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Columbia Hosts 4th/167th Society Convention

by A. Paul Neshamkin, COL '63

The Columbia Chapter hosted the 4th/167th Alpha Delta Phi Society Convention from October 14-17. Delegates, alternates, undergraduate members, and graduate members enjoyed a weekend of work, fun, and camaraderie while making and renewing ties with Alpha Delts from each of our six chapters.

The Convention weekend opened with a meeting of the Society's Board of Governors at the Columbia Chapter House on Thursday, October 14. The Governors were joined at the meeting by representatives from the Executive Council and members of the Society who had arrived early.

After the Governors had finished their business, they joined the members of the Columbia Chapter for a reception before going to the V&T Pizzeria for dinner. Undergraduates from each chapter, who had their first caucus later that evening, joined the Governors at the dinner.

The Convention's first two business sessions were held on Friday morning on the Columbia campus. After lunch, caucuses were held for undergraduate and graduate members to discuss many of the issues that were discussed in the Convention sessions.

In addition to other business, the undergraduates elected Emily Ann Goldman-Huertas, COL '01, to a one-year term to the Board of Governors. She succeeds Chad Wolfsheimer, BRN '00. The graduate caucus agreed that the Society should work to establish regional organizations in areas like New York, Boston, and Washington, D.C. (see box on page 3 for more information).

Friday night's social activity was a dinner/cruise around Manhattan on the *Excalibur*, which sails from the World Financial Center Marina. The (continued on page 8)

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Sword and Spear Recognizes Outstanding Undergrad

by Timothy N. Smith, BRN '93

The closing banquet of the 4th/167th Convention of the Alpha Delta Phi Society saw another milestone as the Society made the first awards presentation in its history.

That first award, the Society Order of the Sword and Spear, is a continuation of a Fraternity tradition that dates back to the Fraternity's sesquicentennial in 1982. The award was authorized by the 3rd Society Convention hosted by the Bowdoin Chapter.

In order to make the Society Order of the Sword and Spear award possible, the Bowdoin Convention also authorized the creation of an awards committee. The committee includes one graduate member of each of the Society's six chapters.

The Sword and Spear recognizes the outstanding undergraduate member of the Society. Contributions to the nominee's chapter, campus, and community were weighed by the awards committee. Although the Sword and Spear is not an academic award, it is expected that the outstanding Society undergraduate will have had a solid academic career.

The decision was a difficult one, as the nominees had given unselfishly of their time and talents. Each nominee held a myriad of house and campus positions during their undergraduate years. The awards committee selected Thomas M. Clark, BDN '99, as the first recipient of the Society Sword and Spear award.

Clark distinguished himself among the candidates by holding nearly every house position (including two terms as chapter president) and being elected a student Governor for a one-year term. Clark also had a wide range of campus involvement and interests. These included four years on Bowdoin's varsity swim team, service as a student advisor for the Government department, cofounding the Bowdoin Model Senate, and membership in the philosophy club.

A dean's list student, Clark graduated from Bowdoin with a double major in government and philosophy. He recently moved to Alexandria, Va., and is working as an aide to U.S. Senator Olympia Snowe from Maine.



Governor Timothy N. Smith, BRN '93, presents the Order of the Sword and Spear award to Thomas M. Clark, BDN '99.

Three Join Society Board of Governors

Robert Austein, MID '84, Scott Pokrywa, MDBY '96, and Richard Schwartz, BRN '86, were unanimously elected to the Society's Board of Governors during the Columbia Convention's business meetings.

The Board of Governors includes nine graduate members elected to staggered three-year terms and two undergraduate members elected by the undergraduate caucus. The terms of three graduate Governors expire each year. Governors may be reelected. The Convention was faced with the task of filling one board vacancy while replacing retiring Governors Mary Melchior, MID '84, and David Ehrlich, S '84.

