

Alpha Delta Phi Society News

Society Holds Convention in Boston March 27-28, 2009

The Alpha Delta Phi Society held its Ninth Convention and Leadership Training Conference in Boston, Massachusetts, on March 27-28.

Delegates, governors, and members gathered from each of the Society's chapters and its affiliate to discuss Society business, participate in educational leadership training seminars, and honor its award winners.

Leadership training programs included a risk management presentation by Willis HRH's Bobbi Larsen, a seminar on chapter literary program best practices, and a presentation on chapter operations, finances and budgeting.

The Saturday night banquet was preceded by a song workshop organized by incoming Governor Zanne Gerrard, MID'94. Members were able to learn new songs, share songs special to their chapter, and prepare for the inspired singing that concluded the festivities.

The banquet keynote address was made by Nessa Burns Reifsynder, BDN'86. Reifsynder discussed the strong Alpha Delt ties, with photos



A song workshop prior to the traditional Saturday Banquet was a new feature of the Society's Ninth Convention.



Alpha Delta Phi President Jonathan Vick, HAM'64, (left) accepts the President's Award from Society President Craig Cheslog, BDN'93, during the Ninth Convention Banquet.

dating from 1957 to the present, that have continued to inspire her fellow Bowdoin graduate members to fight to continue to meet together at the old chapter house nine years after Bowdoin abolished its fraternity system.

Society members were also honored to have Alpha Delta Phi International President Jonathan Vick, HAM'64, attend business sessions and the Convention banquet. Craig Cheslog honored Vick with the Alpha Delta Phi Society President's Award in recognition of Vick's service and dedication to The Alpha Delta Phi.

In another banquet highlight, former Society President Charles Gross, BRN'72, was honored with the Star and Crescent Award, the highest distinction for a graduate member.

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News From The Chapters and Affiliate of the Alpha Delta Phi Society

Bowdoin Chapter Graduate Organization

The Bowdoin Chapter's graduate organization has conducted a new round of negotiations with Bowdoin's administration to shift its reunion gathering, at the college's request, from the class reunion weekend. The new reunion gathering is planned from July 30-August 2, 2009. Check adps.org for more information as it becomes available. The Bowdoin Chapter also continues to financially support campus literary activities and the FDR Cup.

Brunonian Chapter

The Brunonian Chapter has 21 pledges and is presently planning for its annual charity auction, Bizarre-Bazaar, to be held on April 16. Thanks to generous alumni giving, Brunonian also initiated a campus-wide, professionally-judged literary competition, PenUltimate. New England poet John Hodger recently led a reading and a fireside conversation. The chapter has also raised \$10,000 for a SELEF literary endowment.

Columbia Chapter

The Columbia Chapter recently initiated 11 new members and now has seven pledges. Chapter leaders are working on a plan to repurchase the chapter house from Columbia University before

the current lease term ends in 2011. Columbia's undergraduates continue their commitment to the arts on campus by hosting literature nights twice a month, hosting student theater groups, and initiating a concert series.

Middletown Chapter

The Middletown Chapter currently has 20 pledges and 42 active undergraduate members. The Star & Crescent Eating Club remains profitable and broke records for most people served at a single meal. The chapter's three-year Sesqui-centennial Capital Campaign reached a successful conclusion, and a donor plaque unveiling will be featured during May's reunion. The campaign's results include a chapter house that is in good physical shape and completely free of debt.

Stanford Chapter

The Stanford Chapter has just initiated 12 new members—the largest pledge class in recent history. The new members have already begun regular literary nights and are planning their next rush with the goal of building on last semester's success. On May 1, the graduate members plan an Alumni Literary Night and are working to support the undergraduate chapter's lively revival.

Granite Affiliate

The Society's newest organization at the University of New Hampshire is working to add new members and strengthen its organization while taking steps to reach its goal of becoming a chapter before the founding class of members graduate. The affiliate's next initiation is planned for May 1. The membership recently established a values-based recruitment standard and has been holding biweekly teas open to everyone in the UNH community.

2008 Society Order of the Sword and Spear Honoree

Robert C.K. Boyd, MID'08, was announced as the winner of the 2008 Society Order of the Sword and Spear award, the highest honor for a Society undergraduate. As his advocates for the award explained, "he has the ability to unite people together under a common cause" and had "a profound impact on the college community."

Boyd served as co-ed chair, steward, treasurer, quorum member, and as a member of numerous house committees. He intends to become a lawyer and work in politics.

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