

# The IOTA SIG



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## New Board President Stresses Involvement

As I considered the challenge of succeeding Marc Saulsbury as corporation board president, several questions ran through my head: What level of involvement should the corporation board have in the house? How can we best support the active brotherhood? How can I encourage the involvement of the alumni I know and the many brothers I don't? What should we try to accomplish?

One thing that was clear to me was the value of serving on the corporation board. There was no question in my mind that I want to be more than just involved—I want to actively contribute to our chapter.

As I accept this position, I am heartened by the news from our energetic undergraduates about their successful rush and strong pledge class. I am also encouraged by the corporation board's strong tradition of working actively with both undergraduates

and alumni to resolve the issues facing the brotherhood and our aging house. I realize it is not just up to me to answer the questions of involvement, support, and direction. Rather, it is up to the entire brotherhood of both undergraduates and alumni who share an allegiance to Iota Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi.

I expect my term will be a time of service and continued success for the brotherhood, as well as personal growth, and I'm asking for your participation. I plan to contact many of you for advice and support, but please feel free to contact me with any concerns or suggestions you may have. I can be reached by mail at 43 Russell St., Brookline, MA 02446, by phone at 617/738-3220, or by e-mail at [dpoggi@aol.com](mailto:dpoggi@aol.com).

Dave Poggi '94  
Corporation President

## Exiting President: Iota Faces The Future With Strong Support

In the short time that I have served as president of the corporation board, Rockledge has undergone tremendous change. In an environment that can simultaneously support Greek life and challenge our survival, Iota Chapter has consistently come out ahead. Our success can be attributed to the efforts of a very devoted and motivated group of undergraduate brothers and the help of our supportive and active alumni community. As I look toward the future, I am enthusiastic about Rockledge's current position of strength within Cornell's Greek community and our incredible potential to remain in that position for a long time to come. Our fraternity stands out as a leader, thanks in large part to the phenomenal support that each one of us continues to give.

Being a member of the corporation board and remaining involved with the house has been extremely rewarding. As I move on to business school, it is my hope that I can continue to contribute, and I encourage each of you to do so as well. I am convinced that the board's membership is as strong and productive as ever, that the current brothers will continue to build on their success, and that Rockledge is in a great position for the future.

I want to sincerely thank everyone I've worked with over the past few years, particularly all the undergraduate and alumni members of the corporation board, who helped me (and put up with me). I hope that each of you gains the same rewards that I have with a continued relationship with Alpha Sigma Phi.

Marc Saulsbury '93

*Members of the 2000 pledge class spend some time getting to know one another at Rockledge. Meet the 18 members of the spring Alpha Sigma Phi pledge class by reading the article on page two of this issue.*



## Reunion Weekend ♦ June 8-11, 2000

Alumni, family, and friends are invited to an informal reception on Saturday, June 10, 2000, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Rockledge, 804 Stewart Ave. Refreshments will be served, and everyone is encouraged to visit the house throughout the weekend. Please call 607/272-3993 and ask an undergraduate for information about additional events planned for the weekend. **See you there!**

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## Spring Rush Nets 18 Pledges For ΑΣΦ

This year's spring rush netted Rockledge yet another stellar pledge class of 18 top-quality men. Among them is Jon Davis, who hails from San Francisco and whom I met three summers ago on a cruise in Europe. We filled our quota of Westchester residents with five individuals from the Scarsdale/White Plains vicinity. One of our "Westchester Represent" pledges is Matt Klieman, who works as a volunteer EMT when he's not busy pledging. Ali Motlagh, a.k.a. "Rembrandt," is originally from Iran and moved to the United States when he was young. Paul Drury and Max Unger are both from California and add a little bit of West-Coast style to the pledge class. Paul Drury attended high school with undergraduate brother Erik Carlson '99.

Another member of the pledge class, Udi Falkson, is originally from South Africa, but not all of our pledges have international or even exciting backgrounds.

Jeremy Fryer, Kevin Manns, and Paul Deforest are all from upstate New York and aspire to be sheep and corn farmers. Rounding out the pledge class are Drew Bonfiglio, Collin Evans, Pete "The Greek" Delfausse, Joe "Posh" Graneri, David "Sporty" Haddad, Karl "Kojak" Kaufman, Mike "Stud" Summersgil, Sam "M.L." Wayne, and Adam Webb. They are nine of the finest men on the hill.