Pokrywa was elected to serve the rest of Ehrlich's term, which will expire in 2000. Schwartz was elected to serve the remainder of Melchior's term, which will expire in 2001. Austein was elected to a term that will expire in 2002. Governors Craig Cheslog, BDN '93, and Paul Neshamkin, COL '63, were reelected to serve for terms which will expire in 2001. Governors Charles Gross, BRN '72, and Robert McKelvey, MID '59, were reelected to serve for terms which will expire in 2002.

Retiring Governors Melchior and Ehrlich were among the leaders of the coedcuational chapters prior to the Fraternity/Society separation in 1992. Both have served on the Board of Governors since the Society's founding.

In addition to other responsibilities, Melchior helped draft the Society's recently ratified Constitution, chaired the Board's initiations committee,

and helped begin the organization of the regional graduate organizations. The initiations committee, under Melchior's leadership, has ensured the timely payment of initiation fees and worked with each chapter to ensure that the initiation ritual follows the spirit of the Alpha Delta Phi tradition.

Ehrlich has served as the Society's Treasurer since its founding. During that time he has worked with the Headquarters staff to establish the Society's financial procedures; chaired the Society's investments committee; helped establish, grow, and oversee the Society's nearly \$100,000 endowment; and helped oversee the Stanford graduate organization.

"Mary and David have played vital roles in the Society's founding and have continued to serve with distinction on our Board since then," said Society President Robert McKelvey, MID '59. "I am grateful for their service and counsel in the past and look forward to continuing to see them and work with them in the future."

Both Melchior and Ehrlich were elected to the Society's Executive Council where they may continue to offer their advice and help to the Board and the Society in the future.

The Board of Governors elected the Society's officers at its meeting on Sunday, October 17. McKelvey was reelected President, Cheslog was elected Treasurer, and Executive Council member Kari Dahlen, BRN '96, was elected Secretary.

From the Undergraduate Presidents

The **Bowdoin Chapter** is doing as well as can be expected, as this is the last year that fraternities are allowed at Bowdoin. Our membership has slowly dwindled down as people have graduated, leaving us with only six active members—the graduating seniors.

We are remaining active, however, and have recently hosted several highly successful events. Homecoming weekend during late October was the peak event of our fall semester, with approximately 50 graduates in attendance. We were also honored to be visited by brothers and sisters from the Brown and Columbia chapters.

We plan on continuing our Professor Nights, with popular professors being invited to give talks after dinner. We will be hosting a major event during our Reunion weekend on Saturday, June 3, 2000. This event will allow us to end our current presence on the Bowdoin campus in a positive and celebratory fashion. We hope that Alpha Delts from other chapters will take the opportunity to come to Brunswick, Maine, and visit us.

Visits from other chapters, and the support of our graduate members have been invaluable during this past year. Both have reminded us that Alpha Delta Phi extends beyond any one chapter, and that we are a part of a Society which will not fade out in May 2000. We are immensely grateful to our graduate members for their spirit, determination, and faith in us. We are also thankful for our fellow brethren in all chapters, for their active support and friendship.—*Patti Lu, BDN '00.*

The **Columbia Chapter** successfully hosted the 4th/167th Society Convention this past October. Reuniting members of the six chapters, Convention participants enjoyed the sights of New York, a dinner-dance cruise around the island of Manhattan, and a formal banquet at the prestigious New York Athletic Club.

This past spring, 14 new members were admitted to the chapter, and this fall promises another welcome boost in active membership, as 12 new pledges learn about the traditions of the Society.

This November, the Columbia Chapter will again entertain their community with the semi-annual "Hot Jazz and Cold Champagne," the largest student-organized event on campus.

Remembering their literary heritage, the Columbia Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi hosts "Lit Nights" every other Thursday evening, presenting original writings alongside favorite readings of prominent contributors to the art of the written word.—*Matt Nociti, COL '01* The **Brunonian Chapter** is in high spirits. There are 44 members in the chapter with 12 pledges. Rush events have included open microphone literary events with wine and cheese, semi-formal cocktail parties, artistic study breaks, movie nights, and barbecues.

