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TOBY LEUNG
DEAN OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS

Being a Design and Environmental Analysis major, I have spent many hours grinding away at presentation booklets and graphical layouts. When the elections for officer positions came around, it felt like it was fate that drew me to taking upon the role of Dean of Alumni Affairs. This will be my third year at Acacia, and every semester here I have expressed my distaste of the outdated traveler layout. Don't get me wrong, the content is always an interesting recap of the past 6 months, but flipping through and seeing words and pictures be crammed into each page just forced my hand, pushing me to action. With that I decided to bring about change to the traveler.

The new traveler is very much a metaphor of things happening in Northcote this semester. We have changed from the age old kitchen to a shiny new stainless steel kitchen. We've changed the dormer back to its former glory, making it another space for entertaining guests. All the updates we've made around Northcote have been done while maintaining traditional values of the house; and when we take a step back to observe the difference, it shows that Northcote is still the same old house, but one that fits the standards of the new generation.

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Message from Our Corporation Board President

The Cornell Acacia 2017-2018 Fiscal/Academic Year officially began on 7/1/2017, but by then our long overdue Kitchen Renovation Project had been underway for almost 3 weeks. Demolition began on 6/12/2017 and was completed, on time but over budget, on 8/21/2017. And what a transformation took place during those 10 weeks! Except for the appliances, dishwasher exhaust hood, and range hood, virtually everything (plumbing, electrical, gas lines, grease trap, floor (including Service Entrance Hallway), ceiling, walls, insulation, and fixtures) in the kitchen was replaced. The new walls are covered with stainless steel panels and the island, cabinets, and countertop are all stainless steel. Quarry floor tile replaced the old and worn vinyl floor tiles. The overhead and under-cabinet lighting are all energy efficient LED fixtures. The Service Entrance Electrical Panel has been replaced to allow for all the new and any additional circuits. We had a weekend celebration of the Kitchen Renovation on 8/25/2017 – 8/27/2017. A good time was had by all.

Our initial estimate for the Kitchen Renovation was \$110,000, but there were some surprises that resulted in a final cost of about \$130,000. Please consider contributing to the project by November 30, 2017. As you will read elsewhere in this Traveler, any donation of \$100 or more will get your name on a beautiful plaque that will be made to be proudly displayed in the Dining Room.

We just passed the annual Village of Cayuga Heights Fire/Safety Inspection with only one minor issue (dead battery in an Emergency Light). As usual, the inspector was impressed with the safety, cleanliness, and condition of Acacia.

Cornell Acacia recently received sad news about the passing of two outstanding alumni, William Pendarvis '47 (440) and Hollister Moore '68 (702). Links to their obituaries appear in the Chapter Eternal section of this Traveler.

Please email or call me if you have comments, concerns, suggestions, want to get involved, or simply want to say hello. It would be wonderful if I heard from some of you so I know you are as concerned, yet encouraged, as I am about the future of our beloved Acacia. The Mailbag column continues to be rather small because of a lack of news from our Alumni! Please share some news.

Fraternally,

Steven L. Stein 1973 (787)

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The Obstacle is the Way

JOSE COVARRUBIAS
VENERABLE DEAN



“This voyage, like Pythagoras’, was not an easy one, but it was meaningful and full of learning”

I would like to start by giving a huge shout-out to Brother Leung for this amazing innovative design of our already exceptional Traveler. Just like our newsletter has experienced changes, so has every single one of us in these past months. This summer I was fortunate enough to be chosen to participate in a 6-week engineering summer program at Imperial College London, and blessed with the opportunity of solo-traveling in Europe for the rest of the summer. This voyage, like Pythagoras’, was not an easy one, but it was meaningful and full of learning, just like our guide and mentor’s. Earlier this summer I adopted the philosophy of Stoicism as my own by personal choice; it turned out to be extremely helpful during my travel. From sleeping on the floor of an unknown hostel in Brussels to being robbed in a busy night in Berlin and losing my passport in the vibrant city of Barcelona (shout-out to Brother Wong for hosting me during my

Obstacle is the Way

stay there), I faced many challenges that I am sure I was able to overcome mostly because of my newly acquired philosophy.

Such was the intensity of my experience that I decided to keep a permanent reminder of this philosophy on my wrist, while keeping in mind the idea of adding more mementos as time passes. One of these Stoic maxims that I would like to share with you is the following: “What stands in the way becomes the way”. This phrase by Marcus Aurelius reminds us that obstacles are what make us or break us, and that in order to become men of virtue, we must be able to overcome these obstacles without hesitation. Sometimes things outside of our control happen, and instead of complaining and wonder why us, it is better to take action and accept that things will happen. Nothing defines men of virtue as well as their ability to follow their desired path while overcoming whatever obstacles come their way. These are some useful things to keep in mind that I wish I knew about earlier, before I started my journey through the Halls of Acacia.

