



## Society Convention Moved to Fall

*Bowdoin College to Host 3rd Society Convention from October 16-19, 1997*

by Pamela Coukos, BRN '90

In a break with recent tradition, the Society will move its Conventions to the fall during the undergraduate school year. The Board of Governors determined at its January meeting that moving from a summer schedule for the event will help to enhance attendance and improve communication with the undergraduate Chapters.

This year's Convention will be hosted by the Bowdoin Chapter from October 16-19, 1997 (*see related story, page 2*).

According to the *Alpha Delta Phi Catalog*, the timing of Conventions has varied throughout history. Indeed, from the

1860s until the early 20th century, the fraternity held spring conventions, usually in May. For a time in the 1910s and 1920s, winter conventions reigned. "I think they used to sail someone's yacht down to the Caribbean," said Society President Robert McKelvey, MID '59. In the 1950s, June conventions dominated, and in the 1960s, early September was favored. However, for approximately the past 20 years, conventions have been held during the late summer, traditionally in August. For its first two Conventions — at the Middletown Chapter in 1993 and at Brown Chapter in 1995 — the Society has followed this model.

However, after evaluating the successes and overall performance of those two events, Board members and other attendees at the Washington Board meeting decided to make the switch. "We had several concerns that we hope to remedy by holding a fall Convention," said Society Secretary Craig Cheslog, BDN '93, one of the organizers of this year's Convention. "Many undergraduates, who were not delegates, were unable to attend the summer event, due to job conflicts, high travel expenses, and the difficulty in communicating information about the convention during the summer vacation."

Attendance at the two Society con—  
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## Board of Governors Meet in January

by Robert McKelvey, MID '59

The Society Board of Governors voted to move the traditional summer Convention to fall, awarded the first fall Convention to the Bowdoin Chapter, and inaugurated the Society's first regional alumni organization during an active three-day meeting in Washington, D.C., on January 24-26, 1997.

After switching from an annual to bi-annual convention schedule in 1993, the Board, acting on the report of the Convention Working Group, chaired by Governor Pamela Coukos, BRN '90, decided to schedule future conventions early in the academic year rather than during the summer. The Board then accepted the bid by the Bowdoin Chapter to host the Society's Third Convention on October 16-19, in Brunswick, Maine.

Plans to hold the undergraduate caucus (formerly known as the coed caucus) at

Bowdoin on April 11-13 were also approved. (*See related article on page seven of this issue.*)

On Saturday night, the Board attended a cocktail party and dinner with approximately 50 Washington-area Society alumni/ae. This marked the first official event of the D.C. regional alumni organization.

On Friday, prior to the first board meeting, selected board and executive council members attended two working group sessions. The Computer Working Group, chaired by Governor Charles Gross, BRN '72, addressed the refinement of our membership list (missing members) and the use of computer/internet capabilities. (*See related articles on page three of this issue.*) The Convention Working Group addressed Convention organization, resulting in some of the major changes noted above.

The Board elected Hugh Morganlander, COL '99, and Tali Shmulovich, MID '98, as student Governors and Elizabeth Seeley,

MDBY '96, and Nicholas Genes, BRN '98, as members of the Society's Executive Council.

Plans to create an alumni organization for the Middlebury Chapter were approved with Governor A. Paul Neshamkin, COL '64, and Elizabeth Seeley, MDBY '96, leading the effort. An organizational meeting  
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# Bowdoin to Host Third Society Convention

The Bowdoin Chapter will host the Alpha Delta Phi Society's Third Convention and Leadership Conference from October 16-19, 1997, on the campus of Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine.

Plan to spend a fun-filled and productive weekend meeting Alpha Deltas and working to make our Society stronger for the present and for the future. Remember, the Convention is an essential governing mechanism for the Society, as well as an opportunity for socializing and renewing our ties to the Alpha Delta Phi Society.

The Convention will begin on Thursday, October 16, with a meeting of the Board of Governors and a welcoming reception and dinner at the Bowdoin Chapter House.

The Convention will officially begin on Friday morning, including an afternoon trip to the house of Joshua Lawrence Chamber-

lain (*see article below*). A Downeast Clam and Lobster Bake will end Friday's official activities.

Convention business will conclude on Saturday afternoon, to be followed by a literary presentation and the traditional Convention banquet. On Sunday, the Board of Governors will meet following brunch at the Chapter House.

