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Middlebury To Host 5th/169th Society Convention, October 18-21

The Middlebury Chapter will host the Alpha Delta Phi Society's 5th/169th Convention on the campus of Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vt. The Convention will be held the weekend of October 18-21, 2001.

The Society holds a Convention every two years. Conventions are the Society's central governing mechanism and they are a wonderful opportunity for socializing with Alpha Delts from around the nation. Each undergraduate chapter and graduate organization will send a delegate and alternate as official representatives, but all members of the Society are encouraged to make the trip and join in the festivities.

Events will be held on the Middlebury College campus. The Board of Governors will meet on the afternoon of Thursday, October 18. The Governors will join the Middlebury Chapter, delegates, alternates, and everyone else who has arrived in a welcoming event Thursday evening. Convention business sessions will be held on Friday morning, Friday afternoon, Saturday morning, and Saturday afternoon (if necessary).

A Leadership Training event will be held Saturday afternoon, and everyone is welcome to participate in a literary event to be held during the weekend.

One of the Convention weekend's highlights will be the Convention Banquet on Saturday night. The recipient of the second Society Order of the Sword and Spear, the highest honor the Society can bestow upon one of its undergraduate members, will be announced during the banquet. Registration forms and detailed Convention information will be mailed to the officers of each undergraduate chapter and graduate chapter organization later this summer. Convention materials can be obtained by e-mailing the Society's headquarters at hq@adps.org or can be requested by sending in the form on page 10. The Convention information also will be posted on the Society's web site (www.adps.org)

The officers of the Middlebury Chapter and the Society's Board of Governors hope to see you in October at the Middlebury Convention.



A view of the Middlebury Chapter House.

Society Members Win Literary Competition and Seward Awards

Society members swept first and second place prizes in both the fiction and non-fiction categories in the 1999-2000 Literary Competition, and Nhu-Tien Lu, BDN '00, won the \$1,000 Grand Prize for the best overall entry. Scott Lieberman, LP '02, won the poetry division.

The annual competition is sponsored by the Alpha Delta Phi Foundation and is administered by Professor Robert E. O'Connor, JH '67. Approximately 225 entries were received from 25 Fraternity and six Society chapters. The Society chapters submitted a total of 74 entries.

The Seward Scholarship Committee of the Alpha Delta Phi Foundation, chaired by Larry R. Seidel, CHI '71, announced that three of the 10 winners of Seward Scholarships for the 2000-2001 year were members of the Society. Two winners came from the Brunonian Chapter and one was from Middlebury Chapter. This result marks the largest number of Society winners in a single year since the Society and the Fraternity separated in 1992. The Scholarships are named for Clarence A. Seward, Geneva 1848, who is best known for his role in the purchase of Alaska (continued on page 8)

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Board of Governors Meet Three Times New Initiatives Approved at Middletown, Brunonian, and Middlebury Meetings

The Society's 11 person Board of Governors met on June 17-19, 2000, at the Middletown Chapter; November 4-6, 2000, at the Brunonian Chapter; and April 20-22, 2001, at the Middlebury Chapter to oversee the business of the Society and to adopt a number of new initiatives. The meeting at Brunonian was held in conjunction with a gala initiation ceremony.

Middletown Meeting, June 2000

Treasurer Craig Cheslog, BDN, '93, opened the meeting by indicating that the Society faced a potential deficit of approximately \$7,000 for the fiscal year ending 6/30/00—which was only a few weeks away. Income, he indicated, was on budget, but expenses were over in two categories. First, the Convention in New York City had exceeded budget. Second, there was an unanticipated expense to print the new gender-neutral initiation ceremony and the new Constitution for distribution to each of the six chapters during the Columbia Convention in the fall of 1999.

The board adopted an emergency fund raising plan with a focus on seeking contributions from loyal Society members in an effort to put the budget in balance by the end of the fiscal year. Thanks to the efforts of several Governors and the generous support of many Alpha Delts, this effort ultimately proved successful *(see article on page 3).*

Undergraduate Governor Emily Goldman-Huertas, COL '00, reported on the initiations with the modified ritual and language. Most important, she said, is that the ceremony is now consistent chapter-to-chapter and the gender-neutral language (rather than "he/she") restored the eloquent flow of the original text.