The chapter has a positive relationship with Brown University. We are in good standing with the deans, and we have the highest on-campus university housing rating. We are increasing our role in Greek Council and improving our position on campus. The deans consider us a good, helpful chapter, and in the words of one dean, Alpha Delta Phi has "the nicest lounge on campus."

There have been successful community-building efforts within the house. As a new pledge event, the Brunonian Chapter went on a weekend retreat at which we shared in trust activities. Alpha Delt Brothers and Sisters gave presentations and led small, private discussion groups which provided a strong basis for the bonds of Brotherhood.

The house has set a few priorities for this year. As always, we hope to maintain high membership numbers, so we are working towards a successful rush this spring. The chapter committed to increasing community service this year as well. We committed to regular contributions of time to local organizations. The community service chairs are leading small groups to a soup kitchen in Providence weekly.—*Chad Wolfsheimer, BRN '00.* (continued on page 5)

The Society Needs Your Address Help

Keeping the address lists for each chapter up-to-date is one of the Society's most important tasks. We need the information for mailings and our chapter directory project. Unfortunately, despite these efforts we have lost track of some members from each chapter.

In order to help remedy this situation, the Society's web site (www.adps.org) will now allow you to update your address information on-line. There is also a list by chapter of all of the members for which the Society does not have an accurate address. Please take the time to go check those lists for people you may know. We want to "find" all of our missing members!

Chapter Directories: A New Objective

The 4th/167th Convention of the Alpha Delta Phi Society endorsed a Board of Governors recommendation that the compilation and publication of individual directories for each chapter be a primary goal over the next decade.

"Contact among members is one of the most rewarding aspects of our Society," said Society President Robert McKelvey, MID '59, "and the Society Board will take responsibility for facilitating this communication."

The Board program identified the Society headquarters as the focal point for the organization of the chapter directories. The headquarters effort is to be supplemented by part-time administrative assistants and summer interns. Stanford's directory will be the first to be completed.

McKelvey said the work on the Stanford Chapter directory was started by Jessica Perkins, MDBY '98, when she was a summer intern. The work was continued by Michael Cadette, BDN '00, an intern during the summer of 1999. Cadette completed a first draft of the directory, which will be circulated for additions and corrections.

Cadette said that doing the first directory for each chapter would be the most difficult and time consuming. The Fraternity, he noted, did not keep records of any women members from 1971 to 1983 and kept only partial records from 1983 through the Fraternity/Society separation in 1992. Consequently, there is a significant amount of reconciliation between chapter lists and headquarters lists that needs to be accomplished. In addition, the fact that one out of every five Americans moves each year means that an address list quickly becomes out-of-date.

The Society plans to do one chapter directory approximately every two years during the production of the first round of directories. Thereafter, they may be done on a more active basis since only updating will be involved. The cost of compiling and publishing the directories will be borne by the Society and copies of the directories will be distributed free

Category Description		E 6/30/99 Actual		YE 6/30/99 Budget	Di	fference
INFLOWS						
Graduate annual fees	\$ 2	750.00	\$	2 750 00	\$	0.00
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Contributed expenses Fund appeal		4,958.38		17,000.00		-2,041.62
Initiation fees		1,270.00		17,800.00		3,400.00
Interest income (bank)	2	303.11		0.00		303.11
Sales		376.00		400.00		-24.00
Undergraduate annual fees		1,800.00		1,800.00		1,800.00
Total Inflows		5.389.05		47,750.00		7,639.05
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OUTFLOWS						
Badges, certificates, etc.		2,867.96		2,000.00		-867.96
Bank charges		290.14		300.00		9.86
Biennial convention	1(0.000.00		10,000.00		0.00
Board of Governors		5,166.61		5,000.00	_	10,166.61
Expansion		0.00		1,500.00		1,500.00
Intern-Headquarters		600.00		0.00		-600.00
Membership directory		0.00		2,500.00		2,500.00
Membership solicitation		4,270.04		9,000.00		4,729.96
OCS contract		4,201.44		4,200.00		-1.44
Other office expenses	2	1,277.22		4,000.00		-277.22
Postage (non-fundraising)		1,135.42		250.00		-885.42
Printing (office)		290.76		120.00		-170.76
Regional conferences	14	4,825.00		1,500.00	-	13,325.00
Special Assistance		0.00		2,000.00		2,000.00
Other Telephone Expenses		1,060.27		1,000.00		-60.27
Xaipe (Fraternity issue)		1,237.96		2,000.00		762.04
Xaipe (Society issue)	:	2,713.47		5,000.00		2,286.53
Total Outflows	62	2,936.29		50,370.00	-	12,566.29
OPERATING TOTAL	-2	7,547.24		-2,620.00		-4,927.24
Endowment Reliance		1,840.00		1,840.00		0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	-{	5,707.24		-780.00		-4,927.24

