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Front Door v2.0

The Cool New Window

The Acacia front door has a new stained glass mural, and it's a sight to behold. This new window is a source of constant pride in the house, and is more textured and intricate than even the photo shows. It's quickly eclipsing the bar room, the fireplace, and even (dare we say it) the 2nd floor walk-in bedrooms as the most popular stop on our house tour!

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Chapter Eternal

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 12/27/2000

Earle F. Ginter, Jr. '53 (0536)
 10/14/2000

Ralph G. Hay '80 (0867)
 2000

Stuart T. Cain '79 (0875)
 1996

Spring 2001 Chapter Roster

Bradley Schmidt '00 (1025)
 Engineering Physics (M. Eng '01)
 Brampton, ON, Canada

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 Computer Science
 Palo Alto, CA

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 Chemical Engineering
 Middle Village, NY

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 Economics & Government
 Cincinnati, OH

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 Economics & Government
 Solon, OH

Randy Clark '03 (1047)
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 St. Charles, IL

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 Electrical Engineering
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 Bardonia, NY

Charles S. Hong '01 (1043)
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Scott McQuade '03 (1050)
 Applied and Engineering Physics
 Annandale, VA

Micheal Nasatka '03 (1045)
 Operations Research
 Leominster, MA

Benjamin Fierce '02 (1044)
 Government
 Radnor, PA

Tom Ricketts '03 (1051)
 Chemical Engineering
 Halifax, MA

Venerable Dean Report

During the short time it has been since I was elected Venerable Dean, the brotherhood has been in great shape! We continue to be on top of our business and have united in what has been a very successful rush. As recruitment becomes increasingly difficult for the Cornell Greeks, Acacia only seems to be further excelling in finding quality men. Northcote is looking very good these days, thanks to a dedicated corporation board, extremely giving alumni, and a caring, hardworking brotherhood.

All of the actives are looking forward to an exciting semester with the fraternity. We are quite optimistic about our activities and the pledge program we have planned. In addition, we have laid out a number of goals for the fraternity so that we have a clear direction toward which to work. These goals include: 1) increasing the number of quality brothers, 2) bettering our recognition on campus through meaningful activities, positive publicity, and increased sorority relations, 3) successfully completing a large service project in Books for Mombasa, and 4) obtaining a new chapter advisor and a first faculty advisor. Through our achievement of these goals, we hope to be in the running for most improved fraternity on campus this year!

- Michael Nasatka
"Iceman" #1045

Pledge Bios

Jay Ayres

Jay comes from Rockville, Maryland, just north of Washington D.C., where he attended Richard Montgomery High School. When he's not agonizing over the fact that the Redskins missed the Superbowl he can be found doing research for the Cornell Presidential Research Scholars Program or playing a game of pool. Occasionally, Jay also spends time in class, where he plans to major in computer science with a minor in electrical engineering. He also enjoys skiing, basketball, and the occasional round of golf when there isn't three feet of snow covering the Cornell golf course! Anyway, I'm looking forward to a lifetime of great friendship and brotherhood in the Cornell Acacia chapter!

Steve Lowe

My name is Steve Lowe, and I am proud to say that I am the Pledge Class President. I was born in Maryland, and at the age of four I moved to the wonderful state of New Jersey, where I have lived until coming here to Cornell. Growing up, I found myself fascinated by computers, which steered me in the direction of my current major - Electrical Engineering. I was also interested in music, and began playing trumpet in fourth grade. I also started taking piano lessons in fifth grade, and eventually I gave up the trumpet to concentrate on the piano. Needless to say, music became and still is a large part of my life. Other hobbies and interests include: snowboarding, baseball, working out, the beach, and just having fun in

general.

(Juneyoung) Andrew Hur

(Last name can be pronounced as in "Ben Hur" the movie)

DOB: July 25, 1981

Places lived: 1981-95 Pusan, South Korea, 1995-96 Auckland, New Zealand, 1996-2000 Glendale, CA (20 miles north of Los Angeles downtown), 2000~ Ithaca, NY

School: Saint Francis High School, La Canada, CA

Major: Human Development, College of Human Ecology

Economics, College of Arts and Science

*I was a premed student as I applied to Cornell. Upon realizing I have not such a good relationship with Science courses, I dropped my premed and I am planning to transfer into A&S.