With 18 in this spring's pledge class, one pledge from the fall semester, and 22 from last year, Rockledge has been one of the top five houses at Cornell in terms of recruitment for the past two years. We have had a great semester of pledging and brotherhood-building activities. I am confident that this pledge class will carry on the long-standing Rockledge tradition of strong brotherhood.

Rob Goldenberg '97  
Rush Chair

## New Pledge Finds A Home At Rockledge

Last semester, as I filled out a piece of paper with general information about myself for the fraternity where I would accept a bid, I felt as though I was signing my soul to the devil. I did not have a clue what pledging was all about.

Entering rush in January, my knowledge of fraternity life, rushing a house, and pledging remained limited. Some guys in my residence hall and I had rented the movie *Animal House* and watched the "Louie Louie" scene twice. Under the cloud of such ignorance, I decided to simply rush well-known houses on campus, including Rockledge.

Although the social life at Rockledge was the reason for my initial visit, the closeness of the brotherhood kept me coming back throughout rush. Within days, I narrowed my rushing choices to Rockledge or nothing at all. Luckily, my persistence paid off, and the brothers rewarded me with a bid. It was a moment I will remember for the rest of my life. Whatever the future brings, I know I have found a home at Alpha Sigma Phi and friends for life in my 17 pledge brothers.

Adam Webb  
Pledge Brother

## Brothers Wire House For Fast Computer Network

There have been many changes at the fraternity this school year. Early in the year, the house was connected to the campus computer network, thanks to brothers Andrew Verplank, Dan McKinley, Brock Tuczynski, and Adam Gersten, who did most of the wiring. Now our house has a direct, fast connection to the Internet.

New leather couches were added to the upper lounge, badly needed curtains were hung in the lower lounge windows, and 13 new chairs were added to the dining room head table. A woodworker fixed the railing on the front stairs, which now look great. The pool table has new felt, so brothers will no longer have to put up with the

dreadful "Rockledge table roll." In addition, the carpets have been steam cleaned and the wood floors sanded and refinished.

For safety, the fire escape was fixed and the fire lane in front of the house was widened, which allows easier access in an emergency. Also, the fire alarm system was checked and brought up to code, which should eliminate false alarms due to excessive steam from the shower.

All in all, the house looks great! In the future, we plan to remodel the lower bathroom and install locks on the outside doors to increase security.

Erik Carlson '99, House Manager

## Continuity Strengthens Brotherhood At Rockledge...And Beyond

There is much enthusiasm at Rockledge this spring. In this season of perennial change and growth we begin the new member initiation process and sadly say good-bye to our seniors. As a newly initiated brother last semester, my spring 1999 pledge class looked to the older brothers for support, insight, and inspiration during our first semester at the house. Together, we grew and adjusted to the joys and pressures of being fraternity members while developing friendships that will last long after we leave the house. Within the walls of Alpha Sigma Phi, we enjoyed many fun social events, faced academic challenges, and created unforgettable memories. As I look forward to the rest of my time in office and as an undergraduate, I recall the memorable times we have shared and the good times yet to come.

This spring, we welcomed 18 pledges

to Alpha Sigma Phi and helped them as they began their journey toward brotherhood. At the same time, our seniors have been lining up job prospects, graduate schools, and plans for the future. As we grow together from pledge to senior, we learn the importance of continuity from year to year and from generation to generation. It is this continuity that strengthens relations here at Rockledge and wherever Alpha Sigs are found.

I wish the best of luck to our departing seniors and thank them for their hard work and for all that they have done for this house. To all of the brothers I have yet to meet, I look forward to the day when we can share our history and look forward to the future with hope and excitement for Alpha Sigma Phi.

Kurt Hoffman '99, President



Neil Patel, Jordan Schwartz, and Erik Carlson get ready for a mixer.

## Social Scene At Rockledge Keeps Brothers Hopping

Rockledge started off the new millennium with a packed social schedule. We had scheduled events with almost every sorority on campus, including several mixers with Delta Delta Delta, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Kappa Delta, bar tabs with Sigma Delta Tau, a Greek god dinner with Alpha Epsilon Phi, and a St. Patrick's Day dinner with Tri-Delt. In addition to these Greek events, Rockledge continued traditions such as its Valentine's Day formal. We also hosted several Friend's of Rockledge parties and date nights.

