recognized as being some of our closest family friends for years. Two of these pledge brothers spoke at his memorial service after his passing in 2005. The life-long impact of the bonds forged during the undergraduate years in Alpha Delta Phi was suddenly confirmed for me, as was the realization that the fraternity had played a pivotal role in my life long before I was born.

Today, the California Chapter continues to flourish as it has over the past century, providing its members with the complete undergraduate experience. The chapter boasts solid membership and leadership, a scholarship endowment of over a million dollars for California undergraduate brothers, and plans in place for the renovations of the chapter house. I look forward to staying close to the chapter upon my graduation this semester to ensure that future generations are as privileged as I have been to experience the Alpha Delta Phi that I have come so greatly to honor and respect. Here is to the next 100 years of Alpha Delta Phi at the University of California, Berkeley.

Xaipe, and Go Bears!
Sean Chappell, CAL'08



The California Chapter house in Berkeley.



Bro. Douglas McKenzie, CAL'83, receives the Board of Governors Award from Bro. Jon Vick, HAM'64.

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for the 177th Annual Convention of The Alpha Delta Phi
August 6–9, 2009

Celebrating the Union Chapter's 150th Anniversary

The Union Chapter house

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California

The California Chapter of the Alpha Delta Phi continues its tradition of accomplishment into the 2008-2009 academic year. The chapter house is entirely filled with active brothers for the first semester in many years, building on the support of recruitment over the past two years. We've found ourselves able to consistently recruit 15 pledges per year, and our bid was accepted by four exceptional individuals this semester.

Having held its Centennial Celebration over the summer, coinciding with the International Convention in Berkeley, the chapter began the semester with expanded literary, philanthropic, and social programs. To date, our social calendar has focused upon exclusive, invitation-only events, and building strong relations with sororities in the Cal Greek system. Our literary chairmen have organized trivia, movie, and discussion nights with most weeks containing at least one literary event. We're proud to begin a fresh century of excellence with an exciting semester, and continued strong support from our alumni organization.

Cornell

Victory Club—voted the “Best party in the Ivy League” by both *Sports Illustrated* and *Playboy* magazine—has been an Alpha Delta Phi tradition at Cornell for nearly a century. Started in 1918 as an effort to raise money for the purchase of Victory bonds to help our nation win World War I, Victory Club has grown in notoriety and philanthropy since. The tradition of Victory Club reached a fever pitch in the 1970s with attendance at the event regularly surpassing 500 guests. The affair is open to the entire Ithaca community, and is much more than a “typical” fraternity charity event. Local luminaries, politicians, university faculty and administrators all join the brothers of Alpha Delta Phi for our annual charity gala. The formal dress coupled with our majestic mansion offers our guests and fellow brothers an unparalleled evening of festivity. On a campus filled with fraternity parties and pie-eating charity events, it is our honor and duty to continue the great tradition of Victory Club that our brothers had the foresight to begin over 90 years ago.



Bros. Matthew Colbert, COR'09, and Jacob Goldstein, COR'10, at the Victory Club.

Hamilton

The Alpha Delta Phi at Hamilton is poised for yet another successful year on campus. Our chapter hopes to build a pledge class of 20 by the end of the year. We believe that it is important to at least replace the outgoing senior class with new members and strive to surpass that number. We look forward to participating in our annual philanthropy events, such as the Utica Heart Walk. We also are extremely excited to take part in the newly formed Alexander Hamilton Institute located in downtown Clinton. Our hope is to have a variety of brothers, as well as pledges, present speeches related to their academic pursuits. We are all excited to continue the strong tradition of ADPhi at Hamilton.

Johns Hopkins

The Johns Hopkins Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi has had another successful year. The undergraduate chapter was proud to initiate 27 new undergraduate members, bringing the total number of undergraduates to 91. We have already had a busy year making improvements to the new chapter room, volunteering during move-in week, and tutoring local students through the Pen Lucy Youth Learning Program. Furthermore, we recently made a substantial donation to the YMCA after a local playground burned to the ground. The Johns Hopkins Chapter remains a beacon of fraternal life on the Homewood Campus. With over 60 members active in varsity sports, the Alpha Deltas are among the most recognizable figures on campus and within the community.

Kenyon

The Kenyon Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi is off to a great start this year. We began by recruiting five new pledges this season. In addition to these gentlemen, we've set our spring recruitment goal at 12, and are hoping to beat that number by year's end. During our pledge process we included positive and public activities that allowed other prospective pledges to see the benefits of joining ADPhi. Also, aside from our Freshmen Literary Competition and Great Teaching Award, in the first and second semesters respectively, we are also proud to host the weekly Afterhours Cafe, from which all proceeds are donated to the Mt. Vernon Battered Women's Shelter.

Lambda Phi (MIT)

Here at the Lambda Phi Chapter at MIT we far exceeded our original recruitment goal of 12 pledges. We now have 19 pledges, one of the largest pledge classes in our history and have nearly doubled our house size, due to a stellar effort from all of the brothers and great help from some very dedicated alumni. Coming up, we've scheduled a faculty dinner to which we invite selected university faculty and give literary presentations. Early next term, we will be hosting Mic-Check, a literary competition open to the entire campus. We are also proud to be one of the most diverse fraternities on campus, with a wide range of majors, extracurriculars, and ethnicities.

Massachusetts

The Massachusetts Chapter is experiencing a rebirth from the hardships we have faced in the last few years. With help from a new house on campus and an extremely motivated core group of brothers, the chapter has exceeded its fall recruitment goal with 12 solid new members for this semester. Mass Chapter will celebrate its 30th anniversary at the University of Massachusetts, anticipating an amazing alumni Homecoming Weekend on October 17th and 18th. We are also excited to announce ADPhi puts “ALS on Ice” at the UMass vs. Northeastern hockey game, the “ADP Goes Green” campaign, and three semesters of the highest GPA on campus. It's good to be back!

Middlesex

After winning the E.O. Blackman Award for Best Chapter at the 176th Convention, the Middlesex Chapter is off to a great start this semester. The goal of the chapter is to initiate 15 outstanding new members this year. Another goal is to ensure that these new members are active in the campus community and willing to keep Alpha Delta Phi at Brandeis the force that it is now. The chapter is right on track with nine new members this semester who are prominent leaders on campus. The Middlesex Chapter will be helping at the Greater Boston Food Bank on October 4th and its bi-annual literary event, the “George Washington Night,” is scheduled for October 18th. The literary aspect of the Middlesex Chapter, along with the chapter's campus leaders, has been essential to its success.

Minnesota

The Minnesota Chapter house, like our football team, has seen a lot of personnel changes. Although it is difficult to see a large group of seasoned brothers leave, it is exciting to see the energy and potential of the up-and-coming classes. Our recruitment this semester has been outstanding. Within the first week of approving bids, we had eight men signed and excited to join, with several more bids still to be offered. Our new literary scholarships for incoming freshmen and our weekly tutoring nights have turned out to be huge successes. These will ensure both the quality of our incoming brothers as well as the general academic health of our chapter. October was a busy month with our “Car Smash for Charity,” the hosting of the Wisconsin Chapter, and our big Homecoming at the end of the month. Go Gophers!

Nittany (Penn State)

The Nittany Chapter set a recruitment goal for 15 new members for the 2008-2009 year. So far, we have eight confirmed pledges for the fall and six who have deferred until spring. The general consensus among rushees was that they loved the small fraternity atmosphere and that we operate separately from the school. They also were glad to join a fraternity that had a high house GPA and had such a diverse group of brothers. We have a variety of literary events scheduled for the year, including the popular

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Casino Night to benefit THON, and a semiformal Literary Night, which includes poems, quotes, and original music performances. So far this semester has gone very well and we're optimistic about the rest of the year as well.

Nu Epsilon Zeta (Northeastern University)

For the upcoming 2008-2009 academic year, the Nu Epsilon Zeta Chapter set an aggressive recruitment goal of 18 initiates—12 in the fall, and six in the spring. We have shown a strong presence at the first official Inter-Fraternal Council Rush Week, including a Fraternal Information Night and a Campus-wide Cleanup. In the near future, we will have our annual Project PACT Benefit Concert, to help prevent child abuse, along with the annual Breast Cancer Walk. The Nu Epsilon Zeta Chapter distinguishes itself from other fraternities on Northeastern's campus due to its newly founded Literary Competitions, the highest GPA of all NU male organizations, and the level of respect and closeness between all of our brothers, which is unparalleled throughout Northeastern's Greek Life.

Peninsular (Michigan)

We aim to recruit between 15 and 20 new brothers this year. We compiled a list of 60 names before rush and were able to get to know the potential pledges before official rush began. Our rush events included a concert, a poker tournament, a barbecue, whirlyball, and an open house. We also will be hosting a series of yet-to-be-determined literary and brotherhood events this semester. What sets us apart from other houses on campus is that we host literary events, as well as interesting philanthropy and social events throughout the semester.

Rochester

So far, the Rochester Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi has had a fun and exciting year. With less

than 30 brothers, we hope to expand this year with a goal of recruiting 15 new brothers. Our first literary reading event was a huge success. About 50 people attended and many newcomers brought readings of their own. We have several upcoming events, including Alpha Traz, our largest philanthropy event done in coordination with Alpha Phi, and Oktoberfest, our most popular party of the semester. We hold a unique place in the Greek community. Our solid vibe sets us apart from every other fraternity at Rochester.

Rutgers Affiliate

The Rutgers Affiliate started the semester with 19 current members; six more have showed an interest in rushing. Since then, our numbers dwindled, with four of our current members rushing another fraternity on campus. Our goals for this semester are to regroup as a cohesive unit and move forward in initiating new members. A top priority is to find an off-campus house for us to move into starting in the fall of next year. Our programming for this semester is still tentative, but will include the Spelling Bee as well as numerous other social events.

Toronto

In the past few years, our recruitment has been poor. This year we poured extra resources into the effort and, with the help of our alumni, hope to recruit 12 pledges. To meet this target we are lengthening rush and will hold initiation in January. As of September 25, we have five pledges pinned. This is above our historical trend. We held our first literary event of the year on September 29. We had alumni by the house following our regular chapter meeting, and several presentations were given, both by alumni and actives. We also attended a football game with alumni in October. For rush, our unique focus on our literary heritage is one of our prime selling points. We believe that this focus makes us ideally suited to the university setting, as it promotes academic excellence and helps our members in their studies.

Union

This year, the Union Chapter is very busy! We hold a semiformal dinner every Thursday, and the brothers are planning events for this fall, including the dedication of the new library fireplace in honor of Bro. Kenneth Conklin and a celebratory dinner/concert. The brothers will host an event promoting diversity within the Greek community, with speakers from Union as well as other colleges and universities in the area. We plan to continue our successful literary program, hosting speakers from various academic backgrounds to speak at the house, and hosting a literary competition in the spring.

UCONN Affiliate

Our recruitment goal this year was to double our previous rush number and obtain at least 10 new members, a goal we proudly reached. Successful rush events included formal dinners, sporting events with the brothers, and more. This year, we are also launching several new philanthropy events, such as a blood drive with the American Red Cross. This semester will also see the beginning of several of our literary programs and we are looking forward to hosting them. We plan to develop many literary events to benefit not only the Alpha Deltas but also for the betterment of all students on campus.

Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Chapter wrapped up rush with eight pledges. Our biannual Steak and Lowenbrau event, held on September 27, was a great success. We expect to have a huge turnout for our Homecoming game on October 25. What separates our chapter from other fraternities on campus is well-thought-out brotherhood events; the brothers are especially looking forward to Election Night in November, Alpha Delt style. We are also working to strengthen our literary programming and will be holding our first annual Alpha Delt Spelling Bee sometime in December.

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hosting more and more events. In recent years a double-dipping effect is being seen as more chapters and affiliates combine literary functions with philanthropic events. This revolutionary thought is opening the door for chapters to become active members in national literary organizations and local library programs.



Steve Ehrfurth,
MINN'06

Since most people do not associate literary functions with fraternities in general, hosting philanthropic-literary functions allows residents of local communities to see how truly unique are the members of the Alpha Delta

Phi. The original aims that Samuel Eells wrote 177 years ago continue to resonate with today's generation of Alpha Deltas. The literary traditions, although evolved, remain a driving force in the daily operations of each chapter and affiliate of the Alpha Delta Phi.

Steve Ehrfurth, MINN'06
ADPhi Literary Chairman



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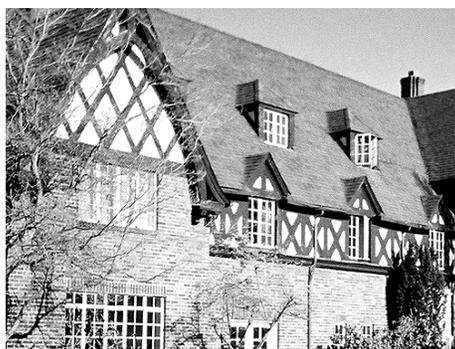
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Washington Chapter Recolonized

As reported in the previous issue of *Xaipe*, the famous Washington Chapter has recolonized. So far, our new Washington brothers, with help from their committed alumni, are off to a terrific start.