Activities: Webmaster for PATCH, a Cornell Daily Sun Business Department Trainee, EARS Program Trainee

Alfred Peña

My name is Alfred Peña. I reside in the Bronx, but originally I am from the Dominican Republic. I am currently a freshman at Cornell, and happy to be a pledge brother at ACACIA.

I plan on being a math major or a possible double major in ...mathematics and economics. All of my life I have been interested in mathematics. This interested was

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The Great Wall of Paddles

There are a lot of odd spaces in Northcote, like the storage spaces in the dormer or in the closet under the stairs. It seems that no matter how many times we clean out these spaces, as soon as we are done new



interesting objects appear. Especially one such type of object: a seemingly unending supply of pledge paddles. A few of them end up on the walls in various rooms, but most of them have been piling up collecting dust for awhile. This past fall, Josh & I decided to find a better place to display them. We went looking and found a great spot on the newly painted walls going up the stairs to the top floor. With a few nails and hooks, an entire wall is covered with paddles from around the house. You can see the wall in the picture above, and I think you'll be pleased with the results!

- Brad Schmidt
"Frog" #1015

Books For Mombasa

Every Greek fraternity or sorority has philanthropic goals, although very few have it spelled out as clearly as it is for Acacia. Under our crest are the

Greek words for "Human Service", and while we spend a lot of time worrying about recruitment and social and taking care of our academics, we try not to forget that we should also

try to maintain a commitment to our fraternities goals. There are a lot of service hours contributed behind the scenes that we don't see,

but very few projects try to involve the campus community beyond asking for money. At Cornell, large scale Greek philanthropy usually involves going around and asking for

donations for some cause, like Sigma Chi selling lollipops for Derby Days or Alpha Tau Omega

selling lilies for cancer research. While all of these events are positive, Acacia felt that we should try to focus our efforts on a project that would be able to involve more of the community and that would also allow brothers to feel a good sense of accomplishment by being able to do some real work.

Over the summer it came to my attention through a family friend that a group of people from Kenya were

trying to solicit donations of used books in order to construct a community library in their city of Mombasa. If there is one thing that Cornell has a lot of, it is definitely used books. I passed the idea onto our Service Chair, and this past semester we began our "Books for Mombasa" book drive. Over the months of November and December, we were able to collect around 1200 books, most of them in very good shape, ranging from children's books to university textbooks. To purchase these same books new would cost tens of thousands of dollars, so we believe it has been a huge success. To put it in perspective, the entire Greek Community at Cornell (over 60 fraternities and Sororities), raised a little over \$35,000 through their various fundraising efforts.

Currently, our efforts are continuing to raise some of the money to pay for bulk shipping while we await arrangements for them to be received in Kenya. Until then we are working on less visible but still

important service projects here in Ithaca: we've adopted a sponsor child, are helping out at Cabin Fever and YMCA Healthy Kids Day, and have enlisted some brothers as English-As-A-Second-Language conversation partners.

- Brad Schmidt
"Frog" #1015



Wireless Networking at Northcote (Pledge Reports, from Pg. 3)

Northcote now supports wireless networking! As of the beginning of February, the chapter has installed a wireless access point, so brothers with wireless network cards now can access the Internet from anywhere in the house.

Throughout this semester, the chapter will subsidize the purchase of wireless cards by resident brothers to encourage the switch from wired to wireless networking. Even desktop computers are can use the new system. We hope eventually to be able to eliminate our unsightly and unreliable wired network, which has far outlasted its intended lifetime.

Our wireless network conforms to the same standard (IEEE 802.11b) as RedRover, the campus wireless service to be unveiled later this year. Cornell will be encouraging incoming students to bring wireless-capable laptops, and the access point at Northcote will allow brothers to bring their laptops back to the house without reconfiguration hassles.

The access point is connected to our shared cable modem, which for the past several years has provided Cornell Acacians with easy Internet access. The wireless system is being funded by the Acacia Fraternity Foundation education endowment.

- Matthew S. Harris
#1042

mostly developed throughout my high school career. I went to Brookly Technical High School, where I was first introduced to the Math Team and the Math Student Magazine.

One of my greatest achievements, and something I am tremendously proud of, is being the Editor-In-Chief of the Math Student Magazine for 3 years. I worked many endless hours on this magazine and a great deal of satisfaction was acquired when I saw the magazine in its final form. From working on the magazine, I now have thousands of memories that I will cherish for the rest of my life.

