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Initiation Banquet Scene: Wish You Were Here



Pictured after a bit of traveling and toiling, and turned to refreshment at the Ithaca Hotel are some of the undergraduate and alumni brothers who took part in the recent initiation ceremonies. You can readily see they have enjoyed their task and their repast.

Chapter Initiation Nets You Seven New Brothers Presence Of Alumni Adds Inspiration To Scene

As Pythagoras finished his long and toilsome journey, seven more Cornellians became proud wearers of the jewelled triangle on February 15. The new brothers were then feted at a banquet in their honor at the Ithaca Hotel.

Your new brothers are as follows: Phillip E. Baber, Ag '55, Ausable Chasm, N. Y.; William A. Beischer, Chem E '57, Little Falls, N. Y.; Thomas H. Burrows, Arts '56, Elmhurst, Ill.; William P. Donovan, ME '55, Little Falls, N. Y.; Bian W. McClellan, ME '56, Cattaraugus, N. Y.; Martin E. Offenberger, Arts '56, Larchmont, N. Y., and Charles R. Richmond EE '57, Taunton, Mass.

Among the alumni who were in attendance at the banquet were Professor Wilbur Meserve '29, our chapter advisor; Dr. Gustave Heuser '15, who recently resigned as chapter advisor due to his sabbatical this year; Professor Roy Clark '13; attorney Leo N. Simmons '34, president of the alumni association; and Professor William C. Andrae '16.

Introducing New Pledges

As a result of winter rushing, three men have been selected by the undergraduates to be members of Acacia.

The son of Albert C. Frederick '27, Arthur H. Frederick, Arts '56, of Albany, N. Y.; George L. Mueller, Chem E '57, of Ridgewood, N. Y.; and Peter M. VanDenburgh Ag '55, Johnstown, N. Y., are the men pledged.

Advisor Meserve gave an inspiring welcome to the initiates and pointed out the benefits that will come to them as members of our Fraternity. Tom Burrows, president of the initiation class, spoke for his new brothers, after being introduced by master of ceremonies Jim Symons. Bob Baker, the immediate past V.D. of the chapter, spoke for the undergraduates.

Youngdahl Chapter V.D. New Officers Elected

Elected the first week of March, Ira Youngdahl succeeds Bob Baker as Venerable Dean of the chapter.

The other officers elected to aid Youngdahl in his many duties are: Marvin Townsend, Senior Dean; James Freeman, Junior Dean; Bion McClellan, Senior Steward; Robert Vanderhoek, Junior Steward; Lewis Mathews, secretary; James Symons, treasurer; Douglas McIlroy, pledge-master; Frank Tetz, editor and alumni secretary; Charles Richmond, chaplain; and William Donovan, sentinel.

The new officers earnestly solicit the suggestions and aid of the alumni in matters related to chapter improvement. Attention is being focused on stronger alumni relations in order that not only the chapter, but the alumni themselves may realize further enrichments of the brotherhood.

Following the suggestions of a returning alumnus, whose reception was not exactly all it could have been, the undergraduates are endeavoring to become better hosts. Without this comment of the alumnus, the chapter would have continued to be unaware of its error. Your suggestions and interest in the chapter will not only give material aid to the men in school today, but also help them realize that the alumni are behind them in all their efforts.

★ Acacians Active Engineers

Representatives of the chapter occupy several important offices in the engineering societies. Jim Symons was elected vice-president of the ASCE, and Bill Burnett is the retiring president of that organization.

Bob Vanderhoek was elected secretary-treasurer of ASME in the recent elections. Bob has also been elected to membership in the Pi Tau Sigma and Kappa Tau Chi honorary fraternities as a result of his scholastic standing.

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Frank Tetz '55 Editor

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Community Project Leaves Brothers Happy But Oh So Pooped!

A party for the children who might well be missed by Santa Claus was given by Acacia in an effort to bring a bit of happiness to them and as a part of our community service project program.

