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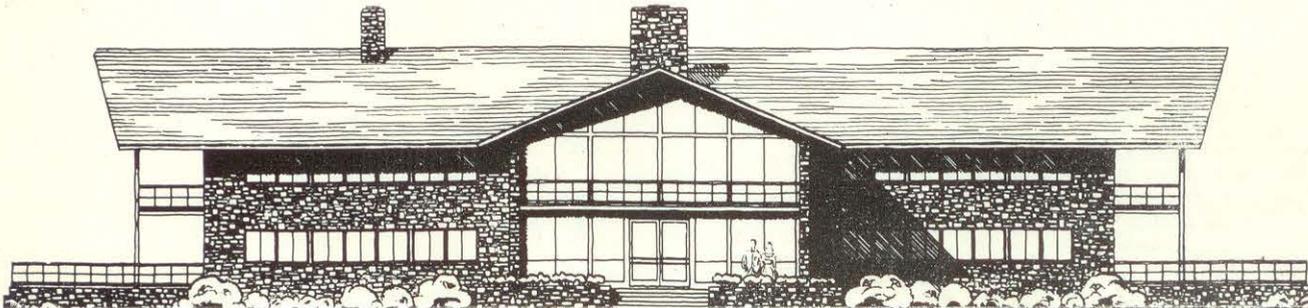
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Alumni To Vote Nov. 15 On New House



ACACIA OF THE FUTURE? This architect's drawing shows what the Acacia house at Cornell might look like after the second stage of development. All alumni are urged to return to Ithaca on Nov. 15 to vote on the first stage of development, which will be the addition of a \$130,000 wing to the rear of the present building. Details of the wing are shown on page 2.

All alumni of Acacia at Cornell are urged to return to Ithaca on Nov. 15th for a special alumni meeting when they will be asked to vote on whether the chapter should undertake a fund raising campaign for a new wing.

In order that alumni will be able to know all the facts about the proposed wing, the following information is provided.

The picture above is the artist's conception of the proposed chapter house now being designed by the firm of Sherwood Holt & Co. of Ithaca. A two-stage construction program is proposed, so that the chapter will have accommodations during the construction period.

The first stage will be the addition of a \$130,000 wing to the rear of the present building. The wing alone will be larger than the present house, and will contain living and dormitory rooms, as well as the kitchen and dining room, so that meals will be served as usual at the house during the construction period, and a large number of the brothers will be able to live in.

House expansion proposals have been made frequently in the past few years by returning alumni, and action on these proposals was finally precipitated by the impending necessity of making major alterations in the present house merely to have it pass minimum fire department safety regulations. In order to free the house of violations, the three-flight spiral staircase leading from the basement to the

dorm would have to be removed from the house and replaced with a fire-proof steel staircase. This cannot be done without major alteration to the supporting beams of no less than half the house, because of the greater weight of the steel staircase. In addition, insulated fire doors would have to be installed. This improvement alone would require an expenditure estimated at \$2,500 and the house

present house, there is another major factor which makes the expansion of the physical plant necessary. This is the fact that fraternities in general, just like corporations in general, have been continually expanding since the end of World War II. Not only have we established additional chapters, but our existing chapters have grown as well, to accommodate the larger college population as well as the greater demand for membership in Acacia Fraternity.

Just as the corner grocery store has an extremely difficult time competing with the large chain store, the fraternity chapter with a membership capacity of only thirty members, no matter how high the quality of its members, is fighting an uphill battle.

Here at Cornell, Acacia with only 30 members, is competing with other fraternities the majority of which have memberships of more than 60 men, and with many having memberships of between 80 and 100. This greatly limits the number of activities on campus in which the fraternity can be represented, and thus reduces the house's influence and drawing power.

The economic consequences of house membership is of vital importance. The fixed-costs of maintaining the house are constantly going up. The greater the number of members in the house, the less will be the amount that each brother will have to pay to cover the fixed costs, which include such items as heating and kitchen labor costs.

Saturday, Nov. 15—
12:15 P.M.—Lunch
1:30 P.M.—Football:
Cornell-Dartmouth
4:00 P.M.—
CORPORATION MEETING
6:30 P.M.—Buffet Supper
8:00 P.M.—Evening Smoker
Sunday, Nov. 16—
1:15 P.M.—Sunday dinner

would not derive any increased income as a result of the expenditure.

Another inadequacy of the house that returning alumni are prone to comment on is the sad state of the kitchen. The cooking facilities are inadequate and obsolete, as are the sanitation and refrigeration facilities. There is a need for a super-heater for the dishwashing water, since the present hot water supply is inadequate. The area of the kitchen is smaller than the average home kitchen used to prepare food for just six people, and meals must be prepared in it for as many as sixty people.