I enjoyed my first semester here at Cornell and I am looking forward to my second semester.

Brian Kwoba

I hail from Boulder, Colorado. I was born in Manchester Conneticut, and I have lived in Cincinnati, Ohio and Boston, Massachusetts. My biggest interest is music. More specifically, I am an aspiring pianist and a jazz FREAK, so my favorite artists are Miles Davis, John Coltrane, etc. I also like Latin jazz, fusion, and funk. I decided to come to Cornell because I was looking for a change of pace from good ol' Colorado, and I hope to find it in my new family of Acacians.

Gamelin Telesfort

Hi all, the rumor is true, I'm another one of those dreaded Long Islanders!!! Yes we are like roaches and yes we do over run the school but we are the

ones that make Cornell great. Woohoo!!! Well currently at the University, I'm in the Arts & Science school studying Psychology with a possible concentration in Behavioral Science. Who knows maybe one day I'll be the next Freud. As for now I'm just ready to enjoy what this University has to offer, and being part of this fraternity is one of the best things.

Barry LeVine

Due to unforeseen circumstances not relating to the house, Barry's pledge period has been postponed. The brothers look forward to his return!

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The Mailbag - Alumni News

Clarence F. Bent DVM '39 (0334) [16416 US-19 N, Lot 1704, Clearwater, FL 33764-6735] is almost 86 and still going strong. He and wife, Ruth, will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary in June. They traveled north to Nashua, NH in October to attend the Christening of their great grandson.

Robert T. Snowdon '39 (0364) [33 Gladstone House, 775 John Ringling Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34236] and his wife celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in October at The Plaza Hotel in NYC, where they also spent their wedding night and celebrated their 25th anniversary.

Robert S. Smith '42 (0391) [60 Wedgewood Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850] announced the birth of his first great grandchild in October. The Smiths spend summers in NH and winters in Ithaca.

Robert D. Flickinger '47 (0434) [161 Hidden Ridge Common, Williamsville, NY 14221-5765, rdf7324@aol.com] in enjoying retirement (6 months in FL and 6 months in Western NY), playing golf 4 times/week.

William B. Gibson '48 (0437) [20 Grandview CT., Danville, CA 94506-6100, wbgibson2@cs.com], having been in CA for 41 years, has been apart from both Acacia and Cornell, but still has warm feelings and memories of his days at Acacia. Bill hopes Acacia continues to

develop strong pledge classes, as a minimum pledge class size is required in order to be financially and socially functional. However, Acacia needs to maintain its unique personal style and comfort level.

Roy S. Clarke, Jr. '49 (0441) [3050 Military Rd. NW, Apt. 521, Washington, DC 20015] recently left his home of 40 years for a nice retirement apartment in the city. Roy continues to be active with the Smithsonian's meteorite collection, particularly studying its history.

Walter E. Cox, Jr. '53 (0491) [Alte Landstrasse 95, CH-8803, Ruschlikon, Switzerland, wicox@pop.agri.ch] still doing some consulting for SRI and selling some "foundry supplies". Spending more time in Berlin, also. Walter still enjoys the continuing short stories by Tony Navarra '01 (1031) in *The Traveler*.

John R. Pakan '53 (0524) [13 Hemlock Dr., Clifton Park, NY 12065-4841] and wife, Marge, are in good health and enjoying retirement. Had dinner in the fall with Acacians [and wives] Bob Cipperly '52 (0529) [Becky], Bill Burnett '53 (0490) [Nancy], Lloyd Hayner '52 (0508) [Evelyn], Al Hoyt '52 (0525) [Marcia], Wally Rich '51 (0523) [Doris], Chet Pohl '51 (0495) [Betty], and John Mallery '52 (0545) [Jackie]. They spent a great evening recounting their adventures since leaving academia nearly 50 years ago.

David J. Hower '51 (0526) [187 Lookout Lane, Willow Grove, PA 19090] had dinner with the Joe

Wilfords '52 (0497) and keep up with the Bill Burnetts '53 (0490). Dave has finally retired, giving him time for Rotary, 10 committees at the Harboro YMCA, and the local library.