There were 24 boys (though we'd swear it was closer to 240 later in the evening) aged eight to 12 from the West Side Community Center who were entertained at the house by the brothers and their dates, prior to Christmas.

Intended for later distributon, two pounds of unshelled peanuts had been placed in stockings by the fireplace, but our guests thought otherwise and we dodged "shell" fire as we carolled. Cartoon movies in the basement were next scheduled, but some of the boys were disappointed with this "kid" stuff and insisted on Marilyn Monroe; causing us to decide we had seen enough movies and convince them that there was a great magician in the living room. Larry Phillips had some close calls with his "secret" tricks, but the comments of the kids were worth it.

Before cocoa, cookies and ice cream had time to settle, more movies were demanded, and received, and then Rod Munsey took over Santa's job of distributing the toys. Inertia cars were the high-light, and the young hot rods caused more agitation than any be-bop artist could hope to attain.

The young lads had a grand time of it, and the brothers couldn't help mentioning that "doing unto others" made the hearts of all feel very good, but we were "bushed."

Room For Improvement In Scholastic Standing

The eternal problem is still with the chapter. Our scholastic standing is not all that it could be!

While the chapter ranks 28th in the 53 fraternities of Cornell, it is lower in comparison to other Acacia chapters, where we are 25th out of the 36 chapters.

Receiving much attention from the chapter, the brothers are attempting to boost our average and place Acacia where it rightfully belongs. Among the programs being followed is the enforcing of study hours and a compulsory study table for all pledges with unsuitable averages.

However, there is a good side to the scholarship program for the chapter has four men on the Dean's List and several more are expected to join them. In addition the house has members in many scholastic honoraries such as Tau Beta Pi, Kappa Phi Kappa, Pi Tau Sigma, Kappa Tau Chi, and Chi Epsilon.

Sports Picture Picking Up

Volleyball and horseshoes are the current interests of the chapter as the seasonal sports program changes at Cornell. Joe Wilford and Marv Townsend will present a formidable combo, in the latter, for they reached the semi-finals in the IFC league play-off last year. Jack Shepardson hopes to manage the volleyball team into the "win" spot in this ever-popular sport.

Peter VanDenburg, one of our new pledges, led his hometown team to championship with his softball pitching. With our veteran ball club sprinkled with talent from the recent initiates, the out-look is good for this competition.

The bowling team was barely edged out of the league title by seemingly slumping all at the same time during the league roll-off game. And in basketball, the chapter was handicapped in the fact that conflicting band appointments meant five of our more experienced players could only participate in the final game, which we won 31-29!

A Message From The Venerable Dean

(Editor's Note: Retiring Bob Baker has written a summation of the activities of the chapter up to the point that Ira Youngdahl took over the reins. Your comments on the thoughts expressed in this will be appreciated.)

With this article, I end my term of office. I am sure that Ira Youngdahl is a capable man and I am looking forward to a very successful year for the chapter under his leadership.

Although the physical plant was improved, more must be done. Furnishing the remodeled portion of the basement and remodeling the rest, new dishes and drapes, and the absolutely necessary new sewer are worthy projects. The reviving of the traditional senior gifts would be wise, though the custom of increasing the library, the standard gift, is not as beneficial as some other possibilities.

Certainly we need a fire alarm system, due to the new Mitchell Fire Act, concerning multiple dwellings of New York. I have been unsuccessful in obtaining one this year.

Membership appears to be diminishing. Initiation classes are not as large as graduation classes. Of 14 pledged, seven were initiated with financial and academic problems taking their toll. Three of the old pledge class are still with us however. The proposal of contract eating for one year for all freshmen could be disastrous. However, it looks as if fraternity alumni are defeating the proposal now before the Board of Trustees.