VENERABLE SPEAKING

This semester marks the end of my journey as Venerable Dean of Cornell Acacia. It has been a long path full of meaningful events and difficult obstacles. As I have mentioned in the past my start as Venerable Dean was somewhat unconventional. Rather than starting at the beginning of February as planned, I had to start in mid-November and help other Executive Board officers plan our Spring rush week. That Spring semester our Chapter's efforts paid off after successfully recruiting 8 new brothers. It is unfortunate however that due to different circumstances some of them were not able to continue in our brotherhood. This in turn led our chapter to financial difficulties that we have been since dealing with. This Fall semester things have been slowly improving. With the help of Gio and his culinary talent, and the incredible effort of our recruitment chairmen, Brother Kim and Brother Wainaina, we were able to recruit 5 new brothers this semester; something completely unheard of in recent years for Fall New Member classes. This semester

we have been pushing the Actives to become more involved on campus. I started working at Cornell Health (formerly known as Gannett) as a Cornell Social Consultant this semester. The purpose of CSCs is to influence groups and organizations on campus through environmental interventions to prevent sexual assault. I also started serving the Orientation Steering Committee for next year's Orientation Weeks (both January and August). Additionally, Brother Penichet started serving the Interfraternity Development Committee this semester, which influences the decisions the IFC takes during the semester.

I'm confident to say that we are in a better position than we were a year ago, and I can only wish the best of luck (and lots of courage) to the next Venerable Dean. It was a pleasure serving my Brothers

Godspeed,
Jose Covarrubias

What it Truly Means to be a Good Acacian

TOBY LEUNG
SENIOR DEAN

After tirelessly rushing 5 new brothers for the fall pledge class, I am happy to say that this is a group of men that I am happy to initiate into the halls of Acacia. All five of them are some of the finest gentlemen that I've had a chance of going through the process of new member education with and I see a bright future in Northcote. Since the day they were inducted, they immediately began engaging themselves with life as an Acacian. Each session of new member meetings flew by breezily since they were very much eager to learn about the history of the house and how business is conducted around here.

In my mind, this is what truly makes for a great pledge class. 4 new members is a solid number, but it means nothing if the pledge class consists of non-committed brothers who take the house for granted. This pledge class makes a bold point by fully buying into what it means to become an Acacian. They've shown through participating in non-mandatory events, house cleanups, and simply just being around the house more often, that they do cherish the privilege of wearing the Acacia pledge pin over their heart, and they wear it with pride.

I am glad to say that Acacia is building up our reputation as a house of some of the most outstanding men in Cornell and I look forward to a new fleet of executive board members and officers that will further our upward trend.





The Social Scene

DARIAN PENICHET GARCIA JASSO
JUNIOR DEAN

This semester has been a rewarding final semester as junior dean. Since the events during pre-orientation to our parties in late October we keep meeting new people every time. Even during busy weeks we have fun game nights animated by wine and ciders. Since we cleared out and reorganized the Dormer it has been a great place to hang out with intimate friends of the house.

We put the good weather and back lawn to good use and threw a darty with a guest DJ from Barcelona with great success-- smoke machines, inflatables, lights, and decorations included. Moreover, we partner with other campus organizations to host their events with a fee. The additional income allows us to re-invest into the house. For example we recently

purchased a modern sound system that vastly improves the bar room ambiance. In contrast with before, we have a joint house playlist that we play with Bluetooth and the sound evenly fills every part of the room.

In the future we will keep having special events with guest DJs and continue to send out thoughtful cards to sororities for their founders day & holidays. Our presence in the campus scene has largely improved because of our multiple efforts. Our date night is coming up soon and will likely be at the Ithaca-famous restaurant Mia. On top of that we have been taking our scene internationally with house trips to Toronto and soon Guadalajara, Mexico. Maybe we'll even go transatlantic and visit Mallorca, Spain next spring break. No risk management issues, more brotherhood, more fun, have all helped our collective spirits and mental health. It was an honor serving as Junior Dean. The future of Acacia is ever more promising.

We On The Way Up

GREGORY SCHULTZ

TREASURER

A reform of how financial systems to create a more organized budget, making most out of limited resources



The Fall of 2017 has been a particularly exciting semester in the treasurer position. The advent of the Kitchen Celebration gave many more alumni the chance to interact with our executive board, and I had the opportunity to reach out to Treasurers from nearly a decade back. I had the opportunity to talk to them about how the Treasurer position is structured now, and what they think could be improved to put the house in a more organized financial state. Working with brothers Choi, Iketani, and my

mentor Brian Clapp, I've been able to re-adopt Quicken, create a more detailed budget, and increase the transparency of our reimbursement system. Overall I was humbled that in a time when our house needed some external guidance, all alumni I interacted with were happy and even excited to lend a helping hand. The surge of 5 new brothers this Fall semester further increases our financial position, and proves to us that we are becoming a stronger brotherhood.