Robert E. Baker '53 (0537) [140 Glenbrook CT., Hendersonville, NC 28739-4076, re_baker@bellsouth.net] is living in a small community at the edge of the Blue Ridge Mountains since 1992. Busy with golf, volunteer service, and travel with wife, Janet.

George L. Mueller, Jr. '57 (0574) [3803 Bonita Lane, Laporte, TX 77571-7320, mueller66@juno.com] recently returned from visit with son, Mark, at Lt. Col. In US Army stationed in Bamberg, Germany. Also went to Rome.

Donald C. Fish '58 (0595) [4405 Holter CT., Jefferson, MD 21755-8633, threedgems@hotmail.com] retired in 1/2000, spending more time faceting gem stones, working around the house, and planning tennis. Toured Venice, Florence, Rome, and Pompeii. Has 9 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

William L. Keltz '61 (0632) [1403 Grand Oak Lane, West Chester, PA 19380-5908] writes that both children are fully grown and out of the house. Their daughter gave birth to their first grandchild, a boy last year. Bill would enjoy hearing from Cornell Acacians from the late 50's.

Dr. David A. Gorelick '68 (0717) [2705 Moores Valley Dr.,

Baltimore, MD 21209-1050, dgorelick@home.com] writes that daughter, Sarah, has been accepted at Wharton.

Howard S. Zwiefel III, '69 (0734) [328 Scottsdale Rd., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523, hzwiefel@yahoo.com] moved to CA from Maplewood, NJ when wife, Mary Kay, accepted a job with Pacific Gas & Electric. They are the only ones in their families living west of NJ! Has seen Dave Odegaard '70 (0743), who was his best man in '84.

Fred W. Tierney Jr., '71 (0763) [48740 Amarilla CT., Fremont, CA 94539, fredtierney@home.com] and wife, Kay, began 2000 in SC, volunteering with Habitat for Humanity. Fred, now retired, spends a large portion of his time in volunteer activities, including serving as mediator for Santa Clara County, the Humane Society, and the Consumer Advocacy program for Santa Clara. He was recently elected president of the Cupertino Tennis Club, where he also captains three teams (men's, mixed, and senior's).

William B. Hairston III, '80 (0873) [1216 Krin Ave., Birmingham, AL 35213-1406, bh3@bellsouth.net] recently heard from Bob Spiesz '77 (0835) who is still doing great in Buffalo. Bob has been in touch with John Feldsted '77 (0824) and Brad Meyer '79 (0856). Joe Schussler '80 (0872) celebrated the birth of his 8th child. Has anyone heard from Jim Manfredi '78 (0855) or Tom Visconti '78 (0849)?

John W. Carpenter III, '91 (0959)

[2446 Dover Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33907, JohnCarp@aol.com] daughter, Madeline, was born 6/10/2000 to the delight of big sister Allie. John joined Neomedia Technologies as a senior developer in September.

Paul N. Hayre, '91 (0970) [20 Glen Rd., Newton, MA 02459-2323, phayre@mba1999.hbs.edu] had dinner with Andy Brenner '90 (0953), David Rickerby '91 (0960), Jun Nakiri '90 (0957), and Jun's wife, Yichu, in Boston.

Andrew S. Regenbaum, '93 (0973) [31 Woodfield Dr., Washingtonville, NY 10992, aregenbaum@aol.com] has been working as a trial attorney in the Hudson Valley and Capital area courts for the past couple of years. Second child is due in May. Has recently been in touch with Mike and Kara Cvijanovich '94 (0981), and Jon and Noelle Lammers '93 (0972). Also communicate often with the other dozen or so Acacians who are a part of an Investment Club which has been running for 5 years.

Paul G. Molnar, '98 (1014) [5 Raybor Rd., Commack, NY 11725, pgm1014@aol.com] continues to work for Nortel Networks as a software engineer. In his spare time, Paul bowls and works with area youth bowling programs. In addition, Paul serves on the Acacia Corporation Board and maintains the alumni portion of the website.

Join us for Corp Board!

Join us for Reunion Weekend!

Join us for Homecoming!

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A Message From The Treasurer:

My Fellow Alumni Brothers,

As treasurer and therefore primary realist of Cornell Acacia, I must often put strict boundaries upon the spending aspirations of our fraternity. Though we have been quite well off the past few years, our budget has been quite severely crunched with the loss of a boarder and a brother (Eric Wursthorn, on leave of absence).