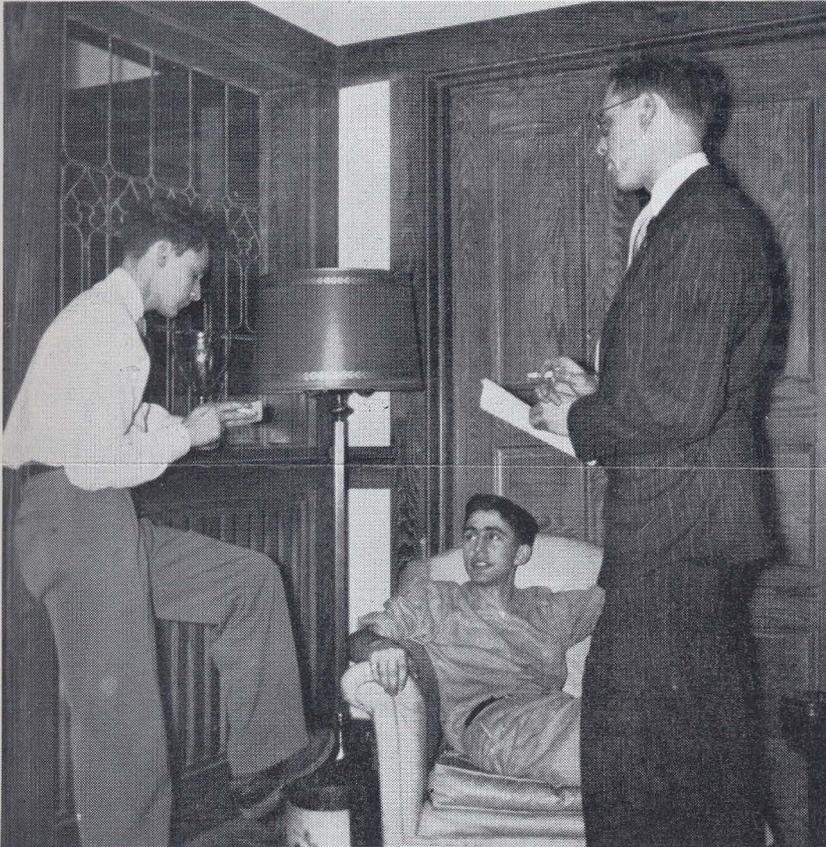
The new V.D. will of course take an active part in IFC, which is fighting the above proposal.

Scholarship must be improved even more.

And now, since my term has ended, I wish all the new officers of the chapter the utmost success during the next year, and extend to all alumni a sincere wish that they will return to the house and let the undergraduate brothers know of their interest in the current problems of the chapter.

—Bob Baker

Resolved: That Acacia Retain IFC Debate Trophy



Lew Mathews, Bob Vanderhoek and Bob Baker talk over the IFC debates that Acacia is out to win again this year. Already, the chapter has won two debates in this contest as oratory and quick thinking rise to new heights.

An insurance broker out in San Diego, Calif., at 3635 Utah Street, *Fred N. Alden, Ohio Wesleyan '06*, was one of the men to help install our chapter. He was a graduate student at Cornell at the time, and stayed over at the end of the school year to be present when the chapter was installed.

Looking far into the future, *Dwight S. Miller '51*, says he is to be married in 1958, even though he doesn't know if he has met his wife-to-be yet. Joe is a herdsman over at the Rally Farms near Millbrook, N. Y., a new job for him as of February. Previously he was at the C.X. Whitney Farm.

President of the General Metals Powder Co. of Akron, Ohio, *John S. Fisher '28*, is the inventor of many metallic friction materials. His address is 614 Vinita Ave. of Akron.

Still quite interested in the game of bridge, *A. Marcus Connelly '34*, is an attorney in Jamestown, N. Y. Marc was Venerable Dean in his undergraduate days at Cornell.

Dick G. Elmendorf '50, is an engineer with the Philadelphia Electric Co. and lives with his wife, the former Virginia Parthenis, at 250 Margate Rd., Upper Darby, Pa. Dick, you will remember, was quite active in campus activities while at Cornell.