The members of the Bowdoin Chapter and the Board of Governors hope you will take the opportunity to attend the Third Convention and Leadership Conference. The Call to the Convention will be released in early September. For more information or registration materials, please contact Craig Cheslog, BDN '93, via phone (215-235-5293), internet ([craig@netreach.net](mailto:craig@netreach.net)), or mail (2723 Brown Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19130).

## Alpha Delt Joshua L. Chamberlain

*Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, BDN 1852, is perhaps the most famous Bowdoin Alpha Delt. Events honoring Chamberlain are planned for the Bowdoin Convention in October.*

*After being appointed as a professor at Bowdoin in 1862, Chamberlain declined a sabbatical in Europe and instead enlisted with the 20th Maine Infantry.*

*Chamberlain and his men had to defend the left flank of the Union line on Little Round Top during the Battle of Gettysburg. Those events were immortalized in the recent feature film "Gettysburg" and acclaimed books by Michael Shaara and his son Jeff. Facing a shortage of ammunition, Chamberlain ordered a bayonet charge that turned the tide of*

*battle, and later earned Chamberlain the Congressional Medal of Honor.*

*Chamberlain took part in 24 battles and was wounded six times during the Civil War. He was designated by General Grant to accept the final surrender of the Confederate Army at Appomattox.*

*He later served four consecutive terms as Maine's Governor and 12 years as President of Bowdoin. Chamberlain modernized the school during his term, deemphasizing religion and adding science courses.*

*Chamberlain died of later complications from his war wounds in 1914, at the age of 85. He is buried in the Pine Grove Cemetery, adjacent to the Bowdoin campus.*

## 1996 Literary Competition

The Alpha Delta Phi Society congratulates the award-winners from the 1996 Alpha Delta Phi Literary Competition.

**\$1,000 First Prize for Excellence** — James McKinnon, Memorial '97

**Non-Fiction, 1st Prize** — Robert William Nichols III, Hamilton '97

2nd Prize — Rachel Adame, Columbia '97

3rd Prize — Jeremy Mazner, Middletown '96

**Poetry, 1st Prize** — Brian Gerich, Cornell '96

2nd Prize — Domenica Cameron-Scorsese, Middletown '98

3rd Prize — Jay C. Barmann, Columbia '98

**Fiction, 1st Prize and 2nd Prize** — Jay C. Barmann, Columbia '98

3rd Prize — Collister Ward Johnson, Yale '99

**Photography, 1st Prize** — Christopher Haas, Illinois '96

2nd Prize — Derrick Alderman, Bowdoin '96

3rd Prize — Thomas M. Clark, Bowdoin '98

# Membership — Our Most Important Asset

by Charles Gross Jr, BRN '72

In strict accounting terms, the most valuable asset of the Alpha Delta Phi Society is its investment portfolio. But in the real world, our most valuable possession is you! Your name, along with all the others who at some point in their college careers entered into the mysteries of the Alpha Delta Phi, is the key to the Society's future. What the Board of Governors can accomplish is largely dependent on our combined willingness to preserve the Alpha Delta Phi experience for generations of students yet to come. In short, the mailing list, which is our primary means of communicating with all our members, is the Society's most valuable asset.

At the time the Society was founded, it was generally recognized that the mailing list we inherited from the Fraternity was far from adequate. During the 20-year evolution of the co-ed movement at our chapters, it was common practice to initiate women without reporting their names to the national office. At some chapters, the names of male initiates were often not reported as a sign of support for the co-ed cause. The unfortunate result is a mailing list that needs a lot of work.

For the last four years, efforts have been made to improve this situation. Most Society mailings have been produced using lists provided by our individual chapters...the rationale being that the records maintained by the local chapters are more comprehensive than the central office lists for the reasons stated above. In the meantime, the old lists have been sent out to the chapters so that they can add missing names and correct addresses. For three chapters (Bowdoin, Brown and Middletown), this exercise has produced meaningful rewards. We have been able to identify many missing members as well as find better addresses for most of those who had been coded as "lost" on our files.

The job is far from over. There are still too many names with bad addresses that we need to correct. Also, two chapters, Columbia and Stanford, have had difficulty in providing updated information.