We therefore come to you with a request. We wish to dedicate the dining room as a memorial to Pearl Murray, and with it renovate the sliding glass doors, cracked plaster, & curtains in the room, at a cost of \$10,000 for the whole project. We humbly solicit donations to this cause, a project that we feel will both honor Pearl's name and fill a great need.

Please join us,
Yujin Chung
#1048



Honor Roll (2000-2001)

ROBERT E BAKER '53 (0537) PL'50
 DAVID M BANFIELD '95 (0985) PL'92
 CLARENCE F BENT DVM * '39 (0334) PL'33
 STEWART L BURGER * '70 (0738) PL'67
 JOHN W CARPENTER III * '91 (0959) PL'87
 WALTER E COX JR. '53 (0491) PL'49
 SCOTT H DULMAN '83 (0899) PL'80
 ROBERTS FASH * '58 (0594) PL'54
 JOHN F FELDSTED '77 (0824) PL'74
 DAVID R FISHELL * '75 (0800) PL'72
 DONALD C FISH '58 (0595) PL'55
 ROBERT D FLICKINGER * '47 (0434) PL'42
 WILLIAM B GIBSON * '48 (0437) PL'43
 DAVID A GORELICK '68 (0717) PL'65
 JOHN M GRAHAM '81 (0883) PL'78
 WILLIAM B HAIRSTON III * '80 (0873) PL'77
 KENNETH B HARRIS '00 (1036) PL'98
 MATTHEW S HARRIS '03 (1042) PL'00
 PAUL N HAYRE * '91 (0970) PL'89
 HENRY L HOOD * '43 (0407) PL'40
 DAVID J HOWER '51 (0526) PL'50
 CHARLES W HUFFINE III '86 (0931) PL'83
 ALAN L JETTE '82 (0895) PL'79
 WILLIAM L KELTZ '61 (0632) PL'58
 L. W. "PETE" KNAPP JR. '51(0509) PL'49
 DAVID E MACQUIGG MD '37 (0352) PL'36
 WILBER C MAKER * '44 (0419) PL'42

MARK F MALTENFORT '77 (0831) PL'74
 HARLAN M MEINWALD '74 (0789) PL'71
 ROBERT C MERRITT * '75 (0807) PL'73
 PAUL G MOLNAR * '98 (1014) PL'95
 GEORGE L MUELLER JR. '57 (0574) PL'53
 STANLEY R NIMAN * '73 (0783) PL'70
 JOHN R OGDEN * '70 (0744) PL'67
 JOHN R PAKAN '53 (0524) PL'50
 MICHAEL M PLISS '80 (0871) PL'77
 GREGORY S POULIOS '01 (1041) PL'00
 ANDREW S REGENBAUM '93 (0973) PL'90
 BRUCE G SCHNEIDER * '78 (0842) PL'75
 G. MARTIN SCUTT '92 (0971) PL'90
 JAMES C SHOWACRE '50 (0447) PL'47
 BRIAN SIVILLO '96 (0993) PL'93
 ROBERT S SMITH * '42 (0391) PL'39
 ROBERT T SNOWDON * '39 (0364) PL'37
 ROBERT B SQUIRES * '52 (0496) PL'49
 STEVEN L STEIN '73 (0787) PL'70
 KEITH W STONE '71 (0775) PL'69
 RONALD F TESARIK * '59 (0615) PL'56
 TIM K THOM '82 (0887) PL'79
 FREDERICK W TIERNEY JR. * '71 (0763) PL'68
 WILLIAM A UTIC * '77 (0836) PL'74
 ALBERT S WOODFORD * '45 (0436) PL'42
 HOWARD S ZWIEFEL III * '69 (0734) PL'66

53 Donors

24 Brother Tree Leaf recognitions

* after name indicates Brother Tree leaf recognition

From the Corp. Board President

Brethren,

As Acacia at Cornell began the New Millennium, the old electrical wiring was being upgraded to 20th Century standards (a century late and a dollar short?). Although as of today (2/22/01), the rewiring is not complete, the contractors promised to return next week and finish up. Parts of Acacia were wired with knob and tube, which was used in the early 1900s. Most of the 3rd Floor has been rewired, as has most of the 2nd Floor in the “old” part of the house. Some wiring in the Commons also needs to be replaced. Almost all incandescent light fixtures are being replaced with safe, energy efficient compact fluorescent fixtures. New circuits have been added to prevent overloads, and new outlets have been added to eliminate the need for extension cords. During the rewiring, we discovered that the 3rd Floor Pin Wheel Room was once a bathroom! And, an empty whiskey bottle (bottled in 1906) was found under a floorboard.