While the Washington Chapter has a long and distinguished history, dating back to its initial chartering in 1921, there have been many challenges to overcome as they rebuilt their program practically from scratch over the past year. The most crucial of these was recruitment and, so far, they have been very successful. Understanding the absolute necessity of a strong first rush, and realizing the natural handicap that comes with advertising a new campus organization, WASH organized and executed a recruitment program that went far beyond the “basics” of posting flyers around campus and relying on word of mouth. In order to attract as many high-caliber potential brothers as possible, the Washington men put together a five-pronged plan, which included working with their alumni, promoting ADPhi scholarship opportunities at local high schools, and even advertising on Facebook. The end result was an impressive 15 quality pledges this fall and a solid recruitment pipeline that they anticipate will yield another rich crop in the spring. It seems that the Washington Chapter is well on its way towards once again becoming one of the largest and strongest chapters in The Alpha Delta Phi.

But the men of Washington realize that rebuilding their chapter on a foundation of recruitment alone is not enough. They know the heart of our society has always been its literary heritage—it is, after all, the reason many of them chose to become Alpha Deltas in the first place. To that end, they have already enacted a seven-point plan to ensure that the brotherhood never loses sight of this. From closing their meetings with a reading from masters such as poet Robert Frost or transcendental essayist Henry David Thoreau, to quotes of the day presented by the literary chairman at dinner each evening, the Washington Chapter has gone to great lengths to ensure that literature and philosophy become a part of their daily lives.



The Washington Chapter house

A Tribute to George Jeffs, WASH'45

A renowned engineer for the Apollo missions to the moon, George Jeffs, WASH'45, was part of the team that raced the clock to save the crippled *Apollo 13* spacecraft, which had suffered a catastrophic explosion.

The mission operations team won a Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1970. George W. Jeffs (at center in photo at right) confers with Apollo astronauts (clockwise from lower left) Charles Conrad, John Glenn, Jim Lovell, Tom Stafford, Gordon Cooper, Neil Armstrong and Deke Slayton.

The above is from the June 2008 “Columns” on-line magazine, a UW alumni publication.

See <http://www.washington.edu/alumni/columns/june08/content/view/79/1/1/10/>



Photo courtesy of George W. Jeffs

Remembering Kent Parker, BC'85

Kent Parker, BC'85, a Field Representative for ADPhi International in 1985, lost a long battle with liver cancer and passed away at his Vancouver home on February 5. He was 45.

Kent's commitment as an Alpha Delt undergrad turned into his first job after graduation when he became Field Representative. In that capacity he spent two years traveling to ADPhi chapters across the U.S. and Canada, consulting with the officers and alumni to help develop chapter programs, and providing key guidance to several new affiliate chapters. As in so many subsequent situations, his wisdom, energy, warmth, and infectious humor thoroughly won over the many brothers he reached out to help.

Kent's success led to his election to the International Board of Governors, on which he served for several years in the 1990s. He later served on the alumni corporation of the

British Columbia Chapter, hosting a number of rush functions in his home. He is remembered fondly, not just by his BC brethren, but by fraternity brothers across North America.



Kent Parker, BC'85, center, poses with brothers at an Alpha Delta Phi International Convention in the early '90s.

As the undergraduates of the new Washington Chapter will attest, all of this would not be possible without the assistance their fellow brothers. The WASH Chapter's return is the culmination of seven years of work involving UW alumni spanning 1936 through 1997, Alpha Delta Phi International, and alumni and undergraduates of nine chapters including, particularly, the British Columbia and California Chapters. Since October 2007, the WASH Chapter's alumni association, Pacific Northwest Alumni of Alpha Delta Phi (“PNWAADP”) has focused its effort on recruiting, raising funds, and making substantial improvements to the chapter house. As of the date of this publica-

tion, the PNWAADP has already raised over \$500,000 to support the chapter, and hopes to ultimately double this amount in order to expand its scholarship program. This academic year, WASH's foundation, the Alpha Delta Phi Foundation, will be presenting the undergraduate brothers with over \$100,000 in scholarships, making it the largest scholarship foundation at University of Washington.