She noted that during the period of the coeducation debate from 1968 to 1992, each chapter had modified its initiation ceremony, sometimes in response to negotiated compromises with the Fraternity and sometimes to avoid offense to women members. By the time the Society became a separate organization in 1992, there was a wide variation among the ceremonies existing at the chapters.

The board appointed a committee, chaired by Pam Coukos, BRN '90, and including Mary Melchior, MID '84, and Tim Smith,



Society President Robert G. McKelvey, MID '59, at the Middlebury Board of Governors meeting.

BRN '93, to develop a Constitution and a gender-neutral ceremony that was consistent from chapter to chapter while restoring the eloquence and grace of the original ceremony.

The redrafted Constitution was adopted at the Bowdoin Convention in 1997, and the revised ceremony was approved subsequently in private meetings with each chapter. The board authorized the printing and binding of new "Green Books" and the new Constitution for each chapter. Both documents were enclosed in a hand carved wooden lock box and engraved with each chapter's name under the direction of Jennifer Reid, BRN '92. The boxes were presented to the delegates of each chapter at the Columbia Convention.

Goldman-Huertas reported that the first initiations had gone smoothly and noted that many older graduate members were pleased that the many changes in language and format that had been inserted during the last few decades had been eliminated with the return to the more traditional format.

The board reviewed expansion inquiries from Bucknell, Brandeis, and University of Pennsylvania. The board noted that Brandeis had a policy against Greek social organizations. Board members had corresponded and met with the group at Penn and found them not organized well enough. At Bucknell, a new President was about to take office and it was decided to see if there would be any change in its policies towards social organizations before preceding any further.

The board approved term limits for members of the Executive Council to run concurrent with Conventions—providing for a two-year term. The board also received reports on the regional organizations in Boston, Washington, and New York and approved budgets of \$250 for each organization. San Francisco was identified as the next possible area for a regional organization.

A committee to assist with the preservation of archival materials for each chapter was appointed under the chairmanship of Paul Neshamkin, COL '64, and a music committee was appointed under the chairmanship of Tim Smith, BRN '93.

Brunonian Meeting, November 2000

The board elected Kari Dahlen, BRN '96, and Jennifer Reid, BRN '92, to the Board of Governors to take the place of retiring Governors Pam Coukos, BRN '90, and Tim Smith BRN '93.

President McKelvey, MID '59, noted that Coukos and Smith had been two of the board's most active governors, and the board adopted a formal resolution thanking them for their service. McKelvey noted that Pam Coukos was the "mother" of the Society Constitution and had done a remarkable job, with the help of her committee, in adapting the initiation ritual to gender neutrality without losing any of the wonderful tone of Samuel Eells' original language. She had also held the board's legal portfolio that dealt with many difficult questions during the early years of the Society.

Tim Smith, McKelvey noted, had served the Society since the initial separation from the Fraternity in August 1992. He was elected Secretary at the first meeting of the Society's delegates. During the first year, Smith had been one of the two Society Gov-*(continued on page 9)*

Society Finishes With 7th Balanced Budget In 8 Years Changes in Fiscal Reporting Adopted To Improve Accuracy and "Transparency"

Facing a deficit of over \$7,000 late in the 6/30/00 fiscal year, the Society Board of Governors initiated a special fund raising effort in June 2000 and successfully balanced the budget by the fiscal year's end. It was the seventh balanced budget in the eight years of the Society's history.

Contributions for the year totaled \$22,825 against a fundraising budget of \$15,000. "It was the extra effort at year end that saved the day," said Society President Robert McKelvey, MID '59. "Our special thanks go to those who responded so quickly and so generously."

Treasurer Craig Cheslog, BDN '93, led a special team to review the Society's budgeting procedures and to make recommendations to improve the budget process.

A major cause for concern, according to Cheslog's group, was a system the Society had inherited from the Fraternity for Convention budgeting. The Fraternity system shows only the net Convention cost as part of its budget. That is, it deducted income received in connection with the Convention, thereby showing only the net expense as the Convention cost in the financial statements. This practice effectively understates the true cost of running the Convention.

The Society originally adopted the same methodology. The Society's problems were compounded by the fact that it holds conventions only every other year, and not every year as the Fraternity does, so a convention reserve was set up for "off" years, further clouding the issues.

Cheslog proposed revising the Society's financial statements to show all Convention income and the full Convention expenses as separate line items rather than just the net number. "The change will improve our ability to budget accurately for future Convention years," said Cheslog. "It will have the additional benefit of making our financial statements more transparent to our members."

Another change recommended involved contributed expenses by Governors and others both to the Convention and to other Society activities. Cheslog noted that many Governors and delegates attending the Convention contribute their expenses to the Society instead of requesting reimbursement.

"Many governors, executive council members, and others contribute travel expenses, hotel costs, mailing charges, telephone and other costs in the course of doing business for the Society during the year," added Cheslog. "These are real costs of doing business for the Society. We need to capture this information in order to have a clear picture of the Society's true level of expenses."

Cheslog's group proposed capturing all contributed convention and other costs as line items on the income side of the budget every year.

The board approved all of the changes recommended by the Treasurer's review committee. The financial statements appearing elsewhere on this page reflect these new policies.

Society On Track For Another Balanced Budget In 6/30/01

The board of governors learned at its April 2001 meeting at the Middlebury Chapter that the Society was on course for another balanced budget. Treasurer Craig Cheslog, BDN '93, reported that the new reporting procedures adopted earlier in the year had helped significantly in tracking expenses. He noted that most of the income categories were on budget.

The major variable was fundraising. The two appeals to date had raised a total of \$10,200 against a fundraising budget of \$15,000 for the year. Development Committee Chair Robert McKelvey MID '59, noted that there was one general mailing still to go out to all 5,000 Society members including an issue of *Society Xaipe*. It would go out in May.

McKelvey explained that as a cost savings measure, the Society mails to all previous donors three times a year, but it mails to non-donors only once a year with the *Society Xaipe* issue.

McKelvey also noted that he was optimistic that the opportunity for major donors of \$250 or more to donate to the Society through the Alpha Delta Phi Foundation and receive a full tax deduction might increase gifts. These donations would be restricted to the Society's educational programs and activities.

CATEGORY DESCRIPTION	FYE 6/30/00 Actual	FYE 6/30/00 Budget	DIFFERENCE
INFLOWS			
Undergraduate Chapter Dues	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,500.00	-\$ 300.00
Graduate Association Dues	2,860.00	2,750.00	110.00
Fund Appeal	22,825.20	15,000.00	7,825.20
Initiation Fees	16,935.00	18,000.00	-1,065.00
Convention Income			
Contributed Expenses	3,897.63		
Payments	6,980.00		
1999 Convention Allocation	<u> </u>		
Total	19,252.63	19,252.63	0.00
Sales	105.00	350.00	-245.00
Other Income	162.75	300.00	-137.25
Contributed Expenses (Non-Con			
Board of Governors	6,973.75		
Other	3,122.83		
Total	10,096.58	10,000.00	96.58
Total Inflows	73,437.16	67,152.63	6,284.53
OUTFLOWS			
Badges and Certificates	1,986.43	2,500.00	513.57
Bank Charges	350.73	300.00	-50.73
Biennial Convention	35,149.66	29,252.63	-5,897.03
Board of Governors	9,043.53	7,500.00	-1,543.53
Expansion	140.25	1,500.00	1,359.75
Intern-Headquarters	2,400.00	1,500.00	-900.00
Internet	535.00	0.00	-535.00
Membership Directory	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Membership Solicitation	4,784.16	5,000.00	215.84
OCS Contract	4,289.64	4,500.00	210.36
Other Office Expenses	2,525.11	4,000.00	1,474.89
Postage (Non-Fundraising)	541.24	1,200.00	658.76
Printing (Office)	114.48	300.00	185.52
Regional Conferences	800.49	1,500.00	699.51
Special Events	6,448.12	0.00	-6,448.12
Trademark Litigation Contributi	on 2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Telephone Expenses	823.68	1,250.00	426.32
Xaipe (Fraternity issue)	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Xaipe (Society issue)	3,161.26	3,000.00	-161.26
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	75,093.78	69,802.63	-5,291.15
Gain/Loss from Operations	-1,656.62	-2,650.00	993.38
ENDOWMENT RELIANCE GUIDELINE	3,830.00	<u>3,830.00</u>	
Net Gain/Loss	2,173.38	1,180.00	