Building Brotherhood

JOSHUA BRISCOE
PHILANTHROPY CHAIR

As I enter my senior year at Cornell, I have grown to recognize and appreciate the importance of fostering and reinforcing brotherhood in the halls of Northcote. While friendships can be achieved through the social activities we facilitate at the house, brotherhood can only be achieved through experience. Experience in the form of discussion, debate, and overcoming of obstacles which we may encounter. As both brotherhood chair and the LGBTQIA+ Ally Ambassador, I have facilitated internal sexual health awareness discussions which I have named “No B.S. Consent Ed.” with the intention of bringing our boys together to sit down and discuss issues regarding sexual health, healthy relationships, and other issues which may arise as we exist as fraternity men on Cornell’s campus and beyond. I have deemed it integral that we in Acacia keep these issues at the forefront of our minds in order to represent ourselves as a progressive, and truly respectable brotherhood. Recreationally, I am also in the process of organizing a brotherhood camping trip in Danby State Forest once the Fall Pledge class has been initiated in order for us to strengthen the bonds of our friendship and take advantage of the beautiful wildlife Ithaca has to offer. At least before the hellish winter overtakes us.



Human Service

JOSE COVARRUBIAS
PHILANTHROPY CHAIR

This semester, as usual, multiple brothers participated as volunteers in orientation events. We had six brothers participate in the PREPARE program for international students and 3 as orientation leaders for O-Week. We recently passed an amendment to the Constitution where we include a philanthropy requirement for the semester. This way, room points will only be granted to brothers that follow Acacia's motto, human service. The actives will participate in Greeks Give Back later in November, and in Movember, supporting Men's mental health. More efforts will be made this semester to take on a more active part in the affairs of the community in which we reside.

Contribute to our movember campaign online through this link!

<https://moteam.co/cornell-acacia>



It's Interview Szn

GREGORY SCHULTZ
SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR



Once again the actives find ourselves back to practicing our elevator pitches and meticulously spell checking our resumes as the Fall semester comes into full swing. This semester, career fair was (thankfully) moved back from Statler Hall to Barton, allowing more employers to attend, and our brothers more opportunities to grab that prized internship or full time job. We are still in the midst of interviews, but brothers have been seeing major companies such as Capital One, Palantir, and Wayfair.

Green Initiative

IAN WAINAINA
SUSTAINABILITY CHAIR

Northcote increased sustainability efforts this semester. Steve Stein conducted a recycling education session at a chapter meeting during which he informed the brotherhood on materials that are recyclable, and the process of getting refunds from beer cans. Moreover, Northcote purchased more recycling bins and stationed them all over the house. Cigarette butts that had been a major problem on the front and back porch, though still an issue, are becoming more manageable with the procurement of cigarette butt disposal containers and the shift to e-cigarettes by most smoking brothers and guests.



Take Care of Yourself

ADRIAN WONG

HEALTH AND WELLNESS CHAIR



Taking on the responsibilities and duties of the Acacia Health & Wellness Chair this semester was extremely exciting to me. I was ready to take on the role of organising new ways for chapter members to have fun at parties and activities while ensuring that safety remained a top priority. Over the course of the semester, I've had the chance to talk to chairs from other chapters about ways to address certain health and wellness issues within our community such as types of activities offered, types of food available, and funding source. Being Health & Wellness Chair has been a valuable experience for me and has taught me how to effectively communicate a set of opinions to a large audience. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to serve as the Health & Wellness Chair and hope to see more brothers take on this role in the future.

A succesful Fall Rush, bringing 4 new underclassmen into Northcote.

What's the Rush?

JAE-WOO KIM & IAN WAINAINA
CO-RECRUITMENT CHAIRS

After countless long and thorough discussions, 4 new outstanding young men with the qualities of a true Acacian have been selected to joined the ranks of Cornell Chapter of the Acacia Fraternity. These new members are mostly sophomores and juniors, and all have diverse majors from economics to computer science. They have shown potential to be a huge merit through their dedicated participation in the New Member Education, which reflects a love and passion for the brotherhood and the house, Northcote.

Alumni such as Hanny and Roman held meetings with the actives on better strategies to recruit PNMs and offered presents for brothers who showed dedication to recruitment. Through talking with Jerod Miles from International, my corecruitment chair and I learned about 365 recruitment, which entails incorporating recruitment into brother's everyday routines. From international trips to Toronto for fall break to joining the house soccer team, it is great to see them already adapting themselves among the gentlemen who currently live in the house. Overall, every brother played a part in recruiting potential new members and we all look forward to spring recruitment.

Highlights of Fall Rush Activities:

- **BBQ DINNER AND LAWN GAMES ON OUR BACK YARD**
- **THRIFT SHOPPING TRIP**
- **LATE NIGHT ICE CREAM AT PURITY ICE CREAM**
- **WEEKLY INTRAMURAL SOCCER**
- **DINNER DATES ON THE SLOPE**
- **LUNCH DATES ON CAMPUS**
- **WATCHED THE FIGHT OF THE CENTURY, MAYWEATHER VS. MCGREGOR**

New Brothers



Phillip Ekwaro-Osire
(####)

Lubbock, Texas

Phillip Ekwaro-Osire is a Freshman from Lubbock, TX majoring in Hotel Administration. On a nice day, you might find Phillip hiking and exploring the wonderfully abundant natural areas that surround Cornell's campus. If the weather takes a turn for the worse, Phillip can most likely be found indoors, pursuing his artistic interests or training to improve his Super Smash Bros. skills so that he can one day hold his own against his formidable brothers. Phillip spent the past summer working at Hotel Birke, located in northern Germany where he improved his knowledge of hotel operations and indulged his passion of hospitality. When asked why he was drawn to Cornell Acacia he responded by saying "I saw a group of young men who I knew had the potential to help me on my journey and assist in turning me into a contributing member of this house and any future organization that I might be a part of".