Aside from the inefficiency of the

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Advisor Outlines Chapter's Needs

By Pete Knapp '51, Chapter Advisor

The fraternity system on the Cornell Campus is faced with an economic problem of survival. University room and food expenses fix a tentative price schedule to which fraternities must adhere if they are to build their membership.

Acacia is a small fraternity as fraternities go on the Cornell campus and has for a number of years been going through various stages of growth. Today we are at the threshold of a bright future if we can plan and provide for our undergraduate chapter. The undergraduate chapter now has more men than it has capacity for. With today's rising costs, our fraternity size at a point where we are just able to break even and any increase in costs will place us out of competition.

Our undergraduate chapter must expand its membership to maintain a suitable balance between income and expenses. We now have the manpower to do just that.

Alpha Gamma Rho and Alpha Zeta have faced our problem also and ar-

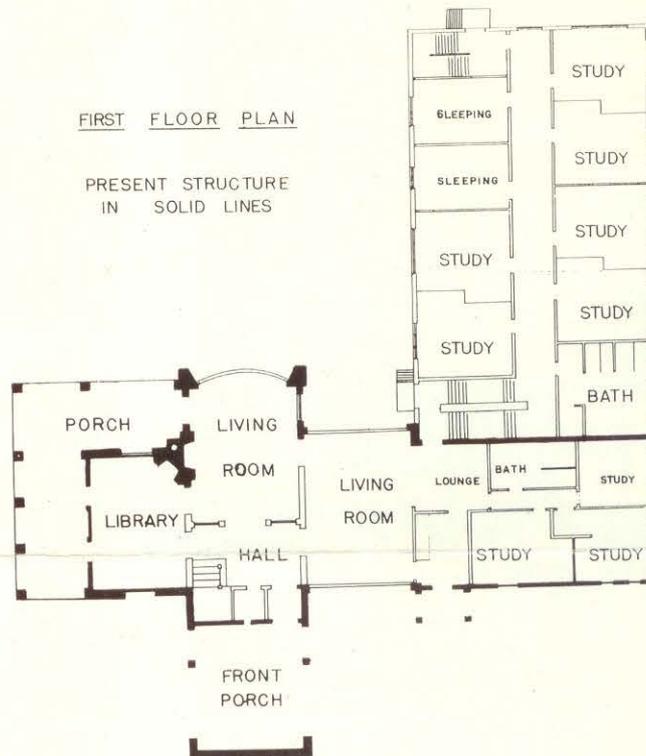
rived at the only logical solution—expansion of the physical plant and active chapter. A thirty man house is a thing of the past, and unless Acacia can room 45 to 50 men in the near future, it will fall far behind its competitors.

It is surprising to find that the difference in operating a fifty man house versus a thirty man house can change the financial picture from that of survival to one of a considerable mortgage retirement capability.

Acacia needs a new house if it is to continue as we all know it on the Cornell campus. Attend the corporation meeting, Nov. 15, 1958, and help decide Acacia's future on the Cornell campus.

FIRST FLOOR PLAN

PRESENT STRUCTURE
IN SOLID LINES



NEW WING. The first stage of development will be the addition of a new wing on the present structure providing room for more men to live in as well as a new kitchen and dining room. The wing will be larger than the present house. Future plans call for the destruction of the present house and erection of a new structure as shown on page 1 once the wing has been paid for. The chart below shows how the new wing will enlarge the house.

	Present	With Wing
Total House Capacity	28 men	50 men
Number of Study Rooms	11	22
Men/Room	2.54	2.27
Total Study Area	1474 sq. ft.	3034 sq. ft.
Study Room Space/Man	52.6 sq. ft.	60.7 sq. ft.
Living Room Area	336 sq. ft.	1084 sq. ft.
Dining Room Area	304 sq. ft.	875 sq. ft.
Max. Dining Room Seating Capacity	36 men	75 men
Kitchen Area	348 sq. ft.	560 sq. ft.
Sleeping Space/Man	25 sq. ft.	29 sq. ft.
Bath Room Space/Men	7.8 sq. ft.	9.4 sq. ft.
Closet Space/Man	6.4 sq. ft.	6.8 sq. ft.

Two Football Parties Start Social Season

Acacia started off this term's social season with two well attended parties. The first was the Saturday night of the Colgate game, Sept. 27 and the second was the Saturday night of the Harvard game, Oct. 4.

Don and Aiden Payne drove from Auburn both weekends, and in addition to adding to the fun, acted as chaperones. Other guests for the Harvard game party were Lem Wingard, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fielding, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Staler and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Squire.

