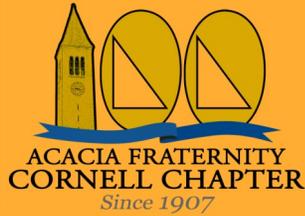


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The Homecoming 2012 tailgate

## The Bonds of Brotherhood Neil Parker

Not long have I been active, but I already feel that I've become a part of something inseparable. Homecoming weekend helped to cement this thought. The weekend was met with great anticipation, as many of the actives waited to see Alumni brothers whom they had not seen in weeks, months, or longer. Some surprised us by showing up late Thursday, and by Friday we had a good gathering, as Brother Charles Ray prepared a delicious dinner with a menu ranging from shrimp tacos to the best cheese-cake I've had in my entire life.

The next morning, after setting up the tailgate, we were met with unfortunate rain. Despite this, both the actives

and the alumni steeled a hard resolve and showed up, and as we started to throw burgers on the grill, the sky cleared up. With the sun shining down, it was interesting to look upon the range of alumni from the almost legendary Brother Alumnus Tom Ricketts to our recent graduate and winner of the Order of Pythagoras, Brother Alumnus Richie Corrales and many others from his pledge class. From the tailgate, many went to the game where Cornell, of course, crushed Yale.

Later, we all joined together at the Glenwood Pines, where we all enjoyed each other's company over a delicious meal. Many stories were exchanged,

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# Fall 2012 Chapter Roster

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## A Message From Our Corporation Board President

The 2012-2013 Fiscal Year is well underway, and we have recently completed a number of maintenance projects. Planned interior expenses included installing a new, engineered hardwood floor in Room 42, after repairing the subfloor (\$3,350 which was paid for from our AFF account); building a custom, lockable TV cabinet in the bar room, so the TV, DVR, and DVD player can be protected from damage and theft during social events (\$1,196); and repairing and painting the side porch structure (\$2,019). The “surprise” expenses included replacing the hot water heater (\$3,835), replacing the pot sink faucet, completely renovating the Wing shower with a waterproof membrane and drain, new concrete board walls and floor, new shower valves, porcelain floor and wall tiles, marble corner shelves, grab bars, and 3 new overhead lights (\$18,784), and installing new door closers in several locations (\$381). Note that the Wing shower project unfolded when the plumber opened up the wall in the Wing hallway in order to plumb the two new shower valves that replaced the old three-gang shower assembly. Evidence of a leak was observed, and exploration led to the discovery that there was a leak by the threshold of the shower that necessitated emergency repairs. I donated my time and helped the contractor with some of the work, and I can now add tiling to my list of handyman skills.

As part of the plan to focus our efforts to spruce up Acacia’s exterior, the stucco was repaired and painted (\$5,500). However, our hopes to paint the stucco and stain the woodwork (\$20,000) had to be postponed until spring, due to cash flow issues. The exterior landscaping was addressed, including removal of old and unsightly yew bushes (\$350) and depositing stone in their place, removing tree stumps, grading and reseeding the back lawn (\$4,250) which was torn up by heavy equipment during last year’s tree removal project, and installing proper drainage next to the newly constructed barbeque pit wall (\$2,200).

It was great to get to visit with the Alumni and guests and show off our beautiful Northcote, during our Centennial+5 Weekend in August. My Pledge Brother Stanley R. Niman 1973 (783), David A. Odegaard 1970 (743), Howard Zwiefel 1969 (734), and I caught up on old times.

Although our Capital Campaign is now over (we exceeded our goal of \$345K), Acacia’s list of capital improvements is not! Please help us raise sufficient funds to take care of the rest of the necessary improvements to Northcote. If each of our Alumni simply pays his annual dues obligation, we will have no financial problems!

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. Also, the Mailbag column was unusually short this time because very few of you sent any news to share!

Fraternally,

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## Venerably Speaking Alex Yu

I am pleased to say that the Active Chapter of Cornell Acacia will continue to stay in great hands. Having already elected the 2012-2013 executive board officers, this year's officer transition has been seamless and productive. Within two joint executive board meetings, we have discussed ways of executing methods to cut party costs, while also adding variety and theme for our guests. We have also started revamping our logistics process by using structured logistics reports, allowing for better organization and providing better coordination.