Austin Mack (####)

Tokyo, Japan

Austin Mack is a sophomore in the college of Arts and Sciences. He currently studies computer science, but he is re-considering his major because of recent prelim scores. Austin spent his first 10 years in Japan, where he was born, and moved to California. Ethnically, he is Japanese and Irish. Recently he started to enjoy listening to EDM and attending music festivals. He hopes to attend more in the future, possibly with other music lovers of Acacia. He is looking forward to making great memories with Acacia brotherhood in the next three years of Cornell.

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Jonathan Burk (####)

Denmark, ME

Jonathan Burk, more commonly known as “John Burke”, is a Junior studying Economics in the School of Arts and Sciences. He was born in Massachusetts and has since lived in Minnesota, Maine, and Maryland. In his spare time, Jon enjoys spending time outdoors and trying to convince people that jazz is cool. He joined Acacia for Gio’s cooking and to spend more time with Aries.



Tomo Tokuyama (####)

Tokyo, Japan

Tomo Tokuyama is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences studying computer science. He is from Yokohama, the second largest city in Japan. Although he has a Japanese name and lived in Japan his whole life, he is only one-quarter Japanese (the other three-quarters is Korean). He loves to listen to music and lately has been into Tiesto, the world’s best DJ! He is also a soccer fanatic and loves to play and watch the sport. Tomo is excited to spend the rest of his years at Cornell with his brothers at Acacia.

ACACIA

Mr. Clean

BYUNG HEE CHUN

SENIOR STEWARD

Once again as Senior Steward, I diligently worked with brothers to pioneer a furniture layout and space allocation, and revamped house-related assignments to improve its ambiance. This semester, the house did not purchase anything valuable due to a limited budget. However, as I promised last semester when I decided to actively clean the parts of the house, we as one brotherhood have done excellent jobs in cleaning some areas that have not been touched for a number of years.

First and foremost, as the winter season is arriving, we decided to clean the “Harry Potter Closet” near the main entrance. Invited guests in prolonged Ithaca winter season may now secure their coats/jackets in the coatroom.

Secondly, we came together to clean the dormer to optimize the given large area and removed unnecessary items within the dormer’s closets. Now, it is a spacious area that brothers and guests may relax and converse, including a guest room where a person may sleep over after a tiresome day.

Finally, I invested a couple of hours to clean the office after recent graduates left a lot of their “belongings” in the office. The office is now a well-modified area helping brothers to focus and study in a pleasing environment.

Within the rest of the semester, I plan to clean the “Sports Closet” and “Boiler Hallway” as I promised to the chapter. All of us are really excited to show alumni what the new house entails. We Cornell Acacians will continue to exponentially build upon what our alumni have left with us. Any donations or ideas regarding to “House Improvement” are appreciatively welcome.



Our Shiny New Kitchen

ALEX LEONG
JUNIOR STEWARD



It is a very exciting time to be Northcote's Junior Steward — the newly renovated kitchen is an absolute joy to work in, and a source of great pride for all Cornell Acacians. The stainless steel fixtures, appliances and wall panelling together with a new tiled floor constitute an enormous step into the modern. In addition, updated health and safety features make the space suitable to rent out during summer months. I look forward to seeing the kitchen

continue to serve Acacians well far into the future, and I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all those who made the project possible.

I am well aware that now more than ever is the time to set a precedent of utmost cleanliness and respect for the kitchen to ensure that actives enjoy its splendor for many years to come. As such, I am developing more comprehensive kitchen crew responsibilities

to clarify the expectations that we have about the condition our new kitchen.

Gio continues to surpass the expectations and duties of a house chef. If you were able to attend the Inaugural Dinner at Northcote in August, you know just how well the actives are being fed and how mindfully Gio organizes meals. We are very fortunate to call him our chef.

A Day in The Life of an Acacian







Acacians on Tour

Kitchen Renovation Project Completed – Fund-Raising Efforts Continue

Guest Editorial from the Class of 1973! Stan Niman (#783) returns to Northcote and talks kitchen business

On the weekend of August 25-27, 2017, Actives, Alumni and Friends of the Cornell Chapter of Acacia assembled in Ithaca to celebrate the successful completion of the Kitchen Renovation Project, and to observe the 110th anniversary of Cornell Acacia. Celebration events included: an informal reception at Northcote on Friday evening August 25; a midday lunch on Saturday August 26 at Ithaca Beer Company, followed by an afternoon presentation at Northcote and an inaugural dinner prepared in the newly renovated kitchen; and on Sunday August 27, a midday brunch at Northcote concluded the celebration.