President Discusses Finances For New Chapter House Wing

By William R. Powell '59, *President*

Acacia was founded with bold vision. Acacians of sound judgment modified the original membership requirements. A courageous faith in Acacia carried the chapter through the war years. This is our heritage and we are proud, but at the same time pledge ourselves to the continued betterment of Acacia.

The chapter's very existence was in peril after the Second World War. Strength and stability returned only because of personal devotion and alumni support. To guard against future financial catastrophes, a sinking fund was established. It has grown steadily and is presently adequate to reestablish the chapter if all other assets were removed. It is not adequate for growth. Consequently it has been terminated at its present value of \$5,000.

In anticipation of expansion, a new fund has been established for debt retirement. The chapter's entire earning capacity is directed into the D. & D. (Depreciation and amortization of Debt) Fund. The recent earnings of the chapter and the sinking fund excess have been transferred into the D. & D. Fund. It stands presently at \$3,500 and will be \$5,500 at the end of this academic year.

To assure that the chapter's rapidly growing D&D Fund will be used only for expansion, the chapter voluntarily placed it under joint chapter-corporation control. Thus it doesn't include the corporation building fund pledges or the Phil Baber building gift of \$2,500.

As mentioned elsewhere in this issue, times have changed and future trends are obvious. The day of an economically feasible 30-man house is drawing to a close. We must expand to survive. We are now able to earn \$2,000 a year only because we are not being charged for depreciation of our present house. If the present value of our house were depreciated over its remaining life, the inefficiency of a 30-man house becomes obvious.

However, the earning power of the chapter is not sufficient for expansion. It will also require your support. The following tables are designed to show the soundness of the program.

It is my opinion that the greatest danger to Acacia's future economic soundness is the present inefficient small chapter.

This chart is self-explanatory for terminating the capability of the active chapter to retire a \$50,000 mortgage. This is based upon a pledge of the alumni, friends, and active chapter of \$80,000 to create a balance of \$130,000 necessary for the construction of the new wing.

ACTIVE CHAPTER BUDGET

(Based on 50 Actives and 20 Pledges)

I. INCOME	
Chapter Dues	\$ 4,830
Room Rents	11,160
Board Bills	30,000
TOTAL	<u>\$45,990</u>
II. EXPENSES	
Corporation Rent	\$ 9,600
Food	15,900
Help	5,800
Utilities	2,490
Other Operating Expenses	2,400
Rushing	700
Alumni	700
Miscellaneous	100
Total Current Exp.	<u>\$37,690</u>
D. & D. Fund Contribution	8,300
TOTAL	<u>\$45,990</u>

ALTERNATE BUDGET PLANS

I. 40 Actives, 15 Pledges	
Income	\$36,931
Current Expenses	34,425
D. & D. Fund Contribution	2,506
Building Fund Pledges ..	1,200
TOTAL	<u>\$ 3,706</u>
II. 45 Actives, 17 Pledges	
Income	\$41,095
Current Expenses	35,835
D. & D. Fund Contribution	5,260
Building Fund Pledges ..	1,500
TOTAL	<u>\$ 6,760</u>

Bob Warne Serves With Navy Flyers

Now a member of an old, established firm, *Robert B. Warne '57* is an ensign in the navy flight program and stationed in Pensacola. Prior to reporting there in August, to train for flying multi-engine aircraft, he was aboard a destroyer tender at Norfolk, Va. He may be reached at BTG-2, NAAS Corry Field, Pensacola. Through Bob, we learn that *Larry Phillips '57* is also an ensign and aboard the USS John Paul Jones, a destroyer, serving as electronics officer. Bob particularly enjoyed the last issue of *The Traveler* . . . "it is good to see factual reporting as opposed to an article full of opinion."

III. 50 Actives, 20 Pledges	
Income	\$45,990
Current Expenses	37,690
D. & D. Fund Contribution	8,300
Building Fund Pledges ..	1,700
TOTAL	<u>\$10,000</u>

PROPOSED CORPORATION BUDGET

I. INCOME:	
A. Rent	\$ 9,600
Building Fund Pledges	1,700
	<u>\$11,300</u>
B. From B. D. & D. Fund	8,300
TOTAL	<u>\$19,600</u>
II. EXPENSES:	
A. Taxes	\$ 3,000
Insurance	1,400
Alumni Newsletter	150
Interfraternity Alumni Dues	50
Repairs and Maintenance	1,000
Secretary Expenses ..	100
Contingent Fund	600
	<u>\$ 6,300</u>
B. Mortgage Payments ..	5,000
	<u>\$11,300</u>
C. Accumulated amount for early mortgage retirement	
	8,300
TOTAL	<u>\$19,600</u>

News And Notes From Acacia Brothers



Fred B. Morris '22

Fred B. Morris, Cornell '22, on September 1, 1958 retired from the Cornell University faculty after 36 years of service. Brother Morris was known to his classmates as "Freddie" when he made history on the Cornell campus by placing as high man out of all judging teams at the Eastern States Exposition, and by being elected Secretary of the Round-up Club, as well as being elected to Helios and placing in the top six of the Eastman Stage.

Following graduation from Cornell in 1922, Brother Morris became 4-H Club Agent in Erie County.

From there he went to Oswego County as agricultural agent and was credited with developing an effective extension organization and dairy program.

Brother Morris joined the Cornell staff in 1928 as Assistant State Leader of County Agricultural Agents, and was named State Leader of agents in 1943. He is a former chief of Epsilon Sigma Phi, the Extension Service Honorary fraternity.

Active in community affairs, Morris has been a director of the Rural Church Institute, the Ithaca Westminster Foundation, and president of the Co-op Food Store of Ithaca.

He is an Elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, a trustee of the Cornell Federal Credit Union and

chairman of its educational committee.

Brother Morris and his wife, Lillian, live at Whiffletree Farm, 1405 Hanshaw Rd., Ithaca. They have two daughters, Mrs. Paul Kelsey of Dryden, and Mrs. George Fletcher of Waterville, Maine, four grandsons and a granddaughter.

In the years that Brother Morris has been on the Cornell campus he has made numerous contributions to Acacia. He has served on numerous committees, as a director and president of the corporation board, and played a major part in the move from the house at 614 East Buffalo Street to the present one at 318 Highland Road.

He is presently in action as the chairman of the new-house planning committee, which is assembling the many details of the building program for presentation at the Corporation meeting on November 15, 1958.

Acacia is deeply indebted to Fred for his unflinching efforts to further Acacia on the Cornell campus. We wish him Godspeed and health. His journey on the Memnon has brought him close to all of us. May all his future journeys be as successful.

News From Acacia Brothers

Edward M. Urband '13, 16 Holland Terrace, Montclair, N. J., is a retired architect. Eddie served in World Wars I and II, and retired from the Air Force with the rank of lieutenant colonel. During World War I, while serving as commanding officer of the 135th Aero Squadron, he was awarded the Croix de Guerre.

Ashland (Tiny) Robey '25 is a professor and chairman of the Department of Chemistry at Roanoke College, Salem, Va. Tiny's achievements are too numerous to mention here, but they are listed in "Who's Who in the South and Southwest," "Who's Who in Chemistry," "American Men of Science" and five other biographical directories. Tiny was instrumental in bringing the Silver Jubilee Conclave to Ithaca, and appears in the movies taken at the previous Conclave at Estes Park. His home is at 842 Cherrywood Rd., Salem.

Robert T. Reid '35 is an architect with the firm of Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall, and is now at 58 Grove End Gardens, London N.W. 8, England.

Stanley H. Smith, Jr. '39, 2121 Superior Ave., South Charleston, W. Va., is a mechanical engineer with Union Carbide Chemicals Co., in that city.

A professor of chemistry and director of graduate study at Smith College in Northampton, Mass., is *Kenneth W. Sherk* '29, whose home is in Williamsburg, Mass.

Sherman P. Hollister '09 has retired from his position as professor of horticulture at the University of Connecticut, but is with the F. A. Bartlett Expert Tree Company in Stamford. Home address . . . 6 Willowbrook Rd., Storrs, Conn.

Albert J. Hayt '52 is a dairy farmer at Rt. 3, Castleton-on-Hudson, N. Y. He was married last May to Miss Marcia Huntley.

Earle F. Ginter '53, 636 Tatum St., Woodbury, N. J., is a chemical engineer for Socony Mobil Oil Co., in Paulsboro, N. J.

New address for *William Burnett* '53. Bill now lives at 5 Pine Knob Dr., Albany 3, N. Y., and is a highway engineer for New York State.

Robert Dolve '19 was Dean of Engineering at North Dakota State College from 1926 until his retirement four years ago. He makes his home at 221 North Avenue 52, Los Angeles 42, Calif.

Charles H. (Chuck) Adsit '50, 16 Clinton St., Homer, N. Y., is a game research investigator for the State Conservation Department in Albany.

Arthur H. Frederick '56, 6 Matilda St., Albany, N. Y., is the assistant manager of Chatham Furniture, Inc., in Chatham, N. Y. As to his war record, he says, "I'd say I died in Korea, but we know better, don't we?"

Martin E. Offenberger '56 is a medical student at the State University of New York College of Medicine in New York City. Contact Marty at 94 E. 38th St., Brooklyn.

David L. Harvey '57 is a laboratory technician for the Pawling Rubber Corporation, and lives at South Quaker Hill, Pawling, N. Y.