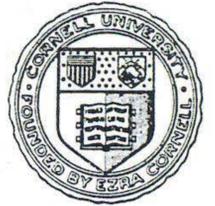




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Founder's Day Celebration Set



Newly elected officers looking over plans for Founder's Day Weekend. They are, seated from left to right: Bion McClellan, Junior Dean, William Beischer, Venerable Dean; Bob Warne, Senior Dean. Standing: George Mueller, Treasurer; and Roger Soloway, Secretary.

Commemorate Founding With Alumni Weekend

Cornell Acacia will celebrate, for the first time, the founding of the National Fraternity at a memorial alumni weekend April 29, 30 and May 1.

We will use this occasion also to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the fraternity . . . an event which we were unable to mark last year.

Founder's Day Week plans are already complete. Invitations to all of our brothers and friends were mailed recently. We hope that a good many of you will find the time to return.

Our schedule will include a variety of sports and other activities, plus an important banquet. This will be an excellent opportunity for reunion with your brothers and classmates, old friends and rivals.

Bradley '23 to Speak

The weekend will begin on Friday, April 29 with an informal reception at the chapter house. A buffet supper will be available for all our guests. Food will be served to all late arrivals.

Saturday there will be numerous sports activities to keep all of us entertained. In addition, undergraduate brothers will conduct tours of the campus, emphasizing the newer buildings and other points of interest. This will keep all of you, who do not stop often on campus, acquainted with the latest improvements.

Saturday evening will see members and guests entertained at a lively banquet at Taughannock Farms Inn . . . a local restaurant of great beauty and fine reputation located in a gorgeous natural setting. Speaker for the banquet will be R Claude (Doc) Bradley '23.

"Doc" Bradley is well known to most of you as one of our most active alumni. Very recently he received the coveted Acacia Award of Merit, well-

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Chapter Elects Beischer, Others To Fill Top Posts

William Arnold Beischer '56 Arts, of Little Falls, N. Y., was elected Venerable Dean in recently held election. Beischer is a member of Kappa Phi Kappa, the professional education honorary. He is also active in many fields of campus activity.

Elected to the post of Senior Dean was Robert Biddle Warne '57 (ILR) from Elmira, N. Y. Warne is past editor of *The Traveler* and is presently on the photography staff of the Cornell Daily Sun.

Bion Walton "Mac" McClellan '56 (ME) was elected Junior Dean. Mac is from Cattaraugus, N. Y., and is active in both chapter and university activities. He is chairman of the Founder's Day Weekend Committee.

New Secretary for the chapter is Roger David Soloway '57 (Arts) from Valley Stream, N. Y. Soloway is a member of the Big Red Band

George Lewis Mueller '57 (Chem E) from Ridgewood, N. Y., assumes the position of Treasurer. He is a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

The new Senior Steward is Robert Gerald "Ding" Williams '58 (EE) from Elmira, N. Y. Junior Steward is John Allen Cooper from Westerlo, N. Y.

The new officers have already taken over management of the house and chapter. We think, when you meet them, that you will find them in the true tradition of Acacian managers.

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Spring Rush Brings

Chapter 3 New Pledges

Bob Warne, seeking his first taste of victory as rushing chairman, proved himself up to the task by netting the chapter three new pledges during spring rushing.

The new men are *Alan Coppens* '59, from Fort Walton Beach, Fla. Alan is a student in engineering physics. Also *Richard McDougal* '59, Rochester, N. Y., who is in the mechanical engineering school. The third man is *Richard Powell* '59, from Weston, W.Va., who is also majoring in engineering physics.

With this much experience under his belt, the new rushing chairman is now formulating plans for the "Big Push" next season. Our summer program now becomes the most important part of rushing since we will be allowed no rushing contact with freshmen in the fall. It will be necessary, therefore, to ask you very soon for your cooperation with rushing recommendations. *Warne* promises that he will seek your aid within the next few weeks. Letters are already being prepared to go to each and every alumnus asking him for a list of recommendations.

We sincerely hope that you will give us every support possible.