The good news is that the Kitchen Renovation Project was professionally completed, on schedule, and without major problems or contractual disputes with the contractor. There were some cost contingencies incurred above the amount budgeted for the Project. Such contingencies had not been unexpected because the budget was an “educated guess” without benefit of knowing what surprises might be encountered as demolition and construction work progressed. After completion, the actual cost was determined to be about \$130,000, versus the budgeted amount of \$110,000. Much of the \$20,000 excess was attributable to increased elec-

trical costs and the use of higher cost stainless steel wall panels which should provide future benefits in terms of reduced maintenance costs.

More good news is the fact that Cornell Acacia, with a functional, newly renovated kitchen, has also recently achieved a critical recruitment success with the addition of Giovanni Freesia (Gio) as the Chapter’s new cook/chef. All reports indicate that Gio is very popular with the Actives and brings a great personality and attitude along with his excellent culinary skills. With Gio running the new kitchen, the stage seems to be set for marketing this positive aspect of life at Cornell Acacia to prospective new members. Leadership consultant suggestions have recently been made that expanding the number of meals in the meal plan (i.e., to three meals per day), “would greatly increase the overall appeal of living in the Chapter House”. The situation of having a new kitchen, a great cook/chef, and a robust meal plan is somewhat reminiscent of the situation that existed in the 1960s and 1970s when the original kitchen (which was part of the 1962 Wing Addition Project) was still relatively new, and Pearl Murray was the cook/chef, and there was a very robust meal plan, most of which consisted of sit down meals that were well attended.

In other news, the fund raising efforts for the Kitchen Renovation Project are continuing, because we have yet to reach our funding goal. The funding shortfall currently stands at about \$30,000, which is the difference between the \$130,000 actual costs of the renovation and the combination of funding from the Corporation (\$40,000) and funding from aggregate donations (about \$60,000) received to date.

There is no set date for suspending Kitchen Renovation fund raising efforts, but we all need to bear in mind that November 30 is an important upcoming deadline. After November 30, a plaque will be ordered which will memorialize all donors who have made donation(s) of at least \$100 to the Kitchen Renovation Project as of November 30, 2017. Currently, there are about 133 donors, of which about 125 are Alumni and the others are either Actives or Friends-of-Acacia (which includes Little Sisters and Sweethearts). Also it is worth noting that the majority of the donors to the Kitchen Renovation are the same Alumni who have consistently been paying their annual dues. An additional point for consideration: a few of the current donors have made donations that do not reach the \$100 threshold for having their names memorialized on the plaque. (Note to this group: If you want your name included on the plaque, please be sure to increase your donation accordingly.)

Although we still have a funding shortfall, the potentially good news is that 125 Alumni represent about 20% of the total Alumni base. This means that there is still a base of potential support (which we have not yet heard from), which amounts to about 80% of the total Alumni base. Therefore, the intent of our outreach in this edition of The Traveler, which is mailed to all Cornell Acacia Alumni having valid postal addresses, is to significantly expand the base of donors to the Kitchen Renovation.

With regard to the issue of fund-raising in general, there is a very important observation that has been made in prior editions of The Traveler in the section titled Message From Our Corporation Board President: "If each of our Alumni simply pays his annual dues obligation, we'll have no financial problems!" To put the powerful implications of this statement in context, if all the Alumni referred to as 80% of the total Alumni Base had paid their annual dues for just the years 2016 and 2017 (the time period during which fund-raising for the Kitchen Renovation Project was actively underway), The Corporation would have accrued additional income well in excess of \$40,000, which could have been used to help address the current \$30,000 Kitchen Renovation funding shortfall. One can imagine what The Corporation's revenue situation might have looked like if the entire Alumni base had been paying annual dues, every year, for the last 20 years. Had this been the case, much of the fund-raising for large capital projects might not have been required. In summary, we certainly need and are requesting the support of our entire Alumni base when it comes to paying your annual dues obligation, every year.

One final good news item is the fact that efforts are underway to improve the methods of communication with Cornell Acacia Alumni. Earlier this year, an edition of The Traveler was emailed (for the very first time) to those Alumni who have supplied email addresses to The Corporation. This was apparently done in addition to the baseline approach of sending The Traveler to Alumni via USPS. Also, some emails were sent out (for the first time) for the purpose of fund-raising for the Kitchen Renovation Project. There seems to be broad consensus that email is a good approach to effectively and quickly connecting with Alumni regarding matters such as fund-raising, or providing timely notification of critical events affecting the Cornell Chap-

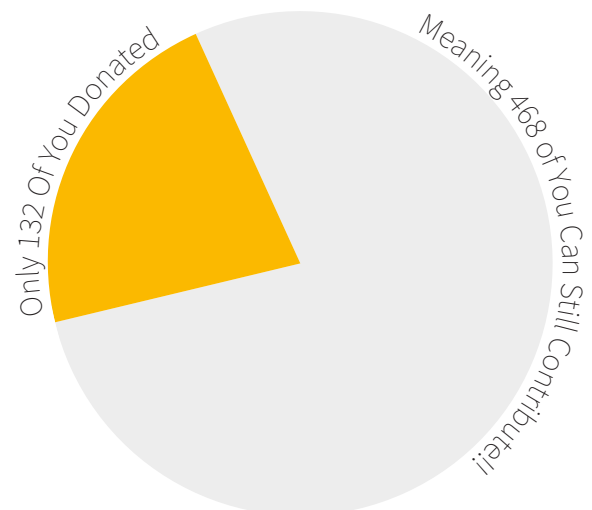
\$130,000	Final Total Cost of Kitchen Campaign
\$90,000	Fund Raising Goal
\$59,644.85	Amount Raised So Far
\$30,355.15	AMOUNT NEEDED