The Wing Bathroom shower is back in operation after the old tile and concrete base was removed, a new floor poured, a waterproof membrane installed, and new ceramic tile installed. The four 3rd Floor windows were replaced with energy efficient aluminum replacement windows in November.

At a recent Corporation Board Meeting, we voted to renovate the Dining Room (replacing the sliding glass doors, repairing plaster walls, and repainting ceiling and walls) and dedicate the room in loving memory of long time cook and friend, Amanda Pearl Murray. A plaque with Pearl’s picture and narrative will be prominently displayed. We need to allocate about \$10,000 for this project.

Other projects which will be completed over the next few years (when finances are available) include replacing windows in the old part of the house, replacing bedding in the dorm, and repairing plaster and repainting walls and ceilings throughout Acacia.

On the bright side, throughout my many years as Corporation President, I’ve never been more optimistic about Acacia’s future. The current group of Actives is a great bunch of young men who have already demonstrated their desire to return the Brotherhood to 30 members. I’m extremely proud of what they have accomplished, and am even more determined to provide a safe, sound, and comfortable infrastructure in which to live. Of course, I can’t do this alone! Acacia desperately needs your continued support (so far this academic year, 53 alumni have contributed, but about 500 have not). To those of you who did contribute, THANK YOU! To the rest of you, if there are reasons (other than financial), please drop me a line and let’s talk about it. So, **please** return the enclosed Dues form at your earliest convenience. We are again asking for a minimum contribution of \$50, but we’ll certainly not complain about any amount that you feel you can afford. Also, regardless of whether or not you contribute, please send us news for the Mailbag.

Special thanks again go to Hollister Moore ’68 (0702) [1747 Bainbridge, Philadelphia, PA 19146, HoddyMoo@aol.com] for his generosity in print/copying the Traveler. Holly owns Can Do! Copy Center in Philadelphia. And, of course, thanks to Jim Showacre ’50 (0447), who continues his role as Corporation Treasurer. Jim underwent back surgery during the summer, and is no longer able to help with the manual labor, which he had been doing since before I pledged in 1970!

Enjoy the rest of the first year of the new millennium!

Steven L. Stein ’73 (0787) [339 E. Miller Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850-9431; 607-277-3125; sls8@cornell.edu]

ALUMNI PHOTO CONTEST COMING SOON!

Do you have any pictures from your days in Acacia that you would like to share with your alumni brethren? The Corporation Board will sponsor a photo contest through the chapter's website, <http://www.cornellacacia.org>. You will be invited to submit an Acacia-related photo for the contest. After the submission deadline, all alumni will be invited to vote on the best picture and the winner will be awarded a prize. Please check the alumni portion of the website for the photo contest rules and the submission and voting deadlines.

- Paul Molnar '98 #1014



ANNUAL CORPORATION BOARD MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Cornell Chapter of Acacia Fraternity, Inc. will be Saturday, May 5, 2001 at 11:00 am, at Acacia Fraternity, 318 Highland Road, Ithaca, NY 14850-2302 (607-257-7055). Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

REUNION WEEKEND June 7 - June 10

All alumni, family & friends are cordially invited to join us Saturday, June 9, 4pm to 6pm. See our recent improvements to the house, meet some of the brotherhood, & catch up with old friends! Rooms for the weekend are also available; call us.

Come To Homecoming 2001!

Weekend of October 12th - October 14th



If you don't visit us, you'll never be able to see our BatPhone!

Cornell Acacia Visits Penn State

Last November, five brothers from Cornell Acacia piled into a car, braved the elements, and drove to State College, Pennsylvania. Perhaps "braved the elements" is an exaggeration. The car was heated, after all. But YOU try playing word games for the six-plus hour journey. At least Brother Byron Hing is a steady driver. He only nodded off once during the entire trip. Brothers John Abrehamson, Ken Harris, Mike Nasatka and myself really appreciated his mileage to the gallon.