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Bassett '51 Reports

George Bassett '51 brings us up to date. He married in 1951 to Barbara Ann Beyrent, Cornell Chi O '51 and now has a family of two boys aged 2½ and 1½. He also has Corky, the Greyhound who was the fraternity mascot in his senior year, and a son of Corky, now 5 months old. His address is Box 91, Fremont, N. H.

News From Acacia Brothers

We were saddened to learn of the death of *L. Nelson Simmons* '12 who passed away January 31 at his home in Ithaca. Brother *Simmons* was past president of the Tompkins County Bar Association and a member of the New York State Bar Association Committee on Aeronautical law. He was a past master of Fidelity Lodge 51, F&AM Masons, and a member and high priest of Eagle Chapter 51, Royal Arch Masons.

Brother *Simmons* graduated from Cornell Law School in 1912, went into the Army for service in World War I. Later, he returned to Cornell to work in the comptroller's office in a legal capacity. Since 1947 he had been a director of Mohawk Airlines and highly active in airline business.

Brother *Simmons* was a good and loyal Acacian. He served, for the past two years, as president of the Corporation. His loss is a blow to Acacians everywhere.

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Cy Campbell '26 sends us a nice, long note. He informs us that he is still chief entomologist with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry . . . although the change in Pennsylvania administration makes uncertain the changes that will take place. There are now two children in the Campbell family . . . Carolyn, 13 and Craig, 7.

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Gene Deatrack '17 writes that he is in an enforced retirement from West Virginia University. Gene's wife passed away in 1946 and he recently remarried. He says that he is too old to teach so he has started a new job . . . management of a collection agency with special rates for fellow Acacians!

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Walter Cotner '28 reports that he has just moved into the new electrical engineering building here on campus . . . Phillips Hall. It is quite a modern building with all of the latest conveniences. If you return for Founder's Day Weekend, we'll see to it that you get a good look-see!

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W. W. Krause '22 is associate director of the Ohio Agriculture Experiment Station at Wooster, Ohio. He

reports that his son, Roscoe, pledged Acacia at Iowa State, other son, William, will soon receive his B.S. in Agriculture from Ohio State University. Brother *Krause* lives at 2404 Cleveland Road, Wooster, O.

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Don Berens '47 is district manager for the Fanny Farmer Candy Company. He now has four children ranging in ages from 2 to 6. *Bill Pendarius* '47 stopped in for a visit with Don recently enroute from Manila to Oklahoma. Don's address is 1480 Lewis Dr., Lakewood 7, Ohio.

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Bob Cipperly '52 is teaching school at the South Glens Falls Central School. He got out of the Army last September and now lives in South Glens Falls with his wife and son. The address is 46½ Saratoga Ave.

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Paul Thompson '10 is a retired engineer doing a fair amount of consulting work. His son, Robert, is attending school at the University of Chicago. Paul sends us a few brief notes about other brothers: *L. A. Wilson* '09, who is enjoying his retirement and *Paul Wait*, who is practicing law and enjoying the good hunting and fishing of Michigan. Paul's address is 1119 Devonshire Rd., Grosse Pointe Park 30, Mich.

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Ernest Schaufler '48 reports the birth of a daughter, Katherine Ann in February of this year. Brother *Schaufler* is working at Cornell, the address is RD 2, Ithaca.

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"Little Joe" *Miller* '51 is farming in Millbrook, N. Y. He reports that he ran into a number of the old gang at the New York State Fair last fall where he was showing Angus cattle. His address: Rally Farms, Millbrook.

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Bob Blazey '40 is sales promotion supervisor for International Harvester in Buffalo. Bob attends the Cornell Club meetings in Buffalo occasionally. He reports that he is still looking for business and that anytime anyone is interested in farm machinery or refrigeration equipment, they should just look him up. His address is 77 Lorfield Dr., Snyder, N. Y.

Spring Is Here!



The surest sign of spring! Coach Hank Wetzler is picture giving instructions to Bob Fash, Fred Koch and Dave Champlin as softball practice begins.

More Summer Improvements Planned For House

Plans for further improvements in the physical structure of the house are now reaching completion. It is felt that good many of the proposed improvements may be completed over the summer vacation.