Professor *Albrecht Naeter '23*, of Oklahoma A & M University, is the founding father of that university's school of electrical engineering, and is now head of the department. Al transferred to Cornell as a full time instructor, but managed to squeeze in enough extra work to enable him to take his M.S. here. He is listed in the Who's Who volumes of Engineering,

American Education, American Men of Science, and the Southwest.

Charles E. Crittenden '40, is controller of the Mather Spring Co of Linden, N. J. Critt's home address is 103 Oakview Avenue, Maplewood, N. J. He and his wife, the former Ruth Freile, a Pi Phi at Cornell, have two daughters, Nancy Lee, six, and Claire Ruth, three.

Although the response to our request for Who's Who blanks has been very good, we still have to hear from many more alumni. The blanks serve to give your classmates news about you and to help the chapter maintain your correct address on record. They are important, and your cooperation in returning them promptly to the chapter house will aid the undergraduates to serve you better.

Quite active in the civic affairs of Nashau, N. H., *Clarence F. Bent '39*, is a veterinarian living on the Lowell Road of that town. However, Benny is not too busy to give ample sales talks to his son, Pete, five, on the joys of being an Acacian. Pete has an older sister, Diana, who is seven.

Bill Elmendorf '49, the brother of Dick, is also an engineer. He is an electrical engineer living at 34 Kingsbury Road, Garden City, N. Y. Upon his graduation he went with A T & T in the Long Lines department, until 1951 when he returned to school at the University of Colorado.

Recent graduate *Dick C. Graham '51*, who was married last July to Carolyn Pearson, is a time study engineer with the Marlin Rockwell Corp. of Jamestown, N. Y. The newlyweds' address there is 140 Burrows St.

Another Californian heard from is *D. Scott Fox '13*, who is a physician at Claremont College in Claremont, Cal. Brother Scott, who switched from intensive work in agricultural activities to the field of medicine when he decided to attend med school at Stanford in 1925, is now perusing interests in the medical profession just as zealously.

Lloyd A. Hayner '52, one of our married students, is now the assistant

county agent for the Farm Bureau of Schoharie County, N. Y. Lloyd's address is 93 Elm St., Cobleskill, N. Y.

Two fellow Acacians head up the plant pathology extension of Penn State. *Robert S. Kirby '23*, is professor in charge of the extension. *Edwin E. Honey '23*, is associate professor. Both may be contacted by writing to them, care of the University at State College, Pa.

Jarman G. Kennard '47, is a mechanical engineer with G.E. in Schenectady. His wife, Vera, and Jerry have two small children, David, three, and Douglas, just going on one year, to keep them busy.

Our charter secretary, *Everett A. Palmer '09*, now retired and living at 85 N. Madison Ave., Pasadena, Cal., previously was with Westinghouse.

George Ruby '15, now at RD 6, York, Pa., had quite a reunion with old classmates down in Florida last winter. "Had a fine visit with *Bert Cushing* and his wife at Bert's winter home at Winter Park, Fla. Then Bert drove to West Palm Beach where he had a great reunion with *Doc Gould*—Doc's wife is a wonderful hostess. Bert and his wife left nothing undone to make my trip a memorable one. Ruth is one of the top shuffleboard experts of Winter Park. They got me so enthused I came home and built myself a court. If any of the old gang gets near York, they can try it. Bert is still interested in crews. He took me along in the coaches' launch while he was assisting the Rollins College Crew. The day I left, Rollins trimmed Boston College. Incidentally, while on our visit, Mrs. Ruby painted the sponge boats at Tarpon Springs." George has been president of the York Symphony Orchestra for three years and a board member for 14 years. He has been first flute for 20 years.

Television viewers possibly saw *Meredith R. Cushing '44* stump the experts on the show, "Two For the Money" on its January 13, show. Bud is the purchasing agent and store operator for the Friendly Ice Cream Corp. of West Springfield, Mass. The last V.D. prior to the closing of the house due to the war, and captain of the football team in '43, Bud sug-

gests that Acacia have an annual alumni meeting during the Cornell Day Weekend so that all of the out-of-town brothers could attend. He also suggests that a dinner be held along with the meeting. Bud and his wife are to be congratulated upon the birth of another future Acacian, Bradford Stone, last September 17.