Acacia's financial status is still strong, but we are constantly researching alternative methods to better spend our resources. Within my executive board, Brother Torres had implemented a long-term savings plan. Our budgets were trimmed down, cutting unnecessary costs and building up our savings. Our incoming Treasurer, Brother Noah Weingart, will continue to build up our savings through the savings plan, but also through changes of his own. I am very eager to see the cost improvements he has in store.

Also, I am pleased to say that we have just recently inducted three new members this Fall. Their names are Timothy Smith, Kevin Hua, and David Liendo. With the instruction of our incoming Senior Dean, Brother Santiago Cruz, these young men will become great Acacians. I look forward to seeing them progress through our revamped new member education program.

In regards to the Greek System at Cornell University, the Interfraternity Council (IFC) has continued to push for proactive solutions from chapters. With the largest concern being hazing in new membership programs, we have revamped our new member education program. First, we took apart the program and evaluated each portion for its importance and benefits for the new members. Second, the portions that did not provide real value were scrapped. The result is our revamped program, each portion of it carrying a purpose or a message to our new members.

The changes in the Greek System are picking up momentum, and Acacia is ready. With our new, dynamic executive board, I know that Cornell Acacia will continue to thrive, as it has for the past 105 years.



Brother Yu leads a Centennial+5 tour to his favorite part of Northcote.

# The Rush has Begun Aditya Ramesh



Fall new members Timothy Smith, Kevin Hua, and David Liendo.

**Timothy Smith** is a junior Policy Analysis and Management major in the College of Human Ecology, from Pawling, New York. He has been elected as Pledge Class Secretary. Tim juggles, cooks, runs, mountain climbs, and is an avid traveler.

**Kevin Hua** is a sophomore Biological Engineering student in the College of Engineering from Flushing, New York. He is also the Pledge Class President. In his spare time, he enjoys paintball, chess, cooking, wood-working, and paintball.

**David Liendo** is a junior transfer studying Biology and Society in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. David is originally from Bolivia, but resides in Church, Virginia. In his spare time, he enjoys running and riding rollercoasters.

As my term as Recruitment Chair comes to a close, I'm happy to see that Acacia is as motivated as it has ever been for Rush. We are setting the bar high for ourselves, in terms of both quality and quantity, and the results have showed in the past spring 2012 new member class, as well as our fall new members, who have recently started their membership.

Fall recruitment has been an informal rush period, where sophomores and juniors who either transferred to Cornell late or missed out on the opportunity their freshman year, try to find the fraternal environment which suits them best. We did not have to go deep into our pockets for fall rush, we just relied on simple ideas such as inviting prospective fall members to house dinners, social events, and other brotherhood activities. This fall we were able to leave good impressions on three men, who have committed to new membership to our fraternity.

These three men are junior transfer David Liendo, junior transfer Timothy Smith, and sophomore Kevin Hua. To my knowledge, this incoming Fall new member class is the largest of any since 2007. This is something we should be proud of,



Brother Ramesh wants you for rush!

as we push all of our focus on continuing to build the Spring 2013 pledge class.

After fall break, we are holding a casino night themed Open House, where freshmen can officially visit Northcote under Cornell IFC rules. We will also contact freshmen males about applying to our annual Acacia scholarship. We will continue to host events, which will enable brothers to be able to engage with freshmen who are interested in the Greek system. We will plan out the logistics of January's rush week before this semester ends. We will continue to motivate each other and motivate freshmen to rush Acacia, as we strive towards a 20 member pledge class. As if we needed any more incentive, one alumnus has promised a brand new hot tub for Northcote if we can reach the elusive 20 mark.

## My Time as the “Last of the Liaisons” Sho Iketani

When I was elected as the Liaison to the Capital Campaign last semester, I had no idea what the job would entail, given that I had basically never heard of the position before. Luckily for me, Brother Alumnus Balcerski was kind enough to get in touch with me almost immediately following my election, and I met with him to learn more about the position. I learned that I was the tenth and final Liaison to the Capital Campaign, as the campaign was a five year program which had actually just entered its final moments. As such, I would be in charge of handling the occasional duties that every Liaison had before me, as well as helping out with the Centennial+5 event itself. At the time, I was slightly worried at the scale of the operation and as someone who

had just become a brother, it seemed much bigger than me.