As you may know, the Society headquarters provides mailing, telephone and various other forms of organizational support. Our goal is to get our chapters' mailing lists improved to the point when

they can be consolidated and imported onto the database system at the Society headquarters. In order to make this a reality, the Society is exploring options to get our lists into the best shape possible, including the hiring of a summer intern whose job it would be to contact members by phone to obtain the information we need.

At the January Board of Governors meeting in Washington, D.C., a special list task force was convened to evaluate the current situation and determine the future direction for this project. In addition to the logistics of combining the data from six

chapters into a common format, the group discussed the possibility of expanding the membership database to include e-mail addresses and a special field for "Last Name Used in College."

In future issues of this newsletter, we will inform you of our progress on this important project. In the meantime, if we call or write you for information on the whereabouts of your classmates, be sure to get out your address books and help us out!

*Charles Gross is a member of the Society's Board of Governors.*

## Alpha Deltas in Cyberspace

by Robert Austein, MID '84

Tired of hardcopy that only comes out once or twice a year? Living in a nanosecond world where next day service is pretty slow? Wish you could find the Alpha Delta Phi Society where you really live, on the net? Relax, we're there.

The homepage for the Alpha Delta Phi Society is located at

<http://www.adps.org/>

Our homepage has pointers to the chapter homepages, mailing list archives, and contact e-mail addresses, so if you forget all the other information listed here and just put this one URL into your bookmark list, you'll be able to find it all again.

Each chapter also has several mailing lists on the adps.org server, and some of the chapters also maintain additional mailing lists in other places. The adps.org mailing lists have names which take the following form:

chapter@adps.org (example: middletown@adps.org)  
chapter-alumni@adps.org (example: columbia-alumni@adps.org)  
chapter-undergrads@adps.org (example: stanford-undergrads@adps.org)

All of these lists on adps.org are automatically maintained by a Majordomo server, so you can add and remove yourself to/from one of the lists just by sending mail containing simple text to majordomo@adps.org, e.g.:

subscribe middlebury-alumni  
unsubscribe brunonian-undergrads

If you send just the word "help" to majordomo@adps.org, it will mail back an instruction sheet. Send mail to postmaster@adps.org if you encounter any problems with this system.

If you want to see how our friends at the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity are doing, you can find their current web page at:

<http://members.aol.com/theadphi/adphome1.htm>

Be warned that they are actively considering moving to another service provider, so check the Society homepage for updates.

Last, for those of you who are politely refraining from telling the Society's Webmaster that his pages look like something out of the Late Stone Age, don't sweat it, he knows. He's from the stone age too (remember punch cards?). Offers of improved pages for the Society will be cheerfully accepted, please contact Webmaster@adps.org if you'd like to work on our homepage.

# SOCIETY HONOR ROLL

*The Fourth Year*

*July 1, 1995 — June 30, 1996*

*(Years of Consecutive Contributions Indicated in Parenthesis Following Name)*

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# Society Financial Report

The Society completed its fourth consecutive year with a balanced budget or better, but a sharp decline in contributions necessitated major spending cuts to remain on budget.

Income for the year was \$37,561 and had been projected at \$63,600 for a shortfall of \$26,000. Member contributions were \$15,000 below budget and initiation fees \$8,800 below budget. Several chapters paid initiation fees shortly after the June 30 fiscal year cutoff.

In order to keep on budget, the Board cut expenses by \$29,000 across a wide variety of categories. As a result, the Society ended the year with a \$12,826 surplus. The Society budgets a minimum annual surplus of \$10,000 in an effort to build its endowment to \$100,000 by the year 2000.

Society Treasurer David Ehrlich, S '84, attributed the contribution decline to three factors. First, the "survival crisis" of the

early years has subsided. Second, contributions for the Founders Plaque ended in 1995, so plaque listing was no longer an incentive for gifts. Third, the Board tried an experimental fund-raising strategy of sending only one "hard-core" appeal. Instead, the Board provided more information, such as the first Society *Xaipe*, without any solicitation.

One reason for this experiment, according to Society President Robert McKelvey, MID '59, was that fund-raising pressure had been very intense during the early years when the Society's survival was in question. In addition, fundraising costs in 1995 were \$15,000 and contributions were \$30,000 for a cost of 50 cents for each dollar raised. In 1996, the Society hoped to raise almost \$30,000 again, but with less postage and other general fundraising costs. "We were successful in cutting costs to \$7,200," McKelvey said, "but we raised

only \$15,000. As a result, the cost per dollar was almost the same and the total dollars collected were much reduced. It's not an experiment we will try again any time soon."