to the chapter's undergraduate and graduate members. It is hoped that this will encourage alumni/ae to support their chapter financially as well as in other ways.

McKelvey noted that another benefit of having a strong address list at headquarters would be as a back up or support to alumni records. From time-to-time, he noted, alumni organizations can run into a bad patch and do not keep their list current. Now they will have a solid back-up list in place at headquarters in case it is necessary to rebuild the local list.

Regional Graduate Organizations Being Formed

Society members in the New York City, Boston, and Washington, D.C., metropolitan areas are working to organize Regional Graduate Organizations in their area.

Additional information about these groups is available on the Society's web site (www.adps.org). You can also use the web site to join e-mail discussion lists for these and other regions.

If you do not use the internet and would like to learn more about the regional group in your area, please call Kari Dahlen, BRN '96, or Craig Cheslog, BDN '93, at (212) 396-2675.

If you have e-mail, please contact:

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Society Budget Report

As the budget report to the left shows, the Society for the first time did not meet its overall budget targets, finishing the fiscal year ending (FYE) June 30, 1999, with an overall negative cash flow of \$5,707.24.

There were two major reasons for this result. First, the Society's annual fund drive last year generated about \$2,000 less than budgeted. The Board of Governors hopes this was a one-year aberration, but will be monitoring this situation closely to see if changes need to be made to our strategy.

Second, the Society's expenses in several categories were much higher than budgeted last year, primarily because of the decision to have the Board of Governors meetings at Stanford in April. For this reason, Board expenses were three times higher than budgeted last year. It should be noted from the report in the left column, however, that nearly all of these expenses were contributed back to the Society by members of the Board. The reader can see this by comparing the "contributed expenses" under inflows with the "Board of Govenors" line item under outflows.

In addition to raising the costs of the Board meeting, the Stanford weekend also resulted in the Society spending extra on its undergraduate regional conferences. The Board decided to make an effort to ensure each undergraduate chapter was well represented at the Stanford meetings. This proved to be a worthwhile use of the Society's resources as the undergraduates had a productive weekend along with the Board.

While the Board felt that there were reasons for these charges last year, the Governors agreed that a return to a balanced budget was a priority for the current fiscal year. While the Society has an endowment reliance policy, the Board hopes that better fundraising results will allow the budget to be balanced without using it.

While the Society's budget had a negative cash flow in FYE 6/30/99, the Society's endowment enjoyed a good year. The endowment grew by 20 percent in FY 99, to \$98,755.

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Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1999

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Reports from the Chapters

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The **Middletown Chapter** would like to report on the beginnings of what should be a very successful year. This year we start our year-long experiment in "Program Housing," a part of the Wesleyan University's residential life department to encourage special-interest living conditions. This experiment has been very successful, as we have a full house and Wesleyan continues to receive the fine programming events we have always produced. In fact, under our mission statement of "promoting literary achievements," Alpha Delt has produced more programs than any other house on campus.

