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# Fall 2023 Chapter Roll

## Executive Board

**Gabriel Davila (1255)**  
**Venerable Dean**  
ILR '25  
Amherst, Massachusetts

**Nathan Francis (1262)**  
**Senior Dean**  
Biology '25  
Los Angeles, California

**Zach Braswell**  
**Recruitment Chairman**  
Cornell Graduate Athletics Intern  
Cocoa Beach, Florida

**Vasilios Zaharioudakis (1242)**  
**Treasurer**  
Hotel School '22  
Ioannina, Greece

**Derek Lao (1263)**  
Biology '25  
Queens, New York

**Byung Joon (1233)**  
Economics '23  
Queretaro, Mexico

**Jacob Siboyeh (1254)**  
Computer Science '24  
Houston, Texas

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## Pledge Class

**Kyle Mui**  
Queens, New York  
ECE '25

**Hasan Ali**  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Dyson (AEM) '25

**Joseph Yoo**  
Alpharetta, Georgia  
Dyson (AEM) '25



# Message from Our Corporation Board President

Greetings! If you read the Spring 2023 Traveler, you know that Cornell Acacia was in survival mode, and our future was uncertain. I am thrilled to report that we are rebounding, and the future is looking bright! We were fortunate to recruit our 3rd Live-In Advisor, Zach Braswell, who arrived in late August and hit the ground running. Under his guidance, the handful of Acacia Actives successfully recruited 3 Fall Pledges who were initiated on 10/20/2023. Cornell Acacia maintains a list of more than 30 potential new members who will be Rushed during Formal Rush in January. Acacia National continues to provide assistance in the form of another visit in mid-October from Kelsey Gomez-Morrissey, Director of Chapter Development. At the same time, Sean Garity, Acacia Expansion Coordinator, will visit for a few days and will again be on-site for Formal Rush in January 2024.

Acacia only has three Actives living at Northcote in the Fall, and 2 of them are being graduated in December and most likely will not reside there in the Spring. So, we are currently renting out the rooms in the Wing to five Boarders, three of whom are actually participating in the Meal Plan. We hope to have all eight Wing rooms rented out for the Spring to fully cover the rent that the Actives typically would pay. The Corp Board has provided financial assistance (e.g., reduced rent and other subsidies, investing in projects to make Northcote more attractive to new members, etc.) to keep Northcote open.

Northcote, as always, still needs and receives much TLC. The heating system, now about 14 years old, has already required a new expansion tank, circulator pump, pressure relief valve, and zone valve this month in order to properly heat Northcote. I continue to replace a number of LED light fixtures that are no more than five years old because the ones we purchased from Home Depot are failing (over 50% failure rate). Otherwise, we have had no major maintenance issues and have temporarily delayed some planned maintenance (e.g., new range/oven units) until our cash flow improves.

Beginning in August 2021, Cornell University mandated that every Greek living unit hire a Live-In Advisor. The LIA is compensated with room and board along with a \$2,000/semester stipend. Our new LIA “Zach Braswell” has proved to be an asset to the house so far. Over halloween the actives were able to hold to parties without any risk management complications or visits from the police. I hear these events were a success and an enhancer to our reputation on campus!



This Academic Year continues to be a challenge, but I believe that we will survive and succeed if we continue to make intelligent choices and decisions. We are all in this together.

Acacia is still not completely filled this academic year, and probably won't be next fall, either. Although there are no empty rooms, most of the double rooms are only occupied by one Brother. Acacia still relies on Alumni financial support which has been quite strong lately. However, I continue to be perplexed and bothered by the fact that the majority of our 600+ alumni choose to NOT even pay their annual dues (which can be done via snail-mail, PayPal [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com) to [AcaciaCorpBoard@cornell.edu](mailto:AcaciaCorpBoard@cornell.edu)), or VENMO [@Acacia-Fraternity-13](http://venmo.com)). Also, please check out the Cornell Acacia website (<https://www.cornellacacia.org/>) which has undergone a major overhaul.

We need your financial assistance, and we need it now. I realize some percentage of you might have financial, personal, or health issues, but not most of you! To those alumni who generously financially support Cornell Acacia, our thanks!

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 once again has news to share, so please share your news with us!) which has undergone a major overhaul. We need your financial assistance, and we need it now. I realize some percentage of you might have financial, personal, or health issues, but not most of you! To those alumni who generously financially support Cornell Acacia, our thanks!