¹ Contributed Expenses covered 77.1% of Board of Governors expenses and 92.5% of other office expenses.

² Special Events outflows included the cost of the Founders Cup and expenses related to the production of ceremonial items for each chapter.

³ The Board of Governors adopted a policy at its October 16, 1997, meeting to restrict annual reliance on the Society's endowment to a level equal to 4.5% of the three-year moving average of the endowment's value.

 ⁴ The Convention expense is offset in part by income included under the Convention inflows line.

Robert Ludlum, MID '51, (1927-2001) Alpha Delt Was Perhaps World's Most-Read Writer

Author Robert Ludlum, MID '51, died on March 12, 2001, at the age of 73. Ludlum was the author of 22 books, from *The Scarlatti Inheritance* (1971) to the upcoming *The Sigma Protocol*. All of Ludlum's books were best-sellers. With perhaps as many as 300 million copies of his books in print, Ludlum was, as *The Economist* noted, "perhaps the world's most-read writer."

Jack Fenton, MID '53, wrote a profile of his fellow Alpha Delt in the Winter 1993 edition of *The Phi Forum*, a Middletown Chapter newsletter. Fenton and the Middletown Chapter have agreed to allow *Society Xaipe* to reprint the profile as a fitting Alpha Delt tribute to the prolific writer.

Ludlum published four additional best-sellers since Fenton wrote the article below. It also appears that Ludlum's publishing days will continue well into the future. His publisher, St. Martin's Press, says that he finished several additional novels before his death that it will publish over the next several years.

Robert Ludlum '51 An Interview By Jack Fenton '53 (originally appeared in the Winter 1993 issue of *The Phi Forum*)

By any reckoning, Robert Ludlum MID '51, is right at the top of the list of the world's best-read authors. His fast-moving novels of espionage, suspense and sundry forms of international knavery have been published in 37 languages in 40 countries. Any traveler quickly becomes aware of his work; there is scarcely an airport on the globe without a few Ludlums on display in the bookstore racks. His publishers estimate that his worldwide sales number more than two hundred million copies.

I caught up with Bob Ludlum recently at his handsome and gracious house in Southport, CT; he spends about half his time here, the other half at a home in Florida—when he is not off on a book promotion tour or research trip to places around the globe where he has set the action of the 18 books he has written to date, every one a best seller. On the comfortable Ludlum sun porch overlooking Southport harbor, we talked (after a hiatus of four decades), on a wide range of subjects—from his writings to his theater days to his experiences as one of the world's best-known authors.

In the two decades since his first book, *The Scarlatti Inheritance*, went right to the top of the best seller lists, Ludlum's tales have covered just about all the seven deadly sins of our age; from avaricious Nazis on the run to evil deeds in Vietnam to religionfueled chicanery—with particular emphasis on the often unsavory twistings and turnings of the CIA, the KGB, Mossad, the Deuxieme Bureau and other assorted intelligence agencies. "I write primarily as an entertainer," he commented, "but with a sense of outrage at the abuse of power—by fanatics of either right or left."

His most recent book, *The Road to Omaha*, published earlier this year, is a bit of a departure from the usual Ludlum brew of international intrigue and derring-do. It is a farcical yarn about the efforts of the Wopotami Indians to face down the Pentagon, in a frequently slapstick struggle to assert their ancient treaty rights to land and air around Omaha, Nebraska—home of the Strategic Air Command. Their fight, incongruously, is led by the hawkish, legendary war hero, General MacKensie Lochinvar Hawkins,



whom Ludlum has resurrected from his earlier comic best seller about a plot to kidnap the Pope, *The Road to Gandolfo*.