"The Society is still looking for the right combination of information, solicitation, and economics," said Ehrlich. This year the Society mailed one letter at the onset of the academic year in September; a second letter in December at calendar year-end; the Society *Xaipe* will appear with a final fundraising letter. The fiscal year ends on June 30, 1997.

McKelvey indicated that other cost-saving devices such as using more third-class mail or mailing only to contributors in recent years, as opposed to the entire Society alumni/ae population, were also under consideration.

Category Description	FYE 6/30/96 Actual	FYE 6/30/96 Budget	Difference	FYE 6/30/97 Budget
<b>INFLOWS</b>				
Alumni annual fees	\$2,750	\$3,300	-\$550	\$3,300
Contributed expenses	3,868	6,000	-2,132	6,000
Fund appeal	15,210	30,000	-14,790	30,000
Initiation fees	11,000	19,800	-8,800	19,800
Interest income (bank)	500	200	300	200
Investment earnings	2,459	2,000	459	2,000
Sales	274	200	74	200
Undergraduate annual fees	1,500	2,100	-600	2,100
<b>Total Inflows</b>	<b>37,561</b>	<b>63,600</b>	<b>-26,039</b>	<b>63,600</b>
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>				
Badges, certificates, etc.	791	2,500	1,709	2,500
Bank charges	43	50	7	50
Biennial convention	5,000	5,000	0	5,000
Board of Governors <sup>1</sup>	472	3,000	2,529	3,000
Expansion	0	6,500	6,500	6,500
Internet project	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
Membership directory	0	1,500	1,500	1,500
Membership solicitation	7,219	15,000	7,782	15,000
OCS contract	3,886	4,000	114	4,000
Office telephone expenses	478	1,000	521	1,000
Other office expenses <sup>1</sup>	3,686	4,000	314	4,000
Postage (non-fundraising)	735	250	-485	250
Printing (office)	0	120	120	120
Regional conferences	1,065	2,500	1,434	2,500
Xaipe (Fraternity issued)	721	2,000	1,279	2,000
Xaipe (Society issued)	600	5,000	4,400	5,000
<b>Total Outflows</b>	<b>24,696</b>	<b>53,420</b>	<b>28,724</b>	<b>53,420</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>12,865</b>	<b>10,180</b>	<b>2,685</b>	<b>10,180</b>

<sup>1</sup> - Most of these costs are covered by contributed expenses.

## Fall Convention

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ventions has largely consisted of delegates, Governors, and some local alumni. "We haven't seen the large crowds of undergraduates we might expect," said Governor Pamela Coukos, BRN '90, who helped to organize the Brown event. "With the Convention moved to the school year, we see increased potential for a big road trip, adding some extra undergraduates who make up their minds at the last minute."

The undergraduate Governors, Tali Shmulovich, MID '98 and Hugh Morgenlander, BRN '99, strongly endorsed the proposal to move Convention to the academic year, citing both increased attendance and improved communication between the Chapters and the Society, as delegates will return immediately to their chapters, to report on Society news and Convention decisions.

Alumni attendance at the Convention is also expected to increase, another reason board members cited for the change. Vacations and related family conflicts are much more common in August than in the fall.

Finally, with the Fraternity expected to continue holding August Conventions, the change decreases the likelihood of conflicts and eases the pressure on the Headquarters staff, which has had to work on two Conventions in one month in the past.

# Middlebury Alumni Group Formed

by A. Paul Neshamkin, COL '63

Despite torrential downpours, a dozen members of the founding class of our new Middlebury Chapter met with Society Governor Paul Neshamkin, COL '63, on May 3, in Middlebury, Vt., to complete the formation of a Middlebury Chapter alumni organization.

Alpha Deltas traveled from New York, Washington, D.C., Boston, and New Brunswick to attend the organizational meeting and a dinner hosted by Neshamkin which followed.

All alumni of Society Chapters living in the Middlebury area were invited to this inaugural meeting to share the fellowship and traditions of the Alpha Delta Phi with the Middlebury alumni and undergraduates.

Neshamkin has recently visited the Chapter and reports that, although only in its third year of existence, it has earned a

position as one of the pre-eminent social groups at Middlebury and will soon be moving into a new house that the College is building for its use. The Chapter looks forward to having double the current housing space, a much larger room for social functions, and, of course, a library. It is possible that the house will be available for occupancy by the end of this year.

If you are in the Middlebury area, you are urged to help the Middlebury Alumni group, and to drop by the House anytime to introduce yourselves to the brothers and sisters of our newest chapter. For more details call Neshamkin at 201-714-4881, Elizabeth Seeley, MDBY '96, at 703-841-9211, or Michael Kreisel, MDBY '96, at 212-427-1637.

*Paul Neshamkin is a member of the Society's Board of Governors.*

## Chapter Reports

**Bowdoin** — The Bowdoin Chapter initiated 12 new members this spring, the best total in several years. Alumni and undergraduates worked together on the rush events, held during the fall and spring semesters. Bowdoin initiated a new literary competition, named in the memory of Geoffrey Stanwood '39. Bowdoin also continued its tradition of community service, raising money for a variety of local charities.

**Brunonian** — Brunonian's final rush total was 17, the best number in several years, and spring pledging is well underway. Alumni helped with rush to bring about this successful result. The 11th annual Bizarre Bazaar charity action was held to raise money for local charities. The Residential Council at Brown has voted to place another fraternity in the Goddard House (where the Brunonian Chapter resides). This new assignment is only supposed to last for one-to-two years.

**Columbia** — The Columbia Chapter had a 10-member pledge class, and membership will remain in the 35-40 range. The Chapter is on solid financial footing, and as a result the pool table and pool room have just been renovated, with more improvements planned if money permits.

**Middlebury** — The Society's newest chapter added 12 pledges during the spring pledge period. The Middlebury administration has approved the plans for a new Chapter House. Construction is to begin this summer, and the Chapter is expected to move into its new residence by January.

**Middletown** — The Middletown Chapter initiated 10 members into the mysteries of the Alpha Delta Phi this spring, and membership is expected to remain above 30 for next year. Middletown hosted the interfraternity council party this spring, and plans are underway for the annual alumni weekend.

**Stanford** — The Stanford Chapter published its literary magazine, *Sweet Green*, last fall with plans for another issue during the late spring semester. The undergraduates have been helping a local Habitat for Humanity group as part of its community service effort. The Stanford Chapter hosted a Bourbon Street party in March which was well-attended.

**Alpha Deltas On-Line**

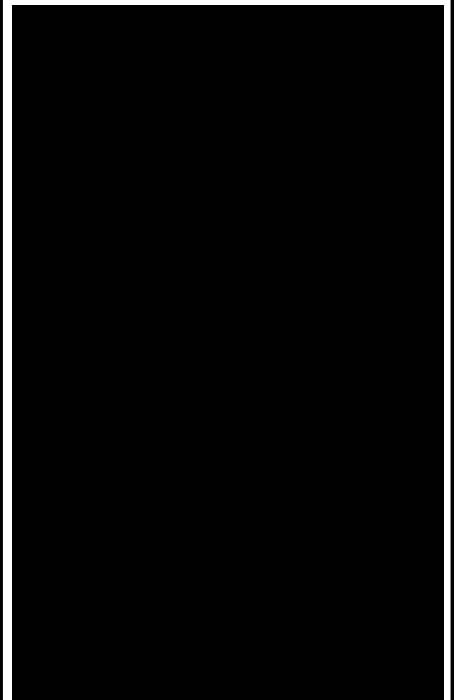
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## Executive Council

The Alpha Delta Phi Society wishes to thank Mowry Smith, BRN '41, for his service to the Society's Executive Council. Smith will be leaving the Council after service dating to the the earliest days of the Society's existence.

The Board of Governors welcomed two new members to the Executive Council at its January meeting. Elizabeth Seeley, MDBY '96, will assist with chapter relations, and Nicholas Genes, BRN '97, will serve as a liaison between the Board and the undergraduate chapters.

## "Brothers in Arms" Statue Offered



The Brothers in Arms statue will again be offered for \$375 by ProMag, providers of the bronze casting of an American and a Canadian soldier of World War I.

Since this is a custom product, manufacturing will not begin until the last order is taken. Delivery will occur 8-to-12 weeks after manufacturing begins.

To facilitate ordering, there is a "Brothers in Arms" website located at <http://www.jerseydirect.com/adp>.

Interested Alpha Deltas may also contact ProMag at 6701 Black Horse Pike, Suite A-4, Egg Harbor Township, N.J., 08234. People may also order by credit card by calling 609-646-1640 or faxing to 609-646-1656.

Statues will be shipped via UPS ground service for an additional shipping charge of \$29.95.

# Bowdoin to Phase Out Greek System by 2000

by Craig Cheslog, BDN '93

Bowdoin College announced on March 3, 1997, that it will be phasing out the fraternity system at the College by the year 2000. Bowdoin plans to replace the fraternities with a "college house" residential life structure.

These recommendations of the Residential Life Commission were unanimously accepted by the Bowdoin College Board of Trustees. As a result, no one will be allowed to pledge or join a fraternity at Bowdoin after June 30, 1997. The current members of fraternities are effectively grandfathered, and will be allowed to participate and hold membership in their organization.

The Residential Life Commission was established after a series of incidents involving fraternities and after the spring 1996 completion of a residential life self-study.

These incidents included several alcohol poisonings, a melee between members of two fraternities, and the death of a University of Maine student at an illegal party the night of March 14, 1996. The final incident resulted in the suspension of two fra-

ternities and statements of grave concern on the part of high-ranking administration officers, including President Edwards.

The Commission studied Bowdoin's entire residential life system during the fall semester. It began to formulate its proposals in January, and announced the fraternity phase-out after the Bowdoin Trustees unanimously accepted the recommendations.

## ***Bowdoin Will Host Convention***

*The undergraduates and alumni of the Bowdoin Chapter were aware of the possibility of a negative Residential Life Commission report while bidding to host the Third Convention.*

*The Convention will be held at Bowdoin from October 16-19, in any event (see page two of this issue).*

The Bowdoin administration is hoping the fraternities donate their Chapter Houses to the College for use in the college house system. At the time this article was written, it appeared that most of the fraternities were

not inclined to make such a donation.

The Bowdoin Chapter's House Corporation met on April 19, 1997, to explore options and to prepare for the organization's annual meeting on Saturday, May 31 — during Bowdoin's reunion weekend.

No decision has been made by the Bowdoin Chapter Corporation. The Chapter should be able to operate during the 1997-98 academic year, as the undergraduate membership has decided to reside in the House for as long as possible. It will be difficult, however, for the Chapter to stay open after the next academic year because of membership attrition caused by graduation and the inability to recruit new members.

When it became clear in June 1996 that Bowdoin President Edwards was going to seek the abolition of the Bowdoin Greek system, the Alpha Delta Phi Society began to work in cooperation with the Bowdoin Chapter by providing requested logistical and financial assistance to the local alumni group.

The first stage of this assistance began almost immediately with a series of conversations between Society President Robert McKelvey, MID '59, and alumni leaders of the Bowdoin Chapter. President McKelvey offered suggestions about a course of action and how best to frame the issues that would soon be facing the Chapter during these initial strategy sessions.

These suggestions were put into action almost immediately by the Bowdoin Chapter. Perhaps McKelvey's most important suggestion was "to avoid defending the indefensible."

The Society financed and provided headquarters support for a letter sent to all Bowdoin Chapter alumni. This letter provided a situation update and urged Alpha Deltas to participate in the Residential Life Commission's deliberations.

Society Board members lobbied the Commission in a variety of ways, in an attempt to save the Greek system at Bowdoin, with whatever reforms deemed necessary.

While these efforts proved unsuccessful, all members of the Alpha Delta Phi should be heartened that the national organization cooperated and provided requested assistance to a local Chapter facing difficulty.

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## **Board of Governors Report**

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with the Chapter and local alumni was held at Middlebury, Vt., on May 3. Long-range plans project a charter installation and housewarming for January 1998, after the Chapter's new house is completed.