My sincere thanks to the other Cornell Corp Board members, without whom Cornell Acacia would not survive:

Elie Bilmes '10 (1118) - Director  
Tom Ricketts '03 (1051) - Director  
Hanny Martinovici '06 (1071) - Director  
Christian Choi '16 (1195) - Director  
Tom Schultz '15 (1181) - Director  
Jerry W. Kreider '68 (720) – Ex-Officio

Fraternally,

Steven L. Stein 1973 (787)

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# The Mailbag Alumni News



**James Symons** 1954 (534) [8400 Vamo Rd, Unit 1164, Sarasota, FL 34231-7830; [drwater@me.com](mailto:drwater@me.com); [dr.water@alum.mit.edu](mailto:dr.water@alum.mit.edu)] and wife were visited by M. Douglas McIlroy 1953/1954 (519) and wife, Barbara. The McIlroys live in the Dartmouth area and looked great. James and Doug were roommates at M.I.T. while pursuing their doctorates. Most of the time James lived at Northcote was in the small double room (now Live-In Advisor Suite 36/37) next to the bathroom at the head of the stairs. While at Cornell, from 1949-1954, he took 16 mm movies, B&W and color, available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=304HXSTWyAQ> and some of them include Acacians.

**Allen Male** 1962 (643) [3625 Welsh Rd, Apt T60, Willow Grove, PA 19090; [ammathiker@gmail.com](mailto:ammathiker@gmail.com)] happily reported that his reported passing in a recent Traveler was not true. He suspects there was a mistake made by Cornell Alumni Affairs due to the passing of Allen's brother, John Male, another Cornell Acacia Alumnus, who passed away 9/16/2022. Allen assures us that he did not fake his demise in an effort to stem the flow of Cornell University mail seeking donations.

**Dr. David A Gorelick** 1968 (717) [3316 Old Forest Rd, Baltimore, MD 21208-3101; [DavidGorelick1@gmail.com](mailto:DavidGorelick1@gmail.com)] sends kudos to Acacia Corporation President Steven L Stein '73 (787) for his dogged work keeping the chapter functioning and to Venerable Dean Vasilios Zaharioudakis 2023 (1242) for taking responsibility for some of the Chapter's failures – that takes courage! David hopes that by the time this comment appears in The Traveler that the chapter has recovered.

**Richard S Lysle** 1969 (732) [5014 Hickory Pl, Cheyenne, WY 82009; [lyslelaw@yahoo.com](mailto:lyslelaw@yahoo.com)] moved from Marina del Ray, CA to Cheyenne, WY in 2020 so he could retire from actively practicing law. He has gotten involved with Cheyenne Frontier Days, which is the largest outdoor rodeo anywhere. Cheyenne winter weather reminds Richard of Ithaca, but with more wind.

**Stuart S Hantman** 1971 (756) [28 Founders Green, Pittsford, NY 14534-2165; [StuHantman@aol.com](mailto:StuHantman@aol.com)] retired from practice shortly before the Covid pandemic, so dodged a bullet there. He and wife, Carol, are snowbirds now with a condo on the intracoastal in Highland Beach, FL. Winter visitors are welcome (and Kent Belvin '70 (736), that means you!). Holding steady at 4 grandkids.



**Steven L Stein** 1973 (787) [339 E Miller Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850-9431; [sls8@cornell.edu](mailto:sls8@cornell.edu)] still works full-time for Cornell from home. His kitchen renovation project is currently stalled while trying to figure out how to install a wall oven under cooktop since it won't fit in the new cabinet. When not at his desk or dealing with home projects or maintaining Northcote, he finds time to golf 3 times a week.

**Bruce G Schneider** 1978 (842) [7 Hilly Field Ln, Westport, CT 06880-2916; [bruce@schneiderct.com](mailto:bruce@schneiderct.com)] joined KPMG a year ago to lead Third Part Risk Management. Bruce loves working at home.



## Annual Corporation Board Meeting

Saturday, May 11, 2024, at 1:00 pm

The Annual Meeting of the Cornell Chapter of Acacia Fraternity, Inc. will be Saturday, May 11, 2024, at 1:00 pm, at **Acacia Fraternity, 318 Highland Road, Ithaca, NY 14850**. Cornell Acacians are encouraged to attend the **event in-person**, but we will also have a Zoom meeting:



<https://cornell.zoom.us/j/99593278671?pwd=cmNhQldUbDdUeU1uUW1DUjl2bFRjQT09>

Brothers Zaharioudakis with our Candian brothers Michael Sab and Ethan Korver from Ottawa (Carleton University) chapter visit, during halloweekend 2023. (Not pictured Lucas Norkis Pledge)