Hollywood has taken an option on most of Ludlum's books, but *The Road to Omaha*, he said, was snapped up particularly quickly by the movies. George C. Scott is interested in playing the role of General Hawkins, a maniacal dimwit who is one part George Patton and three parts General "Buck" Turgidson of "Dr. Strangelove" fame—roles both played by Scott. "Scott is an old friend," notes Ludlum. "I'm told he wanted to play Hawkins in *The Road to Gandolfo*.

Ludlum's forthcoming book, due out next May, is titled *The Scorpio Illusion*—a return to the familiar three word title Ludlum signature, which he has used in 15 of his 18 books. For the first time, a *female* terrorist will be a major character. This twist resulted from an encounter he had with a Moscow journalist who admired his work (in Russian). He asked Ludlum if he was an advocate of women's wrights, and Bob said he was. "Why then," asked the journalist, "have you not made the villain a woman in any of your books—isn't that equal rights?". "This got me thinking—and I said, well, why not?" For the rest of the plot, you will have to buy the book next spring.

Doings In The Chapter Room

For Middletown Alpha Delts, Ludlum's most personally fascinating book may well be *The Matlock Paper*, published in 1973. It is a story about a campus-based drug ring, with the student members manipulated by a mysterious crime organization. Much of the action takes place at "Connecticut's Carlyle University," a small, leafy campus where "the social exclusivity of the fifties and early sixties was being replaced." One of the most riveting scenes unfolds in the basement "commons room" of the former AD house, which has been converted by student activists. "The *(continued from page 7)*

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Reports From The Chapters

by Undergraduate Governor Greg Williams, MDBY '02

BOWDOIN CHAPTER

MIDDLEBURY CHAPTER

The chapter's graduate organization remains active despite the college-mandated end of the undergraduate Greek system. The chapter held a emotional ceremony and banquet during its 2000 reunion weekend festivities. The chapter's leadership continues to establish a literary and social program, and looks forward to hosting events at its Chapter House (since renamed for the late Roger Howell Jr., BDN '58) at this year's reunion weekend from June 1-3, 2001.

BRUNONIAN CHAPTER

The Brunonian Chapter currently has 51 total members. The membership has been active within student government, with three members serving on the residential council, including the chairperson. There are also two members who are serving on the Greek council as its Vice President and Treasurer. The Brunonian Chapter currently has 15 pledges. Major community service events include the annual Bizarre Bazaar which contributed \$7,500 to charity.

COLUMBIA CHAPTER

The Columbia Chapter currently has 42 members. The membership has been active within the Greek council and member Courtney Strate has been nominated for Greek of the Year. Community service events include a clothing drive and a dance marathon for pediatric AIDS research. The chapter's pledge class this year included five males and five females, the chapter's most recent initiation took place on April 27. The Middlebury Chapter currently has 74 members. with strong underclass representation. Pledging took place in the fall, culminating with the initiation of 28 sophomores. The house has made efforts this year to maintain the Society's literary tradition with readings performed at each meeting. Major community service events included participation in an MS walk this spring and several members being involved in a Big Brother/Big Sister program. The chapter is also looking forward to hosting the Society Convention this fall.

MIDDLETOWN CHAPTER

The Middletown Chapter currently has more than 50 members. Their pledge class this spring resulted in 17 new initiates. The chapter maintains the literary tradition with members making literary presentations at the end of each academic year as well as with periodic presentations throughout the year. The chapter was also proud to host an Asian American writers workshop this year and has welcomed several speakers.

STANFORD CHAPTER

The Stanford Chapter currently maintains a membership of about 20. The Chapter is currently unhoused on Stanford's campus and is seeking a permanent home. The chapter is also maintaining the literary tradition by releasing a literary magazine composed of members' works entitled *Sweet Green*. Officer elections are also scheduled to take place at the end of the Spring term 2001.

A Tribute To Robert Ludlum (continued)

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high-ceilinged chapter room of Alpha Delta Phi has been carved out of the cellars at the farthest end of the fraternity house."