As the months passed and eventually the Centennial+5 came and went, I am happy to say that I have learned quite a lot from this position, and I can only hope that I was able to help out as much as was expected of me. By being able to work with a \$345,000 multi-year project, unprecedented for the fraternity as well, it taught me a lot about the significance that the alumni hold in the health of our fraternity, as well as how important it is for communication to be commonplace. I was able to see just how much care the Acacia Corporation Board takes in maintaining and improving Northcote, as well as seeing an unfortunate lack of appreciation and general knowledge of these projects amongst

some of the Actives. I believe that the communication has improved slightly; more brothers, specifically my pledge class, seem to understand the cost associated with various things around the house that they didn't know before. However, I think that communication can always be improved, and I hope that through my next few years, as an active and future years as an alumnus, brothers continue the effort of keeping in touch with what we are so fortunate to have. I believe the success of the Capital Campaign, in not only reaching but overtaking its goal, is a testament to the strength of the brotherhood that our fraternity has. Such bonds need to be strengthened and maintained, and that requires everyone to keep up the communication for the years to come.



Right: Brother Iketani (on the right) basking in brotherhood before enjoying the Homecoming dinner.

Opposite Page Left: Brothers Soh, Miller, and Park having fun and making a late night snack in the kitchen.

Below: Brothers DeVries, Miller, Marano, Cruz, Yu, Klarich, Brother Alumnus Burden, and Holstad enjoying pizza, while watching TV in the Commons.



## Put on Your Shades, the Chapter's Financial Future is Bright Gabriel Torres

As my time as an active Acacian and student at Cornell draws to close, so does my tenure as Treasurer of the Cornell Chapter. Brother Alumnus William Zeligson once told me that a goal every officer should have is to leave the office better than as he found it. I am proud to say that I have accomplished this goal.

During the 2011 spring semester, the chapter experienced an unexpected drop in revenue, and as a result had to come to terms with cutting costs and waste. At the end of the spring semester, however, the chapter had experienced a budget surplus and was able to restore its savings to its 2011 levels. I attribute this accomplishment to educating the brotherhood on the advantages of reducing waste of house resources, but more importantly engendering an attitude amongst the officers of "how can we make our purchases more efficient?" It seems counter-intuitive, but we now do much more in terms of social events, house cleanliness, and food privileges with less money. The best part is that even though house revenues are up from last semester and budgets have increased, this resourceful attitude persists. I am confident that we will continue this



Brother Torres, clearly needing to put on his shades.

positive trend.

I must commend the Corporation Board's tremendous work and efforts towards improving the house. The installation of new insulation and new windows last year has resulted in a significant drop in the heating bill for the actives, for which we are to be forever grateful. The AFF account has also helped the active chapter financially a great deal. This summer we sent seven members of our chapter to the International Conclave in St. Louis. Thanks to generous alumni donations, we were able to fund each brother's travel expenses, so we were able to make a great showing at Conclave this year. The AFF account has also reimbursed the active Chapter for its Internet bill, an important educational expense in the twenty-first century, which has greatly helped the active chapter as well. Alumni donations are greatly appreciated and do much good for the chapter, even in small ways.

A purchase by the actives this semester was new speakers for the bar room. The old speakers had stopped functioning, and what kind of life would we lead without wholesome

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some to be openly shared, and others to be kept among the brotherhood. After this, we headed back to the house, where we enjoyed feeling of brotherhood and continued to tell stories from days gone by.

After waking up the next morning, brunch was served. It reminded me of Centennial+5, knowing the alumni would now depart back to their lives outside of Acacia. Everyone said their farewells, and left with memories of a spectacular weekend.

Personally, I feel that Homecoming is a special event for Acacia. Not only do the recent graduates return, but also with older alumni coming back, it is a time for everyone to come together, take a break from their busy lives, and enjoy the bonds of brotherhood once again.



Brother Alumni EJ Track, Juan Ramirez, Mark Hartman, and John Anderson enjoying Homecoming Dinner.

## Conclave 2012: Architects of Our Future *Matthew Marano*

The 57th Biennial Acacia Conclave and Leadership Academy occurred from August 1 to 5 this summer in St. Louis, Missouri. I was one of eight brothers that the Cornell Chapter sent to the event. I was initiated in the spring of 2011, and I did not have the privilege of being able to attend ALA during the summer of that year, so this Conclave was my first international Acacia event.

The city of St. Louis is certainly an experience in and of itself. I will admit that Missouri weather in the summer is a little bit hotter than I am used to, but I was still able to enjoy myself. From a tour of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Gateway Arch, to attending a Cardinals baseball game, to visiting the St. Louis Science Center, there was something interesting for everyone to do. It was unfortunate that we had so little time there, because I am sure that there is so much more to do.