A comprehensive review of the Society's finances and fund-raising strategy revealed that the Society's basic financial position is now solid with a small, but growing, endowment. The Board, however, decided that its fundraising tactics need to be reviewed. (See related articles and charts on pages four and five of this issue). The Board also formed an endowment committee to provide investment strategy for the Society's assets. Interested alumni/ae are invited to participate (*see the volunteer form on page eight of this issue.*)

Following a motion by the Brunonian Convention in 1995, the Board has been exploring ways it could help the Fraternity with the legal battle it fought with the former Northwestern Chapter over the use of the Alpha Delt

name. Protecting that name and the associated trademark rights was as important to the Society as the Fraternity. The Fraternity's legal costs were extensive, not including thousands of hours of donated legal and administrative time. The Society Board elected to contribute \$10,000 in support of that lawsuit as the Society's economic circumstances permitted. A first installment of \$2,000 was paid recently.

A Legal Working Group, chaired by Coukos, is preparing final drafts of a Constitution, By-Laws, and other materials for the Society in an effort to eliminate gender discrimination without modifying the tone or spirit of the 19th century language. Final adoption is expected at the Bowdoin Convention. To this point, the Society has used the Fraternity documents as its model. The Group is also preparing a contract with "Just Greek" to supply a full range of Alpha Delta Phi Society clothing and other items.

# Undergraduates Caucus at Bowdoin

The spring semester Undergraduate (formerly coed) Caucus was held at the Bowdoin Chapter on April 12, 1997. In addition to electing a new undergraduate Governor, delegates discussed organizing Society awards, the situation with the Bowdoin Chapter, and decided to reinstate the traveling trophy tradition.

Erica Sang, BDN '98, was elected to an one-year term as an undergraduate Governor. She replaces Hugh Morganlander, COL '99. Tali Shmulovich's, MID '98, current term will, in accordance with a Brunonian Convention resolution, expire in October at the Bowdoin Convention. The caucus delegates hope that this system will allow for better communication and representation for the undergraduates with the Board of Governors.

Governor Tim Smith, BRN '93, led a discussion about the possible institution of individual and chapter awards by the Society. After considerable discussion, the caucus proposed that the Society consider establishing at least three awards. The cau-

cus delegates proposed the establishment of a Society Order of the Sword and Spear award, a Chapter Service award, and an Outstanding Chapter Award.

Discussions with the Board of Governors have added two additional awards to this list: a Distinguished Senior Community Service award, and an Outstanding Literary Program award. It is hoped that the Bowdoin Convention will finalize and approve the list of awards so presentations may begin in 1998.

Society Secretary Craig Cheslog, BDN '93, updated the caucus about Bowdoin's decision to abolish the Greek system (*see related article on page seven of this issue*).

The undergraduates decided to try to reinstate the traveling trophy tradition beginning with the Bowdoin Convention. Each Chapter will buy or create a small item to serve as the official traveling trophy. These trophies will be on display, and only these official items may be taken from a Chapter during the course of this competi-

tion. The Chapter that arrives at the next Convention with the most trophies will receive a prize, and all traveling trophies will be returned so the competition may begin again.

Delegates also suggested that the Society provide a base for the traveling trophy items. The base will help with the identification of the traveling trophy, and will provide a space to record the trophy's travels over time.

It is expected that the traveling trophy idea will be discussed at the Bowdoin Convention.

The undergraduates finished the caucus with a round-table discussion of successful rush, literary, and social events.



## Alpha Delta Phi Society Volunteer Form

The Alpha Delta Phi Society welcomes your help to be a successful organization that provides a service to our members. Please fill out this form and return it to:

Alpha Delta Phi Society Headquarters  
6126 Lincoln Avenue  
Morton Grove, IL 60053

In response to requests as to how members can help the Society, the Board of Governors has proposed a list of current needs and projects. Please consider helping with: the Society's expansion effort; the new regional alumni organizations in Washington, D.C., San Francisco, and Boston; the Middlebury and Stanford alumni organizations; the working group on revising the Constitution and By-Laws; the Endowment Committee; the Friends of the Society group, seeking out Fraternity members who support the Society; the editing and writing of *Xaipe* and other public relations materials.

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I would be willing to help out in the following areas:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Expansion Efforts                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Stanford Chapter Alumni Organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Friends of the Alpha Delta Phi Society |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Alumni Groups (D.C./Boston)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Revision of Constitution and By-Laws | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations/Writing               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middlebury Chapter Alumni Organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Endowment Committee                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Initiation Observer                    |

Your additional areas of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

**I cannot volunteer time to help the Society at this juncture, but I would like to support the work of the Society with a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ which is enclosed.**