The idea for the book, Ludlum said, came after he had read an article that drugs were a major problem at big public universities, but not on small private campuses. He knew from various contacts in his own research networks that this simply was not true. In creating a small "prestige" campus in New England, Wesleyan became Carlyle—and Alpha Delt's transformation, while fiction, was the sort of thing that was happening on college campuses in the early 1970s.

Sittin' On O'Reilly's Porch

Bits of Alpha Delt memorabilia appear in other books. In *The Bourne Supremacy*, a character is asked to say something in English to outwit the enemy. He responds by reciting the opening bars from "O'Reilly's Daughter"—the drinking ditty which some of us first heard as bellowed by a late-night Ludlum way back when.

He very much enjoys researching his books—"and the particularly nice thing is that I don't have to stick to the facts after I discover them—I can invent." Still, his plot lines at times show an almost canny clairvoyance. In one of his books, he described a secret training ground for British agents in the Scottish highlands. While visiting his London publisher after the book came out, he was introduced to a very establishment-looking gentleman from MI6 who demanded to know his sources. Ludlum replied that the training camp came purely from his imagination, but was based on his knowledge of those areas in Scotland which would approximate continental European settings. He is still not convinced that MI6 bought his explanation.

Who Is His "Deep Throat"?

In an earlier book, a key issue was CIA domestic involvement—a shocker then which, of course, later proved to be true. Marvelling over his insight into the inner workers of the agency, a reviewer once asked: "Who is Ludlum's 'Deep Throat'?" The answer could well be Alpha Delt. Several of his good friends from the house ended up working for "the Firm," a not uncommon career in the early 1950s. Ludlum talks frequently with one of these fellows, but, he maintains, only to get the nomenclature correct.

Ludlum's one background, far from the plot-shrouded corridors of McLean, Virginia, is the theater. The stage was a love that he already was cultivating as an undergraduate when he was the first Wesleyan theater major working under Professor Ralph Pendleton. (His contemporaries remember full well Ludlum's waxing theatrical at many a late night party in "The Pit.")

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Centralized And Updated Address System A Future Society Possibility

The Society's headquarters has taken the first steps to institute a centralized address system for all chapters. It will have the capability to be updated over the web by individual members and graduate organization officers to keep entries current.

Society Executive Director Bill Millard, ILL '80, reported that existing Society data had now been entered into a new system at Headquarters as a first step in the implementation of a comprehensive address list revision for both the Society and the Fraternity.

At present, Millard noted, many graduate organizations maintain their own address lists—duplicating the list kept by the Society Headquarters. This situation often causes confusion regarding address changes, including questions about whether the Society Headquarters or the graduate organization has the most current listing.

With this new program, graduate organizations could maintain their own list at headquarters. The ability to update this list as needed over the internet would be provided. Headquarters could also access the same database with new information obtained from its mailings so that all of the most current information would be available to all interested parties.

Graduate organizations would also be able to download labels generated by this centralized list in order to do their own mailings or to have mailings completed by Headquarters.

Millard said the program would eventually have a feature that would allow members to access his or her own database at Headquarters and add or update information.

The need for controls on access and security were stressed by Millard and a protocol of guidelines was already under development. The Society board welcomed these changes and appointed the Society's technology committee to coordinate with Headquarters on this new initiative.

Foundation To Underwrite Society Educational Programs If Sufficient Gifts Are Received

At the Annual Meeting of the Alpha Delta Phi Foundation, held at the Princeton Club in New York City on April 12, 2001, the Foundation's directors agreed to support the Society's educational programs if sufficient funds were donated by Society members, explained Foundation President Robert S. Price, K '58.

Contributions to the Foundation were limited to major donors of \$250 or more by the Society because of the Foundation's limited staff.

Foundation Treasurer Bill Millard, ILL '80 said contributions by Fraternity members to the Foundation helped to pay for the educational and training programs of the Fraternity at the Convention and during the year. Millard believed this would be a great benefit to the Society and its programs if its members took advantage of the same opportunity.