This year the theme of the event was "Architects of our Future," and the seminars and other programs focused on different ways to employ

and improve recruitment, organization, leadership skills, both within and beyond the context of the fraternity itself. Everyone was able to take something helpful away from the experience. Some issues and problems that were proposed and discussed were difficult to relate to, but many were very interesting and applicable to the current and future operations of the Cornell Chapter.

While the event programs taught me a great deal about what it means to be an Acacian, I believe that I learned more from meeting and bonding with both active and alumni brothers from so many diverse chapters. All of us are different, but we are all Acacians, and that allowed us to each bring something different to the conversation and keep the entire event special from beginning to end. I made many new friends, and grew even closer to my brothers from Cornell. The amount that I learned was somewhat overwhelming, but I walked away with a clear sense of what it means to be a good brother, and the

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music? We purchased some excellent speakers, with the help of some much appreciated donations by Brother Alumni Corrales and Ertl.

I end this article fully confident that the new treasurer-elect, Brother Weingart, will improve the office even further with fresh ideas and solid leadership. I am currently showing him the ropes to make sure the transition is seamless. I undertook the duties of my office with great pride and purpose, and I am sure that so will he and future Acacians.



Architects of Our Future, Brothers and Brothers Alumni at the 2012 Conclave: Heller, Marano, Miller, Schultz, Corrales, Utic, Klarich, Zeligson, and Yu.

## Transitioning Power Wybren (Ian) de Vries

It is difficult to believe that it was only a year ago to the week that we had elections for the Executive Board positions, and I walked away chapter Senior Dean and Vice President of one of the world's most prestigious international fraternities. That night, I went to bed thinking about what to expect from myself and others, and what kind of personal changes this position would bring along. Two pledge cycles and two fresh batches of officers later, it is now clear that not even the wildest of the dreams that followed when I fell asleep were even close to the experiences I was about to gain. Not all of them were as pleasant as the others, and some were outright things I hope I never have to deal with again, but nonetheless every part of the ride was equally valuable in shaping me into the person I am when I step down very soon; my views on life have changed, my views on society have changed, my views on family, friendship and brotherhood have changed, my priorities have changed... so much has changed. It's almost as though my year as Senior Dean has produced a whole new person inside the same old body.

If I could somehow pick one thing for future generations of leadership in Acacia to take away from my term and remember forever, it is my emphasis on the retention of collective knowledge and experience gained by individual officers. A big problem with the way the leadership structure in this house operates is that there is extremely little transition

of know-how from one officer to his successor. In some cases, newly elected officers are even completely unaware of certain responsibilities their position carries with it. One cause of this is the previous officer's mentality by the end of his term; while he may have been eager, excited and full of fresh ideas for the position when newly elected, a semester



Brother de Vries speaks at the Centennial+5 banquet.

of having to deal with the various issues that arise and lazy and/or counterproductive brothers changes that excitement to gloom by the end of it. When someone exhibiting the same eagerness is then elected next, it is more than easy to let go and think "I've done my part, time for someone else to take the reins," starting the cycle all over again. Similarly, another cause for the phenome-

non is the mentality of the newly elected officer; it is exactly his eagerness, excitement and the ideas he has that make him form his own view of what his position should be like and how he wants to deal with it. This makes it less likely for him to seek out the previous officer and incentivize him to share his knowledge and experience. It's quite unfortunate how well these two causes fit together! It pains me every time I see a current officer make the same mistakes his predecessor made before him, simply because that knowledge was not retained within Acacia's leadership. Essentially, every new officer has to figure out for himself how everything works, which is especially troublesome for Executive Board officers, who deal with matters of utmost importance and cannot afford a mistake (imagine only the repercussions of bad tax forms by an inexperienced Treasurer!)

Considering the group from which the new Executive Board would emerge would not change between the start of the semester and the original election date, I pushed for elections to be held early on in the semester, while keeping the induction date of the new officers the same. This way, we elected a new Venerable Dean, Brother Marano, who can now take ample time to prepare himself as best as possible for when he takes over from Venerable Dean Yu. In the Senior Dean ranks, Brother Cruz has already gained experience in organizing his first Induction cere-

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mony, with my guidance and help. Brothers Schultz, Weingart and Fan will similarly be given the opportunity to learn all they need from the current Junior Dean, Treasurer and Recruitment Chairman respectively. With this extra bit of guidance, I am confident that, once officially inducted, this new Executive Board will be ready for the challenge up ahead.