The WASH Chapter is pleased with its progress, and it looks forward to reestablishing a chapter at UW that will make all Alpha Deltas proud. For more information about the status of the Washington Chapter's effort, please visit www.AlphaDelt.org

Bro. Mo Sakrani – A Man of Diverse Cultural Experience

When I was an infant, my parents fled the country of Pakistan as political refugees. They came to the United States, hoping to attain the freedoms and basic human rights that all Americans cherish. Growing up in New York City, I was fortunate to become acquainted with a diverse group of people and broaden my horizons as best I could. Living in an Islamic household, visiting my friends was a whole new experience for me. I learned to love analyzing different cultures and their traditions. This curiosity helped me choose my academic pursuits at Brandeis University.

Currently, I am in my seventh and final semester at Brandeis. I'm a triple major in American studies, economics, and history. I can proudly say that I have accomplished more in my time at Brandeis than I had ever imagined. Besides the wonderful

education and strong connections with professors, I have had the unique pleasure of being a founding member of Alpha Delta Phi Middlesex Chapter and having served as president for three semesters. During my time as president, the fraternity received its charter, obtained a fantastic house, and won the E.O. Blackman Best Chapter Award. As impressive as these are, my favorite memory is the "George Washington Night." After being elected to the presidency, my goal was to difference Alpha Delta Phi from all the other fraternities at Brandeis and to deflect the negative reputation that some hold.

The best way that I believed I could do this was to take the literary aspect of the fraternity and make it the identity of the Middlesex Chapter. During this time, I was doing an independent study with my advisor in the American History

Department, Pulitzer Prize-winning author David Hackett Fischer (*Washington's Crossing*). He encouraged me to study two prominent American leaders: George Washington and our own brother, Theodore Roosevelt. Studying the works of these great men made me aware of their extraordinary character. The "George Washington Night" is a soiree, during which brothers examine the writings and poetry of prominent historical figures. It has distinguished the Middlesex Chapter from the other fraternities at Brandeis. I will be graduating this December and hope to begin law school in August 2009.

Xaipe,

Mo Sakrani, MDSX'09
ADP Director of Chapter Development

Bro. Zachary Pardey – Purveyor Of A Grand Literary Feast

To the sound of a hundred pairs of snapping fingers, I realized I was living a dream. The applause was from the gentlest of crowds: men and women had assembled for "George Washington Night" at The Old Fox (MDSX Chapter House) not merely to quench their thirst for good wine, but to satisfy their panging hunger for a fresh and uncommon take on fraternity life. Courses were served every half-hour—honest, meaty chunks of Baudelaire, Shakespeare, Blake, and Shelley among others; even a few originals, all recited aloud. The recipe dated back to 1832, and set the tone for the most unique and lavish literary feast Brandeis had ever seen. Guests went home full and satisfied, and spoke in the morning of the fraternity that was *different*. They spoke of the



Mo Sakrani, MDSX'09, and Zachary Pardey, MDSX'08, ADPHI Chapter Service Consultants, receive the E.O. Blackman Best Chapter Award for the Middlesex Chapter from President Jon Vick, HAM'64.

fraternity that had substance—they spoke of our Alpha Delta Phi.

My dream in 2005 was for such a fraternity to exist, and I am proud to say that over the past three years my vision has come alive. Only by our many hands was this child raised, and we at Middlesex have loved it with our single heart. This year I have the privilege to serve at the International level as Director of Field Operations, and I assure you that I bring this same love of Alpha Delta Phi with me to each and every chapter I visit. As such, I hold each of our organizations to the absolute highest standard. I believe that the strength of our fraternity lies in the actualization of its earliest tradition. Literary programming is our lifeblood, and I will work with each chapter to reinvigorate

this heritage.

My own history begins south of the Middlesex Chapter, in the city of Attleboro, Massachusetts. At Attleboro High School I participated in varsity gymnastics, acting, and served as president of the student body. It was there that I discovered my knack for science. At Brandeis I continued my scientific inquiry, graduating this past May with a BS in physics (honors) and a minor in mathematics. In addition to helping build the Middlesex Chapter from scratch, I served on the executive board of WBRS, the Brandeis University radio station. I also set the groundwork for the George Washington Club, the university-sponsored sister organization of the Middlesex Chapter, dedicated to the study and appreciation of American Leadership.

After my term as Chapter Service Consultant, I will seek a career in alternative energy research. I plan to pursue graduate studies in an appropriate field, and would also like to attend business school. Alongside all of this, I look forward most to continuing my lifelong involvement with our esteemed Alpha Delta Phi.

Xaipe,

Zachary Pardey, MSDX'08
ADP Director of Field Operations

Middlesex Alpha Delts Help Create New Literacy Program in Boston

I would like to start off by thanking Alpha Delta Phi International for being one of the main sponsors for the first-ever Boston Youth Poetry Slam Team.