Literary and Seward Award Winners

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when he was Secretary of State. They are awarded each year to outstanding members of the Alpha Delta Phi Society and Fraternity for academic achievement and campus leadership. Each scholarship is worth \$600.

"I want to congratulate all of the Literary Competition and the Seward Scholarship award recipients," said Society President Robert G. McKelvey, MID '59. "The Board of Governors will continue to work with our undergraduates to ensure they continue to make take advantage of these opportunities."

The Literary Competition award recipients included:

\$1,000 Grand Prize for Excellence "Stand By Your Man" by Nhu-Tien Lu, BDN '00 Fiction—First Prize "Lines" by Tracy Manaster, MID '01 Fiction—Second Prize "Identification" by Brendan Kaisershot, BRN '01 Non-Fiction—First Prize "Graduate School Preparation: Can Liberal Arts Schools Compete?" by Kimberly Schneider, BDN '00 Non-Fiction—Second Prize "Netiquette: Traffic Laws for the Information Superhighway" by Kimberly Schneider, BDN '00 Poetry—First Prize "A Collection of Western Haiku" by Scott Lieberman, Lambda Phi '02

The Seward Scholarships were awarded to:

- Name Christopher Herbert Rebekka Weinstein Todd Auwater Adam Saskin David Farris Paul Tough Daniel Nowak Gunter Swartz Matthew Williams Eric Sparks
- Chapter Middlebury Brunonian Brunonian Memorial Illinois Texas Illinois British Columbia Peninsular Peninsular

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Board of Governors Meetings (continued)

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ernors with full responsibility for organizing the Society's efforts. He had led the expansion project at Middlebury that resulted in the Society's newest and largest chapter. He inaugurated the Society Sword and Spear Award for the outstanding undergraduate and oversaw the coordination of all undergraduate activities as one of his portfolios.

Both Coukos and Smith had agreed to serve on the Executive Council and to continue to help the Society board.

Treasurer Craig Cheslog, BDN '93, reported that the initiative adopted at the June meeting to balance the budget had been a success. Total contributions for the fiscal year reached \$22,000, against a budget of \$15,000, thereby eliminating the potential deficit. A group was set up under Cheslog to review the Society's budget procedures to see if they could be improved *(see story on page 3)*.

Todd Auwater, BRN '00, reported for the undergraduate governors that the undergraduate caucuses had turned their attention to the development of a uniform pledge manual now that the issues regarding the initiation ceremony had been resolved. He presented a working draft, noting that the manual would be divided into two general parts. The first would include the Society oriented material to be learned by the pledges at each chapter. The second would focus on the individual chapter's history. The board received the draft for review.

The board received a report from the Bowdoin Chapter noting the formal closing of that chapter by order of the Bowdoin College administration. A "demystification" ceremony had been held in the chapter room and all relevant materials had been removed from the property before the sale of the building to the College. A portion of the sale price will be held in the Bowdoin College endowment for educational programs sponsored by the Alpha Delt Bowdoin graduate organization. Other funds will go to a Bowdoin fund at the Alpha Delta Phi Foundation and to the graduate organization to fund its activities.

The board accepted the return of the Bowdoin Chapter charter with deep and sincere regret. It reiterated that the Bowdoin Graduate Organization remains an active, voting member of the Society and stressed the Society's desire to assist the Bowdoin organization whenever possible with the hope that the Bowdoin



Undergraduate Governor Greg Williams, MDBY '02 reports about status of the undergraduate chapters.



The Board of Governors discuss business during their Middlebury meeting.

Chapter's members will seek to remain active within the Society.

After their meetings, the Board joined the Brunonian Chapter in welcoming their class of 16 initiates into the mysteries of our Society. The Governors were joined by a substantial delegation of graduates and undergraduates from the Columbia, Middletown, Middlebury, Bowdoin, and Illinois Chapters. The final count included 112 Alpha Delts in attendance.

Middlebury Meeting, April 2001

The board convened at the Middlebury chapter house and accepted the bid from the Middlebury graduates, led by Scott Pokrywa, MDBY '96, and undergraduate chapter, led by John Joy, MDBY '02, to host the Society's Fifth Convention in the fall of 2001. The Convention dates are set from Thursday evening, October 18, through Sunday, October 21, 2001.