ter. In the not-too-distant past, examples of such critical events at Northcote included a serious fire caused by electrical problems on one occasion, and a serious flood caused by broken pipes on another occasion. Both of these events occurred prior to 2000, and were described in editions of The Traveler that were mailed via USPS weeks or months after the occurrence of each event. It would be interesting to find out what the Alumni recall regarding these two very significant events in Cornell Acacia's recent history.

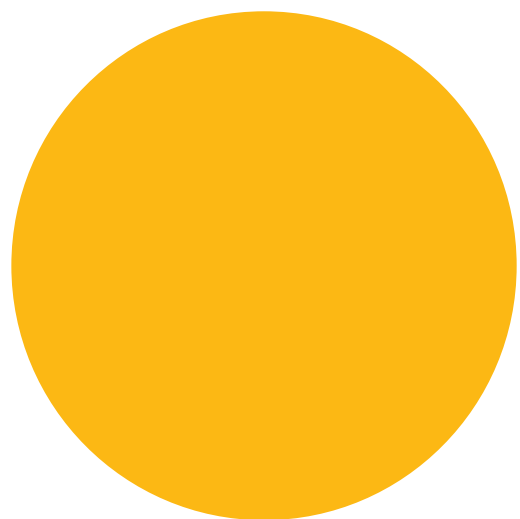
In order to improve the reliability, effectiveness and timeliness of Alumni communications, it would be very helpful if all Alumni could supply/confirm their current email addresses to The Corporation. Of course, maintaining current postal addresses and telephone numbers (land line and/or cell) is still very important also. A summary of the current situation regarding the availability of Alumni email information is as follows. For a total Alumni base numbering in excess of 600, about 55% of the group has supplied email information (but some of those emails may not be currently valid). For the remaining 45% of the group, no email information has apparently ever been supplied to The Corporation. In summary, we certainly need and are requesting the support of our entire Alumni base with regard to supplying and maintaining valid contact data which would include postal address, telephone numbers (land line and/or cell), and email address.

Stan Niman 1973 (#783)

Of the 600 Cornell Acacia Alumni with Valid Mailing Addresses...



Lets Make that Graph Look Like THIS!



Alumni Mail Bag

Neil Sharp 1955 (560) [4 Highfield Dr, Dix Hills, NY 11746-5705; f.sharp9046@att.net] retired as treasurer of the local water company (Lake Waramaug) after 27 years. His oldest grandson is now enrolled in St. Albans cathedral school in Washington, DC.

Jack Walsh 1958 (603) [296 Watercure Hill Rd, Elmira, NY 14901-9233; jmwiii9@hotmail.com] retired in 2014 after 55 years with Bull & Roberts (1959-1985) which later became Waltron LLC (1985-2014), a company specializing in water quality improvement where he served as President/CEO. In 2011, Jack married Martha Pierce (Elmira College '63). In 2014, he sold his business and house in New Jersey and moved to Martha's farm in nearby Elmira.

Dr. David Gorelick 1968 (717) [3316 Old Forest Rd, Baltimore, MD 21208-3101; DavidGorelick@gmail.com] reports that his son Jonathan (CALS 2002) and daughter-in-law Orleg (HE2003) had twin daughters, Neshama and Emunah, born in Jerusalem on 3/18/2017.

David Odegaard 1970 (743) [9505 Black Canyon Dr, Reno, NV 89506-2010; odegaard.dave@gmail.com] shared several fond memories of Pearl Murray and the Acacia kitchen.

Steven L. Stein 1973 (787) [339 E Miller Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850; sls8@cornell.edu] is ecstatic with the newly renovated kitchen, and is glad that the project was completed on time. He probably made 50 visits to Acacia during the 10-week project. Stan Niman 1973 (783) stayed in Steve's basement apartment while in town for the Kitchen Renovation Celebration Weekend in August. Steve says that Stan has not changed much since they first met in 1969.

Harlan Meinwald 1975 (789) [4609 Whitehall Dr, South Euclid, OH 44121-3856; nevermeind@sbcglobal.net] and his family spent several days at Acacia during the summer to attend the wedding of a relative. He wrote that the Brothers whom he met were friendly and hospitable. Harlan hopes that it will not be another 40 years until his next visit!

Mark Schaten, MD 1984 (923) [S4W31227 Hidden Hollow, Delafield, WI 53018; mschatenmd@icloud.com] is enjoying work as a locum tenens hospitalist in Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin. Daughter, Allie, is now in 6th grade and as tall as her father!