This semester commenced with one of the most successful rushes in recent memory. Many people showed interest from our smaller porch parties and our Wine & Cheese events, to large events like the Mad Tea Party and our semi-annual Gin & Jazz. Our literary tradition continues with our poetry (and prose) reading events and the start of a society within a society, called the "Grotto Poet's Society," an informal get-together of members and non-members alike who read poetry at midnight in our (in?)famous Grotto.

The Star & Crescent Eating Club, our in-house restaurant, has received a jolt of new energy with the hiring of our new cook, Ray "The Doctor" Toro. Lunch and dinners are now being served close to full capacity as the reputation of the "The Doctor" spreads throughout campus.

Finally, the future of the Middletown Chapter looks bright as we have 23 active pledges, the exact same size as the current active membership! Our pledge education series is going wonderfully under our hard working Critic Nicky Pessaroff '01, as the membership bonds with the pledge class. We hope to see as many brothers and sisters at our initiation on December 4 at 9:00 p.m. as we welcome this pledge class into our family.—*David Olsen, MID '01*.

Greetings from the **Middlebury Chapter**! Having survived a great Halloween party, the Middlebury Chapter is now preparing for the second half of our pledge education process. Deciding to keep our house a manageable size, we currently have 29 pledges. Once they have been initiated by the end of the fall, our house will have over 90 members.

We had a very successful Alumni Weekend with record numbers of alumni coming back to join in the fun. Our chapter house has worked out very well for us thus far, and allowed us to be very welcoming to the college community and the town of Middlebury.

In addition to our recent Halloween party, we opened our house for the neighborhood children to come for trick-or-treating, face painting and cookie decorating.

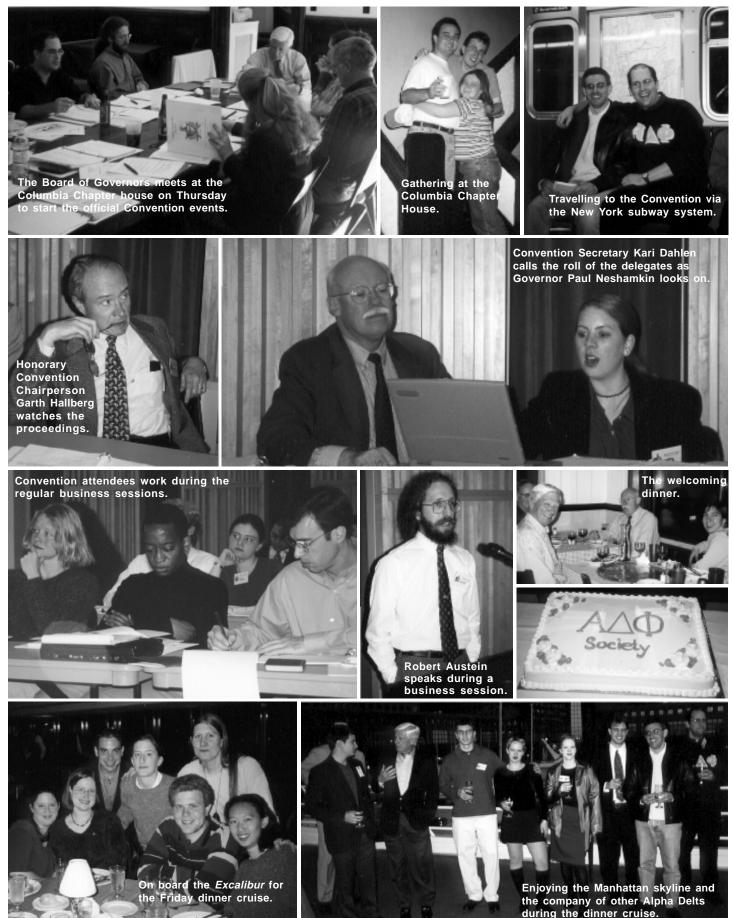
Efforts to have a library constructed in our house continue, and we are asking alumni to contribute in this project to have a place to keep our history. Our main upcoming event is the initiation of new members which will take place on Thursday, November 18.—*Johan Lane, '00*

The **Stanford Chapter** has had a successful year thus far. The chapter hosted the Board of Governors meeting and undergraduate caucus in April. In addition to the meetings, Stanford hosted a banquet attended by 81 Alpha Delts from all chapters in the northern California area.