This semester has been very successful and busy. Rockledge continues to improve as a house internally, with the addition of 18 pledges, and externally, as we make an effort to incorporate several new sororities into our social schedule.

Rich Hedge '99

## Greek God Pageant Raises Over \$3,500

On Friday night, March 3, the Statler auditorium was buzzing with members of the Greek and Cornell communities. Every seat was filled with people coming to watch the seventh-annual Greek God Competition. Since 1994, Rockledge has been hosting this philanthropy event in coordination with Alpha Epsilon Phi to raise money for local and national charities.

The competition is basically a male pageant with members of Cornell's fraternities as the contestants. The show comprises a talent competition, a swimsuit competition, a formalwear competition, a joke competition, and a final question for the three final contestants.

This year, we split the proceeds from the event between the Ronald McDonald House Foundation and the Michael A. Padula Scholarship Foundation. The Ronald McDonald House Foundation is a worldwide organization that helps families whose children are sick and in need. The Michael A. Padula Scholarship Foundation is a local charity that gives money to graduating seniors of Ithaca High School to help them finance their college education. This year, between ticket sales and money from local business sponsors, we raised \$3,800.

AEPHI's Meghan Morris and I hosted the show, which was judged by one member from each of Cornell's 13 sororities.

Rockledge contestant Adam Webb dazzled the crowd during the talent competition by performing his rendition of Michael Jackson's "Billy Jean." With his sparkling, white-sequined glove and black hat, Adam had the crowd going wild as he danced the moonwalk across the stage. Adam made it through the first two cuts into the finals and ended up receiving the second-place award.

Growing each year, the Greek God Competition once again proved to be a huge success. Not only was the evening full of music, laughter, and fun, but also it proved that the Greek community is able to gather together and raise money for a worthy cause.



Brian Yang, Brock Tuczynski, and Matt Grodin make some friends.

Jordan Schwartz '99  
Treasurer

## Brothers Welcome New Chef To Kitchen

The Iota Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi is pleased to announce the arrival of its new chef, Travis Ferreo. Born and raised in Ithaca, Travis has been very involved with local food preparation. At the age of nine, Travis began cooking in his kitchen at home. He later moved his operation outside of the house, selling baked goods at a local farmer's market at age 12.

Travis eventually entered the restaurant business three years later as a dishwasher at Joe's Restaurant. Since then, he has been building on his early experiences in food service by receiving an associate's degree from the Culinary Institute of America and completing continuing education classes in food preparation. He is trained in Caribbean and American cuisine and has received specific instruction in baking.

Matt Kleinman  
Pledge Brother

# alumni mailbag

WILLIAM A. POTTS '38 writes that his "years at Rockledge are so far in the past that it's unlikely that even PETE SUSCA would remember them." Share your memories with Bill at 131 Lake Dr., Lexington, SC 29073.

DAVID J. SWIFT '47 will be attending Reunion in June with NORM SCHIEK '47. Write to "Knute" at 129 Anytrell Dr., Webster, NY 14580.

Please note this new address for WILLIAM W. MOUNTSIER '51 of 5540 Lakeside Dr., Fairfield, OH 45014.

Say hello to CLIFFORD T. ARGUE '60 at 9370 Mercerwood Dr., Mercer Island, WA 98040-4254 (migreek@aol.com).

Write to NICHOLAS C. SCOTT '60 at 1552 S. Shore Dr., Erie, PA 16505-2438.

We have a new address for FRANK M. De MAYO '75 of 7795 Cedar Mountain Dr., Livermore, CA 94588.

JOHN N. AMODEO '76 writes, "I spent a blissful month sketching in Tuscany in May 1999 on a working Chianti farm. My partner, Brian, had a very successful CD-release party, with great reviews and healthy sales. I will be presenting a paper on one of my park projects at a R.O.W. Symphony in Calgary, Alberta, in September. I have also been moonlighting as a journalist writing articles on cabaret performers for a local paper called *Bay Windows*. I run into STEVE GROSS '80 from time to time. He is doing well and operating a smart-looking bed and breakfast in Boston's south end." Write to John at 8 Worcester Square, Boston, MA 02118 (jamodeo@crja.com).

KEVIN C. BURNS '76 writes, "We attended the union of JOHN KANTZ '75 and Katherine in Waynesville, North Carolina, this fall. Also there were JAN 'Old' HARRIS '75, CHIP STEPHENSON '76, and DIRK ANDERSON '77. We are happy to report that no one was injured during the reception party that followed." Write to Kevin at P.O. Box 988, Statesville, NC 28687.