Thomas J. Balcerski, Ph.D. 2005 (1063) [255 Promenade St, Apt 612, Providence, RI 02908; tjb36@cornell.edu] was excited about weddings of both Dave Rimschnick 2005 (1062) and Zach Weinstein 2005 (1067). Tom attended the Acacia 110th Kitchen Renovation Celebration in August. He believes that the Active Chapter is a credit to all good Brothers.

John Ryan 2009 (1112) [44 Wellesley Cir, Glen Echo, MD 20812-1017; JohnRyan1025@gmail.com] was a lawyer on The Hill in Washington, DC but is taking a leave of absence this fall to join the Army JAG Reserve.

Honor Roll 2016-2017

DONOR	ROLL	CLASS	PLEDGE YEAR
John R Ahlfeld	(649)	1964	PL 1960
Ladis W Amatulli	(714)	1968	PL 1965
William F Amon III	(715)	1968	PL 1965
Christopher T Anderson	(940)	1988	PL 1985
Laura Anderson	(S3)	2013	PL 2012
Jose Antonio Arrue	(1120)	2010	PL 2007
Bradley J Ayres *	(1070)	2006	PL 2003
Thomas J Balcerski Ph.D. *	(1063)	2005	PL 2002
Frederick P Ballyns	(1135)	2012	PL 2008
David M Banfield	(985)	1995	PL 1992
Elie Yakov Bilmes	(1118)	2010	PL 2007
Andrew S Brenner *	(953)	1990	PL 1987
Richard E Brewer *	(687)	1965	PL 1963
Joshua Y Briscoe	(1204)	2018	PL 2015
Justin William Burden	(1140)	2012	PL 2009
Stewart L Burger *	(738)	1970	PL 1967
Thomas H Burrows	(565)	1956	PL 1953
Martin S Cardinali	(918)	1984	PL 1981
John (Jack) W Carlson	(689)	1966	PL 1963
Yuxin (Reuben) Chen	(1200)	2017	PL 2014
Jackie Cheong	(1205)	2017	PL 2015
Christian Choi	(1195)	2016	PL 2014
Byung Hee Chun	(1187)	2018	PL 2013
Edward A Conroy	(592)	1957	PL 1955
Jose E Covarrubias Ameca	(1202)	2018	PL 2015
Michael I Cvijanovich *	(981)	1994	PL 1991
Jared M Davis	(1076)	2006	PL 2003
L. Walter Deitrich	(627)	1960	PL 1957
Drew B Eisenberg	(1094)	2008	PL 2005
Mark A Elliot	(1081)	2007	PL 2004
Philip Engler	(739)	1970	PL 1967
John Mathias Ertl	(1148)	2011	PL 2009
Jacob James Fagliarone	(1189)	2016	PL 2013
Yuheng Fan	(1178)	2015	PL 2012
Robert S Fash *	(594)	1958	PL 1954
Charles H Field Jr.	(614)	1959	PL 1956

David R Fischell PhD *	(800)	1975	PL 1972
Robert T Franson	(636)	1961	PL 1959
Darian Penichet Garcia Jasso	(1216)	2019	PL 2016
Nishant Goel	(1214)	2019	PL 2016
Paul B Goldberg *	(755)	1971	PL 1968
Adam Goldstein	(974)	1993	PL 1990
David A Gorelick	(717)	1968	PL 1965
Andrew Wintress Gross	(1113)	2009	PL 2006
William B Hairston III *	(873)	1980	PL 1977
Arif S Haq	(983)	1994	PL 1992
Matthew S Harris	(1042)	2002	PL 2000
Charles David Hernandez	(1142)	2012	PL 2009
Barclay H Hershey	(1017)	1998	PL 1994
Charles S Hong	(1043)	2001	PL 2000
Steven R Horowitz *	(966)	1992	PL 1989
Kevin Zhenyang Hua	(1185)	2015	PL 2012
Benjamin Lawrence Jacoby	(1103)	2009	PL 2006
Alan L Jette	(895)	1982	PL 1979
Matthew Jeffrey Sousa Johnso	(1149)	2013	PL 2010
Patricia M Kehe	(L1)	1979	PL 1979
William L Keltz	(632)	1961	PL 1958
Jovan T Kemp	(1207)	2017	PL 2015
Samuel D Klarich	(1183)	2013	PL 2012
Thomas E Kocovsky Jr. *	(730)	1969	PL 1966
Thomas B Kozakiewicz	(1131)	2011	PL 2008
Jerry W Kreider *	(720)	1968	PL 1965
Ho Kiu Toby Leung	(1212)	2019	PL 2016
John Male *	(600)	1958	PL 1955
Mark F Maltenfort	(831)	1977	PL 1974
Hanny A Martinovici	(1071)	2006	PL 2003
Peter J Mavroudakos	(922)	1984	PL 1982
David M Mazaika	(924)	1985	PL 1982
Coleman James Simon McGee	(1210)	2019	PL 2016
Richard K McMurtry	(701)	1967	PL 1964
Scott B McQuade	(1050)	2003	PL 2000
Harlan M Meinwald	(789)	1974	PL 1971
Daniel R Merrill PhD	(907)	1983	PL 1980
Robert C Merritt *	(807)	1975	PL 1973
Paul G Molnar *	(1014)	1998	PL 1995
Hollister H Moore *	(702)	1968	PL 1964
Michael T Nasatka *	(1045)	2004	PL 2000
Nobuyuki Anthony Nemoto	(1059)	2004	PL 2002
Theodore Ni	(1138)	2012	PL 2009
Stanley R Niman *	(783)	1973	PL 1970
David D Nolte *	(881)	1981	PL 1978
David A Odegaard *	(743)	1970	PL 1967
Michael O'Dorney	(F256)	1969	RPI
Jacob S Padilla	(1199)	2017	PL 2014
Andrew W Park	(1177)	2015	PL 2012
William Pendarvis Jr.	(440)	1947	PL 1946
Alan J Pue	(785)	1973	PL 1970
Aditya Ramesh	(1163)	2014	PL 2011