The active membership of the chapter has increased to 16 after a successful rush. The chapter alternates hosting social and literary events on Wednesday nights which draw graduates back to the chapter to allow them to maintain a strong connection with the undergraduates. The Chapter hopes to continue to grow the undergraduate chapter and enhance the graduate organization.

Stanford hopes to invite graduates from all Society chapters living in the Bay area to help and be active in the graduate organization.

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A final group photo before

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cruise featured music, dancing, a buffet dinner, and a wonderful clear night to see the Manhattan skyline lit up under a crescent moon.

Saturday morning saw the Convention open and close its final regular busness session. A significant amount of work was completed, as lunch started a little later than expected. Among other items of business, the Convention delegates acknowledged the ratification of the Society's Constitution, held an election to fill the expired terms on the Board of Governors, approved a budget for the next two years, and directed the Board to develop policy statements and work toward preserving Alpha Delt artifacts at each of the chapters.

The traditional Convention banquet was held on Saturday night at the New York Athletic Club. Society members were joined by Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity Treasurer Mark Larson, WIS '75. The traditional toasts were made by banquet attendees, and President Robert McKelvey, MID '59, Governor Paul Neshamkin, COL '63, Convention Chairperson Garth Hallberg, COL '64, and Banquet Chairperson Peter Darrow, COL '72, reflected on their long associations with the Alpha Delta Phi.

One of the highlights of the weekend was the awarding of the first Society Sword and Spear Award. The award, given to the outstanding Society undergraduate, was presented to Thomas Clark, BDN '99 by Governor Timothy Smith, BRN '93 (see story on page 1).

After the banquet, many Alpha Delts returned to the Columbia chapter house for a party to cap off the evening. Over 100 Society members participated in the Convention, making it the Society's largest to date.

The Society on the Internet

by Robert Austein, MID '84

As many of you know, the Society has a web site and email server, named adps.org. The server has been around for years now, but until recently it was pretty static and pretty boring. That has changed.

Within the last few months, we have upgraded all the software on the server, and have managed to attract several new volunteers to help out with administration, maintenance, and site content. This article attempts to summarize the current state of the server, but will inevitably be out of date by the time it sees print. When in doubt, check the web site itself for the latest information.

The one thing you really need to know is the contact name for the main site: www.adps.org. Put that name into your Web browser's "book-mark" or "favorites" list. Once you've done that, you can stop reading this article, because everything's there, including links to the mailing list system and the chapter web sites. But here is a little more information for those of you interested in more of the details.

Most of the changes involved in the software upgrades should be invisible to you, but there are some new features that we hope will be useful.

We now have the ability to support encrypted web sessions with fairly high-grade cryptography (SSL with 128-bit keys, the same as banks use on their web sites). We now have the ability to support "virtual hosting" in both the web server and the mail system. We've created chapter virtual hosts (bowdoin.adps.org, columbia.adps.org). These virtual hosts are at the disposal of any chapter or graduate organization that wants to use theirs. We can also redirect traffic for any virtual host to another server if a chapter prefers to maintain their own services.

We've switched from the crusty old "majordomo" list management system to a relatively new web-based mailing list management system called "mailman." While we had some initial shakedown troubles with mailman, it has already proven much easier for members to use. Among its other features, mailman has some built-in protection against unsolicited commercial email ("spam").

Many people have helped out in little ways, but particular thanks go to brothers Adam Hirsch, MID '95, Jesse Vincent, MID '98, and Jeff Yaus, MID '94, without whom this renovation almost certainly would not have happened.

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