As my time as Senior Dean slowly creeps to an end, I will try my very best not to fall prey to the cynicism and broken spirits that often capture our leaders towards the end of their term. Hopefully, if I set the right example and help both Brother Cruz and his successor, others will also realize that even though they may no longer hold the official title of the position, their experience is still invaluable to the brotherhood until the moment they graduate, and more often than not after that too.

## Human Service

Shane Soh

Once again, our chapter has been living up to the values as embodied by our fraternity's motto, "Human Service".

Recently, a number of our brothers very enthusiastically took part in the Jog for Jill 5k, organized by the Cornell University Panhellenic Council, in support of the Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation. The turnout was great and was a testament to the willingness and eagerness of our brothers to do their part for the community. Above all, it was also a good display of the chapter's commitment

to athleticism and healthy living.

Our chapter's goal for philanthropy this semester is to establish long-lasting and sustainable relationships with on-campus volunteer groups and other welfare organizations in Ithaca. In light of that, we have collaborated with a number of local welfare organizations to provide upcoming volunteering opportunities for our brothers, namely the Habitat for Humanity Turkey Trot 5k and the Tompkins County SPCA Pet Expo.

As the semester draws closer to an end, the house looks for-

## Dreaming of FIFA Andrew Park

So far this fall our brotherhood has fielded teams in both Outdoor Soccer and Flag Football. Our first soccer game was a tight one, in which we traded goals back and forth with Sig Ep throughout the game. Our defense finally pulled through at the end and we came out with a 5-4 victory. The first football game, which was supposed to be against Alpha Delt, was unfortunately rained out. We plan on sending teams to represent us in bowling, basketball and volleyball.

One new addition this year is the involvement in virtual sports. New Xbox 360 games like FIFA '13 and Madden '13 have brought more brothers together over sports. Hopefully this interest in virtual sports translates into a newfound interest in real-life sports.



Brother Fan and a prospective new member play FIFA.

ward to hosting our annual "Santa's College Days," a two-day long fund-raising event held on the last week of classes. Our brothers will be selling hot chocolate, candy canes and raffle tickets to raise funds for The Elves Program, a charity that provides Christmas presents for underprivileged families. Last year's event was a huge success, having raised well over \$400. This year, our brothers are even more excited and committed to raising more money and making the event yet another big success!

## The Social Scene Jovanny Fuentes

The Acacia social scene is as lively as ever during the start of this new school year. Events among brothers and friends have been commonplace every weekend here at Northcote. The brothers at Acacia hosted a large open party during the semester which saw more than 150 attending party-goers, showing that Acacia really knows how to throw a party. This was exemplified during the homecoming weekend where Actives, Alumni, and friends spent the entire weekend having fun either at the tailgate, the football game, or at the booming Avicii concert in Barton. Homecoming weekend was the pinnacle of social activity for the Cornell Acacians thus far.

In the coming months, the brothers are looking forward to a date night at the house in October, with dinner to be prepared by our very own house cook, Carol. Later in the semester, the brothers are also looking forward to the annual fall formal, where brothers and dates will be sure to look their best for one night out in one of Ithaca's finest dining establishments. Until then, everyone should expect Acacia to continue having a good time in order to relieve the stress of the school week.

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type of brother that I want to be.

Among the many brothers that I had the pleasure and privilege of meeting, two really stand out in my mind. I was able to meet Cornell Chapter alumni and AFF Directors Bill Utic and John "Chip" Brueckman, and talk with each of them about their experiences as an active brother at Cornell in the early 1970s. While I had correctly predicted that many things have changed since then, I also discovered that quite a few things were the same back then as they are now. Interacting with them has given me invaluable insight into the past and present of Cornell Acacia, as well as helped me solidify what it is that I truly want for its future.

It is impossible to adequately convey the experience that is Acacia Conclave with just words or pictures, but it is unfortunately the best there is in lieu of actually attending the event. If I had to describe it in one word, it would be "inspiring." All that I heard, saw, learned, and laughed over had inspired me to take a more active part in the fraternity as a whole, and be the best brother that I can. In fact, the inspiration that I got from attending Conclave is part of the reason why I decided to become the next Venerable Dean of the Cornell chapter. I have big plans for the future, and I will be sure to put what I learned at Conclave to good use.