# Honor Roll

Donor	Roll #	Class	Pledge Year
John M Abeles *	796	1975	1972
Lane J Abrams	915	1984	1981
Kenneth Jay Ayres Jr.	1052	2004	2001
Thomas J Balcerski Ph.D. *	1063	2005	2002
Michael J Barr	866	1980	1977
Elie Yakov Bilmes	1118	2010	2007
Christopher Diondrae Bostick	1101	2009	2006
Andrew S Brenner *	953	1990	1987
Michael Budreski *	978	1994	1991
Stewart L Burger *	738	1970	1967
Martin S Cardinali	918	1984	1981
John (Jack) W Carlson	689	1966	1963
John W Carpenter III *	959	1990	1987
Christian Choi	1195	2016	2014
Edward A Conroy	592	1957	1955
John R Cunningham	927	1985	1983
Scott H Dulman	899	1983	1980
Philip Engler	739	1970	1967
John Mathias Ertl	1148	2011	2009
Robert S Fash *	594	1958	1954
David R Fischell PhD *	800	1975	1972
Paul B Goldberg *	755	1971	1968
David A Gorelick	717	1968	1965
Andrew Wintress Gross	1113	2009	2006
Stuart S Hantman MD *	756	1971	1968
Matthew S Harris	1042	2002	2000
Carl H Herzog *	711	1966	1965
Nicholas Alexander Judson Ho	1117	2009	2007

# Honor Roll Continued

**Donor                      ROLL #                      Class                      Pledge Year**

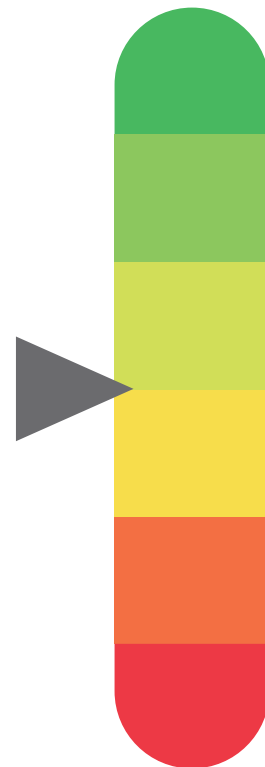
Charles S Hong	1043	2001	2000
Seth A Jacobson	1092	2008	2005
Alan L Jette	895	1982	1979
William L Keltz	632	1961	1958
Thomas E Kocovsky Jr. *	730	1969	1966
John D Koethe MD. *	829	1977	1974
Thomas B Kozakiewicz	-1131	2011	2008
Jerry W Kreider *	720	1968	1965
Dale A La Shomb	781	1973	1970
Raymond Liao	1228	2021	2018
Richard S Lysle	732	1969	1966
Allen M Male	643	1962	1959
Mark F Maltenfort	831	1977	1974
Richard K McMurtry	701	1967	1964
Lawrence P McSorley	911	1985	1981
Harlan M Meinwald	789	1974	1971
Andrew H Mercer	890	1982	1979
Daniel R Merrill PhD	907	1983	1980
Robert C Merritt *	807	1975	1973
Paul G Molnar *	1014	1998	1995
Michael T Nasatka *	1045	2004	2000
Stanley R Niman *	783	1973	1970
David D Nolte *	881	1981	1978
Todd Peskin *	994	1995	1993
Wallace M Rich	523	1951	1950
David G Rickerby	960	1991	1987
Thomas L Ricketts *	1051	2003	2000



# Honor Roll Continued

Mark A SchatenMD	923	1984	1982
Bruce G Schneider *	842	1978	1975
Philip M Schuler	886	1980	1979
Thomas W Schultz	1181	2015	2012
Preston W Shimer	635	1961	1958
Eden Sleg	788	1973	1971
Timothy Smith	1184	2014	2012
Robertson C Spiesz	835	1977	1974
Earl L Stone III	725	1968	1965
James M Symons	534	1954	1951
Frederick W Tierney Jr. *	763	1971	1968
Daniel E Turinsky	1004	1997	1994
William A Utic *	836	1977	1974
John M Walsh III	603	1958	1955
Howard S Zwiefel III *	734	1969	1966

**70 DONORS**  
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 \* AFTER NAME INDICATES  
 BROTHER TREE LEAF  
 RECOGNITION



# Chapter Eternal

Let us now honor and acknowledge the lives of the brother alumni who recently passed away into the Chapter Eternal.