The Middlebury house has rooms for 35 undergraduates and large social spaces including a library which may be dedicated during the Convention and a living room with a 40' ceiling. The rear of the house overlooks a valley with views of three miles or more, and features many outside patios and terraces that provide promising places for barbecues and other social activities.

With 75 members, the Middlebury Chapter promised to provide a rousing welcome to all Alpha Delts even though a number of members would be away for one day playing football.

Society Executive Director Bill Millard, ILL '80, reported that the Alpha Delta Phi Foundation encouraged the Society to use the Foundation's tax-exempt status to raise funds for qualified purposes such as scholarships and leadership training at the Convention. The board agreed to offer the Foundation as an alternative donation source for gifts of \$250 or more and that such gifts would be restricted to educational activities.

Millard also reported that Headquarters was creating a new system to update and maintain member records, including addresses, which would permit each individual to access his or her address records and update them as needed. Such a system could eventually permit the Society to have one complete and updated database that could be used, with the appropriate security safeguards, by each graduate organization for labels, mailings and record keeping.

The Society's technology committee, consisting of Charles Gross, BRN '73, Rob Austein, MID '83, Paul Neshamkin, COL '64, (continued on page 10)

Robert Ludlum Tribute Conclusion

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The Theater As Tutor

His years in theater, he feels, were immensely helpful to his writing. "There is a discipline of theater," he explains, "knowing when to stop a character from talking. It also makes you realize that what carries the story along is the interplay of the characters, not the action. You know you must hold the audience's attention—if you lose their interest you'll close on Saturday night."

Theater also played a very practical role in his switch from stage to written page. He wrote his first book, *The Scarlatti Inheritance*, while living on income he received from the many "voiceovers" he did for TV commercials. He recounts with delight his success with a certain toilet bowl commercial. "Sometimes," he says, slipping back into his actor's voice, "it was '*Plunge* Works Fast,' sometimes 'Plunge Works *Fast*!'." However you say it, those three words, played over and over again, helped put one of his three children through college.

As he regales his visitor with anecdotes about his often hilarious encounters with the world's high and low life, another Ludlum essential comes through: his love of being a storyteller. To be a good storyteller, he contends, you have to remain young. When his older son heard about plans for Ludlum's 60th birthday party several years back, he commented: "But Dad hasn't grown up yet!" One gets the impression that Bob would like to keep it that way—with always another story to tell just over the horizon.

Board Meeting Recap (continued)

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and Craig Cheslog, BDN '93, promised to explore the matter and report to the Convention in the fall.

The board also reviewed and expanded the scope of services it will use from Headquarters in future years, including preparations for conventions, board meetings, and other services at an increase in annual cost from \$5,100 to \$10,800. McKelvey noted that when the Society started it had limited funds and, therefore, it kept the services it purchased to a minimum. He noted that now that the Society's fundraising programs were working and it had an endowment, he believed it was appropriate to expand the services provided by Headquarters since they were needed to help the Society function more efficiently.

Treasurer Craig Cheslog, BDN '93, reported that the Society was on target for a balanced budget. He noted that the opportunity for major donors of \$250 or more to obtain a tax deduction by donating through the Foundation might lead to increased gifts. The meeting concluded with a detailed report on the Society's endowment portfolio. It was noted that the past year had been a terrible year for all the equity markets with the S & P 500 losing 22.6% and the NASDAQ losing 59.8%. During the same period, the Society endowment of \$120,582 in April 2000 had declined only 11.7% ending at \$106,402 in April 2001.

Since the inception of the investment program for the Society in 1997, the endowment had averaged an annual return of 12.1% over the four years—including the difficult year just concluded. More than \$31,000 in profits had been added to the endowment during that period. The board adopted a formal endowment reliance policy in 1997 that permits 4.5% of the 12-quarter average value of the portfolio to be used in support of the Society's annual budget. This policy is similar to those used by the bestmanaged college and university endowments.

The board will meet next in October 2001 in conjunction with the Middlebury Convention.

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