## Electronic Updates Daniel Moskowitz

This has been a good semester for technology at Acacia. The server, which had been down for a while following a power outage in the summer, is now finally back online, with much of the data salvaged thanks to Brother Alumnus David Skiff. The printer is still functioning beautifully.

By far the biggest improvement has been to the Acacia website; with the efforts of certain brothers, new pictures have been taken of the house for posting on the website, and other sections have been updated as well. A new initiative that has been taken is to try to keep the front page busy. One way we have accomplished this is by posting the weekly dinner menu and crew schedule. It is our hope that the website will continue to be updated in the future and transition from merely a static information page on the web to an active posting ground containing new content.

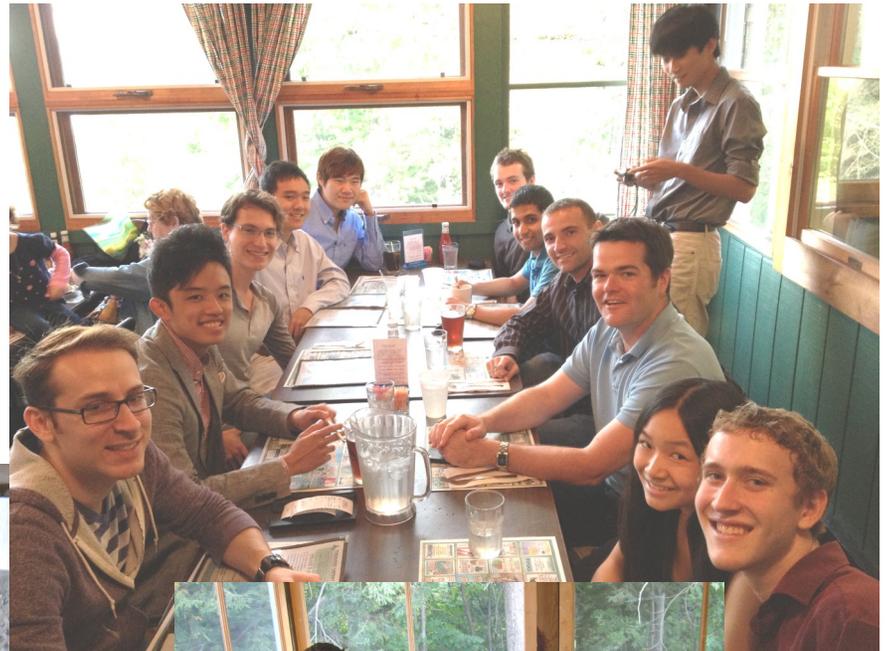
## Brotherhood Forever Thomas Schultz

As Brotherhood Chair, I have been hard at work making sure that Acacia Fraternity has hosted a few events to bring our brotherhood closer. On Labor Day, the Brotherhood hosted a barbecue event at the house. Although the rain ruined our outdoor plans, the kitchen served as perfect spot to cook some burgers and hot dogs. Chef Brother Schultz and Chef Brother Pan gladly served some holiday foods for the brothers. The event also served as a good rush event because we invited five to ten prospective members. In late September, the house hosted a Poker Night for the betting-inclined brothers. The event lasted almost two and a half hours and turned out quite well. Although a friend of a brother ended up taking home the grand prize, all brothers that attended had a great time. In the future, I hope to work with the Athletics Chair to host an event similar to the AKAK Cup with a few surprises thrown in. Stay tuned!

To the left:  
Brother Marano watches as Brothers Fan and Park enjoy a moment of brotherhood.

To the left:  
The new speaker system pictured below. Special thanks to Brother Alumni Corrales and Ertl.

This page:  
Photos of Brothers, Alumni, and their guests at the Homecoming 2012 dinner at the Glenwood Pines.





## Alumni Mailbag

David W. Bills 1958 (590) [87 Winding Creek Ln, Rochester, NY 14625-2175; [dsbills@frontiernet.net](mailto:dsbills@frontiernet.net)] was planning a summer picnic at his home with John 1958 (600) & Judy Male, Dick 1955 (558) and Danny Dobell, Dick 1958 (607) and Maryellen McDougal, and Dave 1955 (551) and Sue Schwardt.

Dr. Allan F. Burns 1958 (616) [2140 Bayview Point Ln, Cape Charles, VA 23310-1994; [AllanBurns@usa.net](mailto:AllanBurns@usa.net)] is in touch with Ralph Lamar 1958 (599).

William Dearcop 1962 (648) [932 Leicester Rd, Caledonia, NY 14423] reported the passing of Edwin C. Washbon 1962 (647) and made contributions to both the Corporation and AFF in memory of Brother Washbon.

Steven L. Stein 1973 (787) [339 E Miller Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850-9431; [sls8@cornell.edu](mailto:sls8@cornell.edu)] was laid off by Cornell on 7/1/2012 after almost 24 years of continuous service. He has recently started a position as Senior Consultant for Vivantech and handling the University of Maryland's data conversion to the Kuali Financial System (KFS). During his more than three months of unemployment, he spent much time helping with the Wing shower renovation at Acacia. Steve asks that, when any Acacians consider contributing to Cornell, they remember that Cornell Acacia deserves the money more!

David R. Fischell 1975 (800) [71 Riverlawn Dr, Fair Haven, NJ 07704-3319; [drfischell@exit109.com](mailto:drfischell@exit109.com)] started his second term on the Cornell Board of Trustees in June. He loves getting back to campus. His younger daughter, Jennifer, is a senior in Arts & Sciences. Dave was looking forward to the Centennial+5 Celebration in August.

David J. Sangree 1984 (917) [1052 Maple Cliff Dr, Lakewood, OH 44107-1252; [dsangree@hladvisors.com](mailto:dsangree@hladvisors.com)] went to Lake Tahoe in April for some great skiing, the spa, and a couple of days in

San Francisco. All is well with his family in Cleveland.

Kenneth B. Harris 2000 (1036) [1629 Summit Ave, Apt 405, Seattle, WA 98122-2001; [kengruven@gmail.com](mailto:kengruven@gmail.com)] still gets a call on his birthday every year from Anthony Navarra 2001 (1031).

Thomas J. Balcerski 2005 (1063) [30 Waterside Plaza, Apt 21K, New York, NY 10010; [tbalcerski@gmail.com](mailto:tbalcerski@gmail.com)] enjoyed his third year of graduate school at Cornell. He regularly saw David Rimshnick 2005 (1062) for drinks and also saw Randy Clark 2003 (1047) and Brad Schmidt 2000 (1025), both of who are frequently in Ithaca. Helped Steve Stein 1973 (787) complete the renovation of the Chapter Room in the spring. Centennial+5 Celebration will be (was) epic!

Hanny A. Martinovici 2006 (1071) [[hac24@cornell.edu](mailto:hac24@cornell.edu)] writes "Cheers to Tom Balcerski 2005 (1063), Steve Stein 1973 (787), and all the alumni and Actives responsible for the excellent condition of the newly renovated Chapter Room, house, and property, as a whole. Job well done!"

## Alumni Honor Roll

### Honor Roll 2011—2012

Donor	Roll	Class	Pledge Year
Bradley J Ayres *	(1070)	2006	PL 2003
Kenneth Jay Ayres Jr.	(1052)	2004	PL 2001
Thomas J Balcerski *	(1063)	2005	PL 2002
Jeffrey J Ballyns	(1075)	2005	PL 2003
Tarek A Banaja	(1065)	2005	PL 2002
Robert J Bergren	(2443)	1950	PL 1947
David W Bills	(590)	1958	PL 1955
Elie Y Bilmes	(1118)	2010	PL 2007
Christopher D Bostick	(1101)	2009	PL 2006
Andrew S Brenner *	(953)	1990	PL 1987
Adam J Brownstein	(1130)	2011	PL 2008
William C Burnett *	(490)	1953	PL 1949
William S Cammuso	(965)	1992	PL 1989
Brian T Cannon	(1128)	2010	PL 2008
Martin S Cardinali	(918)	1984	PL 1981
John W Carlson	(689)	1966	PL 1963
John W Carpenter, III *	(959)	1991	PL 1987
Brian P Clapp *	(1100)	2009	PL 2006
John R Cunningham	(927)	1985	PL 1983
Jared M Davis	(1076)	2006	PL 2003
Robert S Fash *	(594)	1958	PL 1954