John Ahlfeld '64 (649) – 6/22/2023

[[https://lancasteronline.com/obituaries/john-roger-ahlfeld/article\\_56c413f8-5fe5-54c5-b03d-6e5d9dd581ae.html](https://lancasteronline.com/obituaries/john-roger-ahlfeld/article_56c413f8-5fe5-54c5-b03d-6e5d9dd581ae.html)]

Robert E Baker '53 (537) - 7/2/2023

William P Donovan '54 (566) – 3/14/2018

Arthur J Hart '61 (629) – 7/12/2023

[<https://outlastimagery.com/Arthur/>]

John Male '58 (600) – 9/16/2022

# Venerably Speaking



**Gabriel Davila (1255) '25**  
**Venerable Dean**



It's with a profound sense of honor and reverence for our fraternity's legacy that I assumed the esteemed title of Venerable Dean this fall. My journey with Acacia started with the infectious excitement of a 17 year old freshman, eager to immerse myself in the vibrant life of the house. Now, as a junior, that initial fervor has evolved into a deeper passion and commitment to lead and guide our fraternity through an exciting chapter in our house's history.

The beginning of any school year brings with it a whirlwind of emotions and responsibilities. This year was no different. Our primary focus for the initial month was on recruiting a pledge class that would not only fit seamlessly into our fraternity but also bring fresh perspectives and energy.

The recruitment process is a testament to the unity and dedication of our current activities. It was a heartwarming experience to witness brothers from all walks of our fraternity – from the newest members to those on the cusp of graduation – coming together with a singular purpose. Our efforts bore fruit as we successfully welcomed three outstanding new members to our fold this fall. Their addition represents the perpetuation of our values and the continuation of the brotherhood that is the cornerstone of Acacia.

At the house, Northcote has been abuzz with activities, laughter, and memories in the making over the past two months. The new member education process has been a time of bonding, learning, and forging connections that will last a lifetime. It's not just the pledges that have been benefiting from this time; it serves as a new source of energy and initiatives for all of the actives.

In addition to our pledges, Northcote has been blessed with a set of boarders whose presence has further invigorated our fraternity. Among them, Loui, Danilo, and Gabe have been particularly instrumental in infusing our house with their zest and enthusiasm. Their genuine excitement for both recruitment and social events has been contagious, pushing us to strive for more.

However, we are acutely aware that success is not a destination but a journey. While we cherish the accomplishments of this semester, we remain steadfast in our commitment to the future. The momentum from the fall recruitment and pledging has set the tone for the semester. Our focus now shifts to an all-out recruitment effort for the spring. Concurrently, our calendar is packed with social and brotherhood events that further our bonds and create lasting memories. More than events, these are platforms for us to engage potential new members, showcasing the essence of what makes Acacia special.

On a more personal note, my involvement with Greek Life at Cornell extends beyond Acacia. Serving my second semester as a member of the Executive Board of the Interfraternity Council has provided me with a broader perspective on the Greek Community. Through my interactions, whether with my teammates on the water polo team, fellow members of the IFC Executive Board, or all the other wonderful members of Greek Life who I interact with every day, I've been fortunate to witness the positive ripples of fraternity life across campus.

I want our house to stand as a beacon in this community. The vision is clear – to ensure Acacia remains and improves itself in the vision of a bastion of excellence, offering an unparalleled Greek undergraduate experience. Our journey this semester – marked by successful recruitment, memorable social events, and a deepening brotherhood – is just a stepping stone towards our greater vision.

In reflection, this semester has been a period of growth, challenges, and accomplishments. We've come far, but the horizon holds even more promise. The collective dream of Acacia is to reach the pinnacle of what we envision our fraternity to be. As I look ahead, I'm filled with anticipation and excitement to write about our achievements in the next semester and share our continued journey with all of you.

Fraternally  
Patient Pabe

# Acacia



# Senior Dean

**Nathan Francis '25 (1265)**

Acacia welcomed a great Fall 2023 Pledge Class this semester, bringing fresh energy and new ideas to our ranks. Our recruitment effort improved tremendously from last spring, and we put the foundations together for a promising spring recruitment cycle. As the Senior Dean, I have been in charge of pledge education and prioritized creating unity among the pledge class and the active chapter. I have made it my goal to ensure that every new member truly felt at home and connected. With pledging nearing completion, I am eager to initiate the members of this pledge class, as they exemplify what it means to be a member of Cornell Acacia.