First on the list is the job which is already being checked for cost. We are presently seeking estimates and prices on the job of giving the house a complete re-wiring.

Wiring in the house is old and dangerous and needs immediate attention. All circuits are badly overloaded. There is a general need for more indoor outlets, placed in better locations. Also needed presently are outlets for lights to the new backyard parking lot.

We hope that this work can be started over the summer so that worries concerning the danger of overloaded circuits will not be so troublesome next fall.

Present plans also call for more improvements on the new parking lot.

Work will be started this summer to prepare the lot for a new black-top surface. The surface itself will be applied later in the year.

Immediate plans call for the building of an outdoor barbecue pit. We will try to start this work in the very near future as we would like to enjoy the pit during this spring in Ithaca. There is, of course, ample space for such a project and the cost will be low.

When you return this month for Founder's Day Weekend, we will take you on a tour of the house and grounds in order to point out the improvements that have been made within the last two or three years. Of course, many of these things will be self-evident, but we wish to point out to you the bits of work that are hidden and not really noticeable. And, at the proposed Corporation meeting on that weekend, we will discuss with you the possibility of the improvements listed above.

15 Men Initiated In February Rites; Formal Banquet

Fifteen men were initiated into the fraternity on February 27. Actual rites of initiation were held at the chapter house and at the Masonic Temple and were followed by a formal banquet at the Ithaca Hotel.

Those initiated were *David Bills*, Rochester, N. Y.; *James Coan*, Doylestown, Pa.; *Edward Conroy*, Cumberland, Md.; *Robert Erb*, Wantagh, N. Y.; *Robert Fash*, Western Springs, Ill.; *Donald Fish*, Rockville Centre, N. Y.; *Carey Fletcher*, Roosevelt, N. Y.; *Francis Hugo*, Ithaca.

Also *Frederick Koch*, Brooklyn; *Ralph Lamar*, Southampton, N. Y.; *John Male*, Honesdale, Pa.; *Walter Marx*, Auburn, N. Y.; *Frank and John Wash*, Gary, Ind.; and *Robert Williams*, Elmira, N. Y.

The week prior to initiation, customarily designated as "Hell Week", was set aside for a general clean-up of the house. The pledges were assigned the jobs of washing, painting and waxing the house into spic-and-span shape during a period which we now call "Help Week."

The initiates repainted the kitchen and the baths, the ceiling in the dining room and the floors of the cellar. They also washed windows and waxed floors and gave the house a thorough going over.

The annual initiation banquet was held this year at the Ithaca Hotel. Our guest speaker was Professor Earl Y. Smith '39, of the Cornell School of Agriculture. Professor Smith spoke to the gathered undergraduates and guests about their futures as fraternity men and college graduates. Outgoing Junior Dean *Phil Baber* acted as the able master of ceremonies. There were also a few brief words from *Tom Burrows*, pledgemaster and from *Bob Erb*, president of the Pledge Class.

After the banquet, members and guests returned to the chapter house for an evening of relaxation.

We wish to take this opportunity to welcome the new initiates into the fraternity of brotherhood and friendship known as Acacia. We are proud to call them Brother.

News From Acacia Brothers Everywhere

D. Scott Fox '13 reports that he is at the same job, associate physician at the Associated Colleges at Claremont, Calif., trying to keep out of private practice. However, the President Emeritus of the college, Dr. James A. Blaisdell, is under his supervision.

Brother Fox expresses his pleasure at the gift from his old college associate, *A. L. Thompson*. He also sends us information about other brothers including *Rex Frizzell '11*. This is in the form of an article clipped from the Los Angeles County Medical Journal. It speaks of Dr. Frizzell's early days before coming to Cornell and is highly entertaining. We hope to hear a report now from Brother Frizzell commenting on the article!

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Ed Honey '23 informs us that he is Extension Plant Pathologist with Penn State University. He travels from State College to counties in northeastern Pennsylvania on plant disease work. He generally gets to Ithaca once a year for a conference and hopes to drop in on us soon. (Founder's Day Weekend is an excellent time for that visit!)