Several hours and several bottles of soda later, we happily arrived on the Penn State campus. For the record, let me say that this is a big campus. Many complain that Cornell is too big. Clearly, they have not been to a

sprawling, expansive, Big Ten campus. We arrived during football season, so there was only thing to do: get some Penn State Acacian's tickets and go cheer for the Blue and White.

It was a tough game, and the Nittany Lions lost to the Iowa Hawkeyes, 26-23 in double overtime. I had been impressed with Cornell's valiant effort to win the Ivy League title this past season. But the crowd at Penn State surpassed the TOTAL number of fans that attend Cornell home games during the entire season. Wow. As I write this, it occurs to me that Kerry Collins, QB for the Super Bowl runner-up New York Giants, is a Penn State alum. I'm sure that playing for the school was good training for the NFL.

One major adventure awaited us before we returned to good 'ol Ithaca, NY. Apparently, the fine civil servants in charge of parking at Penn State were

not impressed with Byron's gas mileage. Our car was towed out of what we thought was an Acacia parking space. That would have been ironic and left us chagrined had it not been so darn annoying.

Some fast words and even faster towing charges later, we were on our way back to Cornell. But we will never forget the fun we had on our trip. The brothers of Penn State obviously take a lot of pride in their chapter. The house is large and impressive, with many trophies celebrating the chapter's recent glories. They welcomed us with open arms and were perfectly happy to show us a good time. As we travel along life's pathway, it is good to know that we can find friendly brothers in whatever community in which we may reside.

- David Klesh
"Tomba" #1037

Rush 2001

Our rush program this year has been very successful, with a pledge class of 7, 50% of the size of the entire brotherhood, even in the face of diminishing overall rushee numbers at Cornell. Factoring in Summer and Fall pledge classes, plus the very small number of brothers leaving us in May, it's quite possible that we might hit 30 members by May 2002.



The main reason for this, of course, is that our house rules. But we have to give credit to Dave's fine rush program. The Car Bash, pictured on the front cover, returned for a second year, and was just as fun as ever. We whacked the heck out of a junked Honda, and apart from some vaguely unnerving smoke that rose up from the engine it didn't put up much of a fight.

Our house bought a small but professional roulette wheel, which was debuted at our Casino Night event. Brad gambled away our Rush budget, social budget, philanthropy budget & food budget on the table, at which point we had to restrain him, but it's a great addition to our already full-featured casino game collection.

A new concept this year was the After-IFC Meeting BBQ. When rushees

return from the first night orientation meeting the dining halls are closed, the rushees are hungry, and everyone is stuck eating whatever 2 month old Pop-Tarts they can find in their room. This year, we sent out people after the meeting to advertise Free Food at the house, which both gets rushees over

and performs a community service.

Also new this year was a successful 2-day trip north of the border to Carleton

Acacia, because, as Brother Navara aptly put it, if you can get someone to visit Carleton Acacia they *will* pledge! CanAcians make lifelong friends in five seconds flat.

There was a shift in focus this year for Rush, away from Rush week itself and towards the following two weeks. Last year we had an immense amount of success with the Rushed-But-Didn't-Pledge list compiled by the university, actually getting more pledges *after* Rush than during it. This year, we expanded upon that by moving our climactic formal dinner to the Friday after classes start, followed immediately by a rooms party that night and a Super Bowl party that Sunday.

The rest of the Rush schedule was taken up by a variety of things: snow-tubing, a Cornell hockey game, traditional dorm contacts, etc. I can't say enough good things about the

schedule; Dave outdid himself. So many of the fraternities here have fallen into a rut, activity-wise, and it's definitely going to hurt them. One car bash is worth five uninspired pizza lunches. Even our rush *booklet* is the best in the business - look in www.cornellacacia.org under "Publications", our book is a glossy professional picture-laden masterpiece. We've got the goods, Rush-wise.

- John Abrehamson
"Ginger" #1039

Spice Girls Continue Not To Be Mentioned In The Traveler

Despite an exhaustive search, even more so than in the last Traveler published by Brother "Ginger" Abrehamson, researchers were forced to conclude that Spice Girls references don't, in fact, exist in the new issue.

"Well gosh darn it," said one surprised investigator. "Wow!" In contrast to the Traveler produced by Brother Hing, which was found to have thousands of subliminal messages, the new Traveler was proven remarkably tame.

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