Additionally, as Senior Dean, I had the unique privilege of collaborating closely with our executive board and chapter advisor to pave the way for our fraternity's future. We've set into motion numerous long-term initiatives that will take Acacia to new heights.

As we anticipate the coming terms, I am full of hope and excitement. This semester has showcased the potential and unity of our fraternity. We're not just an organization; we're a family. With the momentum we've built, the sky is the limit for our brotherhood.

**Derek Lao '24 (1263)**

This year, Acacia has been quite an uplifting experience for me. I have spent a lot more time in the house and put more effort into rush. Attending Acacia Leadership Academy (ALA) has been quite a fruitful experience for me because it exposed me to how big the Acacia community is. It also opened my eyes to the Acacia experience at other colleges. With the leadership skills and knowledge I gained from ALA, I came back to the Cornell chapter with a new energy to help Acacia. It was a warm relief to see that the rest of the chapter was also ready and willing to put in hard work during recruitment, and I have faith in these young men to keep these efforts up for at least a few semesters to come.

Meanwhile, about my personal life, I have taken some closer steps to getting into medical school, having taken the MCAT this September and coming with a score of 521, 98th percentile! I have also applied for a job at Cayuga Medical and am waiting for results. I have gotten better at my clarinet playing as well as my pool playing. Life is going well so far for me, I am taking a relaxed semester. I am eager to be using this extra time (and have been using it) to spend with my brothers in Acacia, who I have gotten closer with over the course of this semester so far. Looking onwards!

# How to Contribute

Northcote has been and will continue being the home of all 1264 of us brothers. If you would ever like to make a contribution to the house, it could be done so in 3 simple ways!



## Through Mail

**STEP 1:** Make a check out to the **Acacia Fraternity Inc**

**STEP 2:** Mail the check to: **Cornell Acacia**  
**318 Highland Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850**

**STEP 3 (Optional):**

Say Hi! Attach a short letter about yourself and what you've been up to lately; we will make sure to add it in the alumni mailbag section of the next Traveler!

## Online

**PayPal:**

**Step 1:** Choose the 'Send to friends and family in the US' option

**Step 2:** Address the payment to:  
AcaciaCorpBoard@cornell.edu

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**Venmo:**

**Step 1:** Address the payment to:  
@Acacia-Fraternity-13

# Loved Every Part of It

Byung Joon Kang (1233) '23



Northcote has been busy with the new Fall Pledge class, and new brothers / borders hanging around. As the new 2023-2024 academic year kicked off, the brothers and new live-in advisor were mainly focused with getting a new members class and see who could build up the future of Acacia. After successfully recruiting three potential new members and pledging, we are excited for all of them to contribute and support in our chapter's present and future.

The house has been clean as well and has served well as a home for some of our study exchange borders, who are living in Northcote for the semester. We appreciate their contribution and active participation in the activities we host, and obviously the great dinners that Dave cooks us every dinner. Additionally, we have also invested in an stündenglass gravity infuser which we refer to as zaria. This elevates our cocktails and we are always happy to show it around.

For me, this will be the last semester being an Active/undergraduate, as I will be graduating this December. I thank for all the past, present, and future memories that have been made in Northcote and with brothers of Acacia. Sharing this brotherhood and active membership with everyone is something I will never forget, and am excited to continue doing so in the future.

Fraternally,  
Byung Joon Kang #1233



# Summer Moments

Brothers Kang '23, Zaharioudakis '23, Park '15, Schultz '15, Schultz '19, Kim '20,  
Leung '20,(Not pictured De Alba '22) after pitch and putt summer 2023



Names stated as seen left to right



# The New Brothers

Hey there, I'm **Kyle Mui**, a spiffy sophomore at Cornell's College of Engineering. My major? Electrical and Computer Engineering, baby! When I'm not busy studying, I'm part of an out-of-this-world project team called Mars Rover. As part of the electrically-savvy department, I'm responsible for keeping the rover's electrical components in check, making sure power is distributed like a boss.



Kyle Mui

Hasan Ali



Hey there, the name's **Hasan Ali**, and I'm a junior at Cornell University studying Applied Economics and Management. When I'm not hitting the books, you'll find me hustling with the Cornell Consulting Club. But that's not all - I've also got a serious wanderlust bug and love nothing more than picking up my harmonica.

Hey there, I'm **Joseph Yoo**, a Junior at Cornell's Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management. I'm stoked to join the Acacia fam and dive into a world of brotherhood, community, academics, and professional triumphs. From here on out, I'm ready to follow in the footsteps of my fellow brothers and seek out the noble quest for wisdom, growth, and integrity. I might be a newbie, but I'm thrilled to see where this journey will take me!



