

THE CENTENNIAL SPIRIT



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**CENTENNIAL+5
Celebration will be
August 24-26, 2012**

CENTENNIAL+5 CELEBRATION PLANS UNDERWAY
Preston Shimer (#635) and Paul Molnar (#1014)

August 24, 2012, is coming quickly and is now less than a year away. This is the first day of the Cornell Chapter's Centennial+5 Celebration. There is much to celebrate and reflect on since our Centennial celebration of 2007.

We hope you, brothers of Cornell Chapter, will come back. We would like you to understand the significance of the investments you have made possible. Much of what you see will amaze you. We now heat the house with two boilers, each roughly 1 cubic foot in size. The new windows have made the house so air tight that running the kitchen exhaust fan pulled replacement air down the water heater vent and put out the pilot light. We had to create a system to provide make up air for the kitchen. There is so much to show you.

Our good works need to be celebrated and you should be there. Please mark your calendars for Au-

gust 24-26, 2012 and begin to plan now. On Friday the 24th, we will gather in the new Physical Sciences Center for dinner and a complete review of the capital projects. Saturday morning, we will start with tours of Northcote so that you can see all the improvements made since the Centennial. We will then move to the Cornell Plantations for lunch and tours. Starting at 5 PM there will be a Brothers' Meeting, a reception at the Beck Center, and a banquet in the Statler Ballroom. Sunday morning, brunch will be served at Northcote. Throughout the weekend, there will be much time for conversation to renew old friendships and to form new ones.

To be sure that we continue to contact you about the weekend and in order to assist our planning efforts, please complete the reservation form below. There is space on the form to donate toward the cost of the reunion. We have started a Facebook fan page. Search for the page "**Cornell Acacia Centennial+5 Celebration August 24-26, 2012**".

Please detach this form and return to:
Acacia Fraternity, c/o Alumni Affairs, 318 Highland Road, Ithaca, NY 14850

Reserve your spot today!

Reserve your spot at the upcoming Cornell Chapter **Centennial+5** celebration, August 24-26, 2012 and contribute to the Cornell Chapter. Don't miss your chance to join your fellow brothers as we celebrate the accomplishments of the last five years and plan for the future of the fraternity.

Name: _____ Pledge Year: _____ Class Year: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

_____ I plan on attending the Cornell Chapter Centennial+5 Weekend with _____ guests.

_____ I also want to contribute to the Cornell Chapter for use by the Cornell Chapter for Centennial+5 celebration purposes:

\$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 Other Amount: _____

Check (All checks should be made out to: "Acacia Fraternity, Inc.")

Paypal (All payments should be sent to "AcaciaCorpBoard@cornell.edu". Please note: no service fee will be assessed if marked as a gift and paid through direct bank transfer.)

You can also reserve your spot by filling out the form on the chapter's website

www.cornellacacia.org

Just click on the Centennial+5 logo and go!

HOMECOMING & CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Thomas Balcerski (#1063)

I am very pleased to report that this past Homecoming was among the best in recent memory. In what must be a first, the number of returning alumni surpassed the number of active brothers! With fully 39 alumni brothers back for the weekend, we were also among the largest of groups of alumni from any fraternity at Cornell. The alumni came from places near and far away from Cornell, and from classes recent and distant to graduation. They came by a variety of means and for different reasons, but all experienced once again the great power and strength in a brotherhood. I was extremely proud to call myself an Acacian alongside so many of my fellow brothers.



Brothers Alumni and Active gather at the Greek Tailgate before the football game on Saturday, September 17, 2011.

I am also thrilled by the continued support of so many brothers and little sisters in the past year towards our Centennial Capital Campaign. The campaign, which began with high aspirations and the promise of hard work ahead, has succeeded even beyond my expectations. To date, we have received pledges of \$312,085. With our goal of \$345,000 now squarely within our sights, I look forward to the future completion of the capital campaign and our celebration next August. We have much about which to be proud and even more to celebrate. See you then!



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