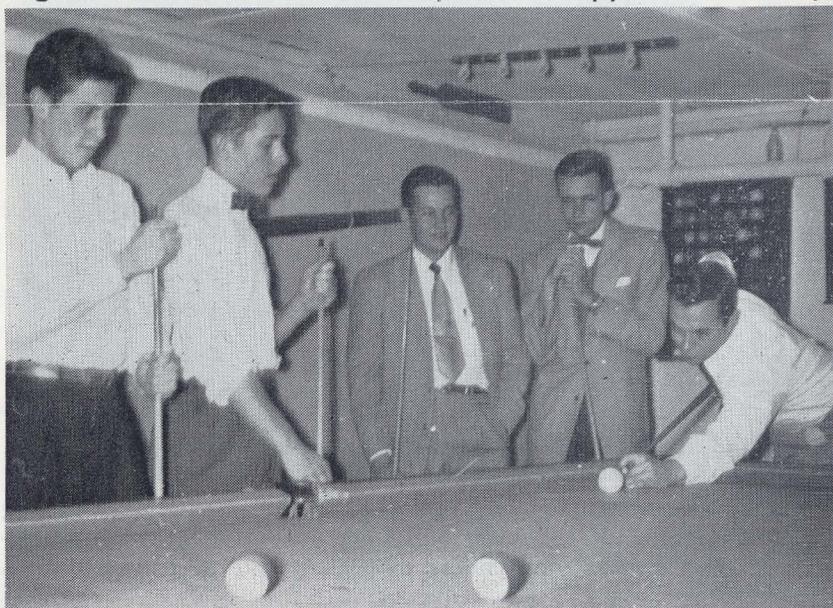
Ensign *Charles H. Adsit '50*, is serving aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Nettle (WAK-169), and mail

propos can addresses get?

Congratulations go to *Robert C. Howe '51* and his new bride, Joan Hall, who were married during the Christmas holidays. Bob is an officer in the Army, and is stationed at Fort Sam Houston, in Texas.

LCDR *Gus F. Heuser, Jr. '42* in the Supply Corps of the Navy is getting in some sea duty on the transport, USS Kent APA-217, while his wife, Bernice takes care of little Karen,

Higher Education: Practical Aspects of Applied Geometry



"Well, you can tell where HE spent his childhood!" was the thought the brothers had when Jim Freeman took cue in hand to demonstrate the latest Hoppe shot. And he didn't rip the cloth either. Watching in utter amazement are Marty Offenberger, Neil Sharp, Don Paine, and Dick Dobell. Our pool table gets much play in the moments of relaxation.

will reach him care of FPO, San Francisco, Calif.

Bob Freeman '43, is an insurance and real estate agent besides his farming activities up at Windham Centre, Ontario, Canada. His wife, Irene, a Cornell DG, and he have two daughters, Nancy Lee, seven, and Barbara Jean, five.

Serving as secretary-treasurer of the New York chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, *Herbert R. Livermore '40*, is quite active in his profession and is with the Public Housing Administration. Maybe we get tickled too easily, but Herb lives at 74 Brooksdale Gardens, in Bloomfield, New Jersey. How ap-

five, Gustave III, three, and Willard, two, down in Norfolk, Pa.

Melvin H. Sidebottom '45, executive and chief engineer of the Specialty Auto. Machine Corp, in Chelsea, Mass., has developed quite a bit of automatic machinery in his work. His address is 17 Indian Hill Road, Winchester, Mass.

Minister of the Community Presbyterian Church of Melverne out in Long Island, *C. Edward Souter '20*, has more than doubled the congregation, put on a \$50,000 building program, and has over 200 new members! Once a week, Ed serves as chaplain at the Presbyterian Medical Center of NYC.