Joseph Yoo



Brothers. boarders, and pledges waiting for Zach to rescue them



Brothers and Boarders Gearing Up for Homecoming





**Brothers Hristodoulou, Zaharioudakis, Salcedo, Huggett, and Young upon winning in paintball.**



**Brothers De Alba, Joon Kong, Zaharioudakis at Robert Moses State Park**



# A Long & Toilsome Journey

Vasilios Zaharioudakis '23 (1242)

Treasurer

When I first set foot on Cornell's campus as a 17-year-old from Greece, I was filled with dreams and aspirations, much like any other student. However, my journey was far from typical. My first year was rocky, to put it mildly. Balancing academic rigors with the joys of fraternity life at Acacia proved challenging. My struggle with academics led to a forced academic leave, coinciding with the onset of the pandemic, and I found myself back in Greece, grappling with a reality I hadn't anticipated...

However, adversity often brings with it opportunities. During the pandemic, I began working at a fintech firm that facilitated online transactions during the pandemic. My role in sales was transformative. While many might see it as just a job, it taught me the essence of business. I encountered challenges, learned from failures, and rejoiced in successes. This experience revealed the humbling reality that making a difference requires persistence, dedication, and hard work.

Upon my return to Cornell, I faced a changed fraternity landscape. Acacia, which had been my home away from home; had not rushed in three semesters. While I strived to rebuild my academic record, I also felt the responsibility of rejuvenating Acacia. I am proud to say that in my time as Venerable Dean and now as Treasurer, we worked hard to restore Acacia's legacy. In tandem with my fraternity commitments, I found recognition in the Hotel School and had the honor of assisting in four classes this semester.

Upon graduation I will be joining Campari Group as a sales analyst. Pausing for a moment to reflect, I am overwhelmed with gratitude. To everyone at Acacia: you've been more than just fraternity brothers. You've been my family, my support system. You taught me that when a group of dedicated individuals come together, there's little they can't overcome.

A special thank you to brother Lorenzo De Alba '22 for letting me crash at his place in NYC during the month of June. I would have not been able to succeed in my internship or receive this offer otherwise. You helped me start my adult life, and for that I am eternally grateful. Thank you.

Vasilios Zaharioudakis (1242) '23 | vvz4@cornell.edu | 774-464-8849



Brethren!

I hope this Traveler finds you well. As you no doubt gleaned from the previous issue, this summer Northcote was facing the very real possibility of not opening its doors after 116 years of continuous existence at Cornell.

As part of our effort to prevent that outcome, the Corporation Board (of which I am one of six members) elected to have boarders living in the house for the Fall 2023 semester. Specifically, the entire wing area of the house was dedicated to this purpose. The reasoning was twofold: the wing is behind a fire door, which mitigates noise in both directions; and the wing has its own bathroom, so that the boarders could collectively take ownership of its cleanliness. For those of you who have not visited the chapter house recently (and we always hope that you drop by!), the wing consists of eight rooms and a bathroom, as shown below circled in green. The original goal was to rent a maximum seven of the rooms, with the eighth to be used for Alumni visitors, for National Staff, and other ad hoc purposes.

I took on the responsibility of advertising the space, interviewing the boarders, fielding questions, and ultimately obtaining a signed lease agreement. At the start of the semester, we had five boarders signed up:

- Bingjian, a post-doc originally from China and studying plant research
- Loui, originally from Denmark and pursuing a CEMS Master's
- Gabriel, a student in the Mechanical Engineering department
- Danilo, originally from Ecuador
- Jonathan, a student in the Economics department

As you might imagine, this decision involved some spirited debate, and not a small amount of trepidation. The nervousness was compounded because I did this all from Boston, and never got to meet anyone in person before or during move in!

I defer to the Actives for the specifics; in summary, the arrangement is working out better than ever the most optimistic of us could have imagined! The Boarders made the house look “full” during Rush events, adding to our appeal. Most importantly of all, the Actives tell me that some of the boarders went above and beyond by assisting with Rush activities!

It should, of course, go without saying that the goal is to have Northcote filled to capacity with Actives. Given the great deal of success we are seeing across Cornell Acacia, I have no doubt that this will become a reality in the very near future.

Fraternally,  
Tom Ricketts (1051)





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**Brothers Zaharioudakis '23, Salcedo '23, Joon Kang '23, Huggett, '23 at Sunset park**