Andrew S Regenbaum	(973)	1993	PL 1990
David G Rickerby	(960)	1991	PL 1987
Thomas L Ricketts *	(1051)	2003	PL 2000
David M Rimshnick	(1062)	2005	PL 2002
Peter M Rimshnick *	(1060)	2005	PL 2002
Joshua D Roth	(1049)	2003	PL 2000
Richard Evan Rothman	(1107)	2009	PL 2006
John Lincoln Ryan	(1112)	2009	PL 2006
David J Sangree	(917)	1984	PL 1981
Erica Sava	(S7)	2016	PL 2015
Daniel H Scharfman	(1078)	2005	PL 2003
Mark A Schaten MD	(923)	1984	PL 1982
Bruce G Schneider *	(842)	1978	PL 1975
Gregory James Schultz	(1211)	2019	PL 2016
Thomas W Schultz	(1181)	2015	PL 2012
Chandeep Seth	(1196)	2017	PL 2014
Edward Roy Wattley Sharood	(1190)	2016	PL 2013
Neil Francis Sharp	(560)	1955	PL 1952
Preston W Shimer	(635)	1961	PL 1958
David Elliot Skiff	(1143)	2012	PL 2009
Eden Sleg	(788)	1973	PL 1971
Jeffrey D Spiro MD *	(859)	1979	PL 1976
Steven L Stein *	(787)	1973	PL 1970
Dana Cole Stiefel	(1191)	2017	PL 2013
James M Symons	(534)	1954	PL 1951
Frederick W Tierney Jr. *	(763)	1971	PL 1968
R. Marvin Townsend	(555)	1955	PL 1952
William A Utic *	(836)	1977	PL 1974
Ian M Wainaina	(1213)	2019	PL 2016
John M Walsh III	(603)	1958	PL 1955
Raymond Wang *	(1009)	1997	PL 1994
James Waxmonsky *	(964)	1992	PL 1989
Raymond A Ways	(538)	1954	PL 1951
Noah R Weingart	(1180)	2015	PL 2012
Zachary A Weinstein	(1067)	2005	PL 2002
Howard S Zwiefel III *	(734)	1969	PL 1966

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**SO LIVE, that when
thy summons
comes to join
the innumerable
caravan, which
moves to that
mysterious realm,
where each shall
take his chamber in
the silent halls of
death.**

Chapter Eternal



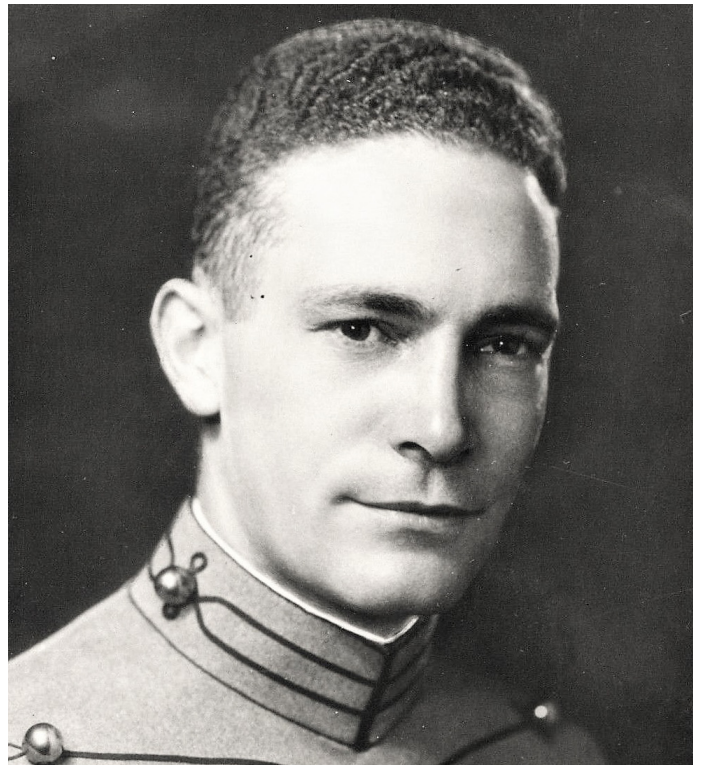
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WILLIAM PENDARVIS 1947 (440) - 2/18/2017

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LT. COL. VINCENT E. KEATOR 1935 (325) - 3/19/1995

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