# Alumni Honor Roll Cont.

Donor	Roll	Class	Pledge Year
William J Feth	(1021)	1999	PL 1996
Michael I Cvijanovich *	(981)	1994	PL 1991
Hanny A Martinovici	(1071)	2006	PL 2003
Charles W Deakyne *	(446)	1950	PL 1947
Christopher P Deane *	(908)	1983	PL 1980
Igor Dolgalev	(1068)	2005	PL 2002
John M Ertl	(1148)	2011	PL 2009
David R Fischell *	(800)	1975	PL 1972
John C Gammel	(826)	1977	PL 1974
James W GreigII	(795)	1974	PL 1972
William B Hairston, III *	(873)	1980	PL 1977
Arif Haq	(983)	1994	PL 1992
Lloyd A Hayner	(508)	1952	PL 1949
Paul N Hayre *	(970)	1991	PL 1989
Richard F Heine Jr.	(630)	1961	PL 1958
Frank H HenjesJr. *	(571)	1954	PL 1953
Nicholas Hoerter	(1117)	2009	PL 2007
Charles S Hong	(1043)	2001	PL 2000
Steven R Horowitz *	(966)	1992	PL 1989
David J Hower	(526)	1951	PL 1950
Charles W Huffine, III	(931)	1986	PL 1983
Seth A Jacobson	(1092)	2008	PL 2005
Alan L Jette	(895)	1982	PL 1979
Charles P Kalter	(1066)	2005	PL 2002
Maxim Kashdan	(1102)	2009	PL 2006
Patricia M Kehe	(L1)	1979	PL 1979
William L Keltz	(632)	1961	PL 1958
Thomas E Kocovsky, Jr. *	(730)	1969	PL 1966
John D Koethe *	(829)	1977	PL 1974
Joseph John Kovacs	(1111)	2009	PL 2006
Thomas B Kozakiewicz	(1131)	2011	PL 2008
Frederick W Tierney, Jr. *	(763)	1971	PL 1968
Jerry W Kreider *	(720)	1968	PL 1965
Frederick D Liguori, III	(1109)	2009	PL 2006
Allen M Male	(643)	1962	PL 1959
Mark F Maltenfort	(831)	1977	PL 1974
Roman Markh	(1072)	2006	PL 2003
David M Mazaika	(924)	1985	PL 1982
Harlan M Meinwald	(789)	1974	PL 1971
Daniel R Merrill	(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
Theodore Ni	(1138)	2012	PL 2009
Stanley R Niman *	(783)	1973	PL 1970
Martin E Offenberger *	(568)	1956	PL 1953
John R Pakan	(524)	1953	PL 1950
William Pendarvis, Jr.	(440)	1947	PL 1946
Juan J Ramirez	(1084)	2006	PL 2004
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 E Rothman	(1107)	2009	PL 2006
John L Ryan	(1112)	2009	PL 2006
Zachary A Samuels	(1069)	2004	PL 2002
David J Sangree	(917)	1984	PL 1981
Daniel H Scharfman	(1078)	2005	PL 2003
Mark A Schaten	(923)	1984	PL 1982
Bruce G Schneider *	(842)	1978	PL 1975
Preston W Shimer	(635)	1961	PL 1958
David Elliot Skiff	(1143)	2012	PL 2009

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Roger D Soloway	(589)	1957	PL 1954
Shu Song	(1122)	2009	PL 2007
Whoosun I Song	(1074)	2006	PL 2003
Yuri A Sylvester	(1096)	2008	PL 2005
Frank F Tetz	(554)	1955	PL 1952
Elie J Track	(1077)	2006	PL 2003
Daniel E Turinsky	(1004)	1997	PL 1994
Jason Wang	(997)	1996	PL 1993
Zachary A Weinstein	(1067)	2005	PL 2002
Keith J Yoder	(1105)	2009	PL 2006
Howard S Zwiefel, III *	(734)	1969	PL 1966

**97 Donors**

**29 Brother Tree Leaf recognitions**

\* after name indicates Brother Tree leaf recognition

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Chapter Eternal

**Edwin C. Washbon** 1962 (647) - 5/22/2012

**Andrew S. Nolan** 1991 (969) - 3/7/2012

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Checks should be made payable to “Acacia Fraternity Foundation.” Use of the chapter’s Foundation is limited to scholarships and qualified educational expenses.

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Donations to the Cornell University Endowment can be directed to the Cornell Acacia Fraternity portion of the endowment through specifying the “Arthur Lee Thompson III Memorial Scholarship Endowment” when donating. Our current Cornell University endowment share value is approximately \$460,000. Our money grows based on the performance of the endowment portfolio. The amount that brothers receive is roughly equivalent to the gain on the investment for the year divided by the number of brothers on financial aid. The financial aid office administers the funds to brothers on financial aid based on the fraternity president’s advisement, provided the dispersal is sound judgment. This past year, all Active brothers on financial aid received \$1,100 in grants each semester.



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