Keep in touch with MARK T. BERGERON '77 at 14998 Black Oak Rd., Prior Lake, MN 55372 (mn11697@deere.com). He is district manager with John Deere.

THEODORE W. MILLSPAUGH '81 and wife Rebecca had their second child,

Theodore James (T. J.) on October 6, 1999. Older sister Alicia will be four on June 7. He writes, "I am in my second year of training and installation work for UTA Business Systems, which builds and writes software programs for delivery-type restaurants. Our primary customer is Little Caesar's Pizza, with whom we just landed exclusive rights to provide computers and software for all of their stores in Mexico." Write to Ted at 4518 Lantern Place, Alexandria, VA 22306 (rtmillspaugh@erols.com).

ALEJANDRO BADIA '82 took one step closer to adulthood. "No, it's not kids or even a wife, but a stunning house on the water in downtown Miami. I'm also awaiting a new boat! It's going to take a lot of surgical cases to maintain, but it will be worth it." Visit Alejandro at 1278 S. Venetian Way, "The Jungle," Miami, FL 33139 (alex@surgical.net).

We have a new address for RALPH A. A. D'ONOFRIO '84 of 34 Crescent Dr., Old Bethpage, NY 11804.

Please note this updated address for OSVALDO FRANCO '86 of PMB #255, 952 U.S. Highway 64W, Apex, NC 27502-7184.

MIROSLAV P. BOBEK '89 and wife Eileen welcomed their first child, Roman Antonin, on September 11, 1999. Mirek is finishing his fifth year of seven in neurosurgery residency at U of M, and Eileen has finished her ER residency and is now a faculty member. On a visit to DC, Mirek saw TODD KANTORCZYK '89, his wife, Jean Kintisch, and their daughter, Rose Madlyn, who will be two in April. Write to Mirek at 60 Roosevelt, Ypsilanti, MI 48197 (m bobek@umich.edu).

JOHN C. VOELLMICKE '89 finished his MBA at NYU in May 1999, moved to Providence, Rhode Island, and began work for a Johnson & Johnson company in January 2000. John has seen JAMIE STALLMAN '89, who also lives in the Providence area. Write to John, who is getting married in August 2000, at 1 Regency Plaza, Apt. 304, Providence, RI 02903 (jcv24@cornell.edu).

JASON M. SCOPP '90 is in his fourth year of five of his orthopedic surgery residency at the University of Maryland. Jason married in October, and his best man was JAMIE STALLMAN '89. Also in attendance were PETE IRWIN '91 and ROB

BOGUCKI '91. Jason's future plans include entering the field of sports medicine, living in a ski town, and being able to ski more than he works. Write to him at 6110 Bellinham Court, #622, Baltimore, MD 21210 (jms227@cornell.edu).

Say hello to THOMAS S. HUNTER '91 at 13855 Juneau Blvd., Elm Grove, WI 53122.

Say hello to JOHN C. COKINOS '92 at 340 E. 51st St., Apt. 14D, New York, NY 10022 (jcokinos@lehman.com).

KIRK M. WEST '92 writes, "All is well. I moved closer to the beach and share a four-bedroom house with my roommate and a dog." Kirk wants to say hello to LES HILGER '92 (16 Hugo St., San Francisco, CA 94122). Write to Kirk at his new address of 26285 Nacome Dr., Mission Viejo, CA 92691 (kharmah@earthlink.com).

RICHARD GROUSSET '95 is still "avoiding the shackles of corporate America while enjoying the amazing quality of life in Colorado." He writes, "How can you leave a place where you can play a round of golf and go rock climbing on Saturday and then drive a few hours and ski in champagne powder on Sunday? I had a great New Year's Eve in Boston with JOSH KLEIN '95, SCOTT BEICKE '95, ADAM MIKULKA '95, DAVID POGGI '94, SETH WELBORN '94, JORDAN LISELLA '94, and DAVE ELLNER '94. It was great to see everyone! I'm looking forward to having more brothers visit me out here. DAN RICE '96 and LOUIS BRESKMAN '96 came out in January to tear up the slopes at Breckenridge." Contact "Gooch" at 1725 18th St., #4, Boulder, CO 80302 (rich@n-r-c.com).



*We regret to inform  
you of the passing into  
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