Slam is a competition where poets are judged based on a mixture of writing and performance that encourages artistic growth over competitiveness. At the National Youth Poetry Slam they are able to share their art with youth from places like Philadelphia and San Francisco, to Leeds (England) and Honolulu. (For more information about the National Youth Poetry Slam we competed in, please visit <http://www.youthspeaks.org/BNVFESTIVAL.html>.) The idea for a team based out of Boston came to mind the summer before I started college. Sitting around the hotel pool at the 2007 National Youth Poetry Slam, it came up in conversation with two

friends of mine, one from Providence and one from San Francisco, that in the upcoming fall we would all be going to college in Boston. Boston has had two adult teams for a while, but no youth team. Unsure of the steps it would take, we decided we were going to do something to change that.

During my freshman year at Brandeis I spent countless hours in Boston on weekends trying to network with nonprofit organizations and poets to recruit talent and set up slam competitions throughout the city on a budget of zero dollars. Once the top-five scoring poets from our grand slam won their way onto the team, the two other founders and I coached them on writing, performance, and on how to collaborate to write group pieces together. Two more poets from the Boston community joined the coaching staff and we worked together to create

an awesome team that made a great impact at the national competition.

The goals of our organization go very well with the ideals of Alpha Delta Phi. Through the use of slam poetry, we are promoting literacy by making poetry exciting and accessible to youth throughout the community. Following the beliefs Bro. Theodore Roosevelt, HVD 1880, spelled out in his essay *The College Graduate and Public Life*, I have used my skills as a college student to help others in the community. Besides getting youth involved with poetry, this gives them something safe, fun, and productive to do that is educational and empowering. Slam poetry challenges youth to speak for themselves about things they find important and to articulate their ideas as well as

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Do You Recognize These Alpha Delta Phi Chapter Houses?



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Answers: 1. Minnesota Chapter; 2. Cornell Chapter; 3. Hamilton Chapter; 4. Johns Hopkins Chapter; 5. Rochester Chapter; 6. Miami Chapter.

Seward Scholarship Winners 2008-2009

Brandon John Wiegert, MINN'09	\$1,000	Whitney C. Hoot, COL'10	\$600
Chiara Anne Di Lello, MID'10	\$1,000	Joseph T. Salameh, COR'10	\$600
Alan Wang, MDSX'11	\$600	Alexander R. Cram, MINN'09	\$600

Literary Competition Awards 2008-2009

Daniel Pearl, S'85, Award for Literary Excellence:
Sara Mann, BRN'11, *Imposters*

Fiction

Nicholas Budzinski, MINN'11, *The Dugout*
Joseph T. Salameh, COR'10, *The Fraternity of Oarsman*
Patrick Gorman, MINN'10, *Run to Win Boys, Run to Win*

Non-Fiction

Sara Mann, BRN'10, *Imposters*
Sara Mann, BRN'10, *Memories of Salonika*
Sonja Saraiya, BRN'08, *Anniversary*

Poetry

Chiara Anne Di Lello, MID'10, *Spiral Empire*
Melissa Kagen, BRN'09, *Hope Chest*
Chiara Di Lello, MID'10, *Augury*

Photography

Hanna Baumann, COL'08, *Stanza della Segnatura*
Nandita Kripanidhi, COL, *Horses*
Chiara Anne Di Lello, MID'10, *Normandy*

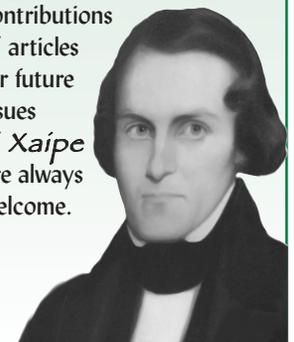
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they possibly can. Furthermore, there is a community bonding aspect in support of the team, and it was beautiful to see community programs and individuals that helped sponsor us and prepare us for the national competition. With this emphasis on literacy and community involvement, it was fitting and an honor that one of the sponsors that helped pay for attendance and travel to and back from Washington, D.C., for the national competition was Alpha Delta Phi International.

After a successful first year, we are aiming to do things even bigger this upcoming year. This will include free after-

school poetry workshops each week in five different Boston public high schools to teach poetry and performance, leading up to open preliminary slams throughout the city. Our goal is to put on a huge final show at the historic Strand Theater in Boston. (For more info about the team, please contact BostonYouthPoetry@gmail.com.)

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