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Jim Cameron '09 is sales engineer for several manufacturers. Jim reports that he is thrilled with the Scholarship gift of Mr. Thompson. Jim's address is 240 Fairfield Ave., Bluefield, Md.

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John Alexander sends us a long report. He is in property-management and insurance with his own firm in Minneapolis. He was recently elected president of the American Real Property Federation with headquarters in Washington. He tells us the objectives of this organization are to protect property rights, expand and protect real property ownership, eliminate city slums and blight, limit taxing, spending and borrowing power of government through constitutional action. Brother John adds, "Congratulations on the gift from Arthur L. Thompson of Washington, D.C. in honor of his son. We are glad now that we drank so much of Thompson's milk when we were living in Washington." John's address is 327 Burntside Dr., Minneapolis.

Bob Hoagland '50 fills us in on his recent activities. After graduation he took a job teaching at Canisteo (N. Y). Central School and worked there for two years. While there he married Evelyn Golfred. He is now living in Greenwood, N. Y. Biggest news items, he reports, is the fact that he recently purchased a farm ten miles from Bath, N. Y., and will move to said farm in July. He extends an invitation to the gang to drop in for a visit. The farm is located on Campbell Creek Road just outside of Bath.

Bob comments on a few recent, unfounded rumors about a change in the constitution. There has been no such changes that we know of. We are still operating in the same fashion that we did when Bob was in school, and this is a report we are proud to make! As for plans for Alumni Week on campus . . . nothing is yet certain as far as we know. We suggest that Bob contact some of his classmates and try to get back for Founder's Day Weekend, instead!

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Ed Knapp '50 tells us that he has the best 3-year-old boy in the world . . . Douglas Alan. Ed is selling life insurance to farmers with the Farm Family Life Insurance Co. He is district sales supervisor in Albany, N. Y. He reports that he recently purchased a 3 bedroom ranch home in Westboro, Mass. His address is 10 West End Ave., Westboro.

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Holly Hollister '09 has retired from the University of Connecticut and is Emeritus Professor of Horticulture. His activities include the job of secretary of the Connecticut Pomological Society, teaching at the F. A. Bartlett School of Tree Surgery, secretary of the Storrs Cemetery Association, deacon in his church and the unusual activities about the house, garden and lawn.

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Jerry Kennard '47 is an engineer with G.E. He is working on nuclear power equipment right now. He reports 3 children and the fact that he is active in YMCA work, skiing, mountain climbing and boating. His address is Currybush Road, Schenectady, N. Y.

Founder's Day

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deserved word of gratitude for the splendid work he has been doing.

In addition to our main speaker, *Larry Phillips*, one of our more versatile undergraduates, will entertain with a program of sleight of hand and "magic." Phillips is a member of the official Magicians' Union.

Meeting Tentatively Planned

Still in the tentative stage of our planning is a Corporation meeting. It is felt that such a meeting could easily be held during the weekend while a good number of the alumni are present. Our one problem right now is finding a suitable time! The schedule we've decided upon is so arranged that almost every hour is planned for one activity or another. However, we are more than certain that the meeting will be given a good spot, most convenient for everyone.

There will be a registration fee for the weekend of \$8.00. This fee was decided upon to help the undergraduate chapter defray the cost of meals and entertainment for the three days. It will pay for all food consumed, including the banquet, and for the extra help necessary to prepare and serve meals at the house.

Rooms will be made available for returning brothers. Those of you who wish may stay at the house. Or, if you wish, we will reserve hotel or tourist accommodations at your request.

All in all, the weekend is shaping up to be a bang-up affair. We've made every effort to provide you with the best parts of reunion. On this particular weekend will be held Cornell Engineer's Day . . . a showing of displays and exhibits by all of the engineering schools. This event alone has created much talk and interest and promises to be extraordinary fine this year. Also, this weekend is Cornell Sub-Frosh Weekend, the three days when the University is at its best in order to impress tentative students and their parents.

We sincerely hope that you will make yourself available for our celebration. Be sure to send us your reservation immediately to let us know that you will be here.