



The Traveler

CORNELL CHAPTER-ACACIA FRATERNITY

December 1965

A HOLIDAY GREETING

*The snowflakes fall upon the pane,
 As the Yuletide season grows near;
 The season is one of joy and warmth,
 When we all should be of good cheer!*

*As the House is decked in red and green,
 The Acacia brotherhood we all hold dear
 Wishes you a very Merry Christmas
 And a Joyous and Happy New Year!*

November Elections

The regular Fall elections of the local chapter were held on November 15, 1965. The new officers are:

Venerable Dean -----	Rex Inglis (Clifton Springs, N. Y.)
Rushing Chairman -----	Ed Groark (Bayside, N. Y.)
Senior Dean-----	Laddie Amatulli (Freeport, N. Y.)
Junior Dean -----	Dan Smith (Corning, N. Y.)
Steward -----	Rich Ahlfeld (Westfield, N. J.)
House Manager -----	Ron Johnson (Palos Park, Ill.)
Secretary -----	Ray Braciello (Vineland, N. J.)
Treasurer -----	Terry Stone (Ithaca, N. Y.)
IFC Representative -----	Laddie Amatulli (Freeport, N. Y.)
Alumni Secretary -----	Larry Wesolowski (Schenectady, N. Y.)
Scholarship Chairman -----	Chuck Rickard (Ithaca, N. Y.)
Athletic Chairman -----	Donald Semmler (Holcomb, N. Y.)
Sentinel -----	John Bittance (Euclid, Ohio)
Chaplain -----	Bruce Fox (Ann Arbor, Michigan)
Publicity Chairman -----	Bill Ahearn (Binghamton, N. Y.)
Editor -----	Jerry Kreider (Harrisburg, Pa.)

Our Social Flings

The first big event of Acacia's varied social program was Homecoming Weekend - October 16 - which attracted a crowd of eighty brothers, alumni and local Masons to Saturday dinner. Although disappointed at the small turnout of alumni, the House was pleased to act as host to the more than forty masons who were able to attend.

Fall Weekend began Friday, November 5, with a rock party at the house, lasting until 3 a.m. On Saturday, brothers and dates met at the Cornell-Brown game and were enthused at our 40-21 victory, thus putting us in good "spirits" for the post-game cocktail party. About eighty persons attended a candlelit dinner on Saturday night. After a concert by Bob Dylan, the couples returned for a rock party. A perfect weekend was brought to a close by Sunday Brunch.

The first formal event of the year was the Champagne Party on December 11. About thirty-two couples enjoyed decorating the house in the afternoon, followed by a formal dinner. Most were "bubbling" over with enthusiasm for the Sherwoods, who sang from 7:30 'til 8, and the smooth band that followed.

Pledge Project

Work started on this year's pledge project a week before classes began in September. The project involved tearing out the old retaining wall in the Northeast corner of the property and installing a new one. The wall was built of abandoned railroad ties, transported to the house in a truck provided by one of the brothers.

In addition, a drainage ditch was dug around the service parking lot. To fill the ditch fifteen tons of gravel was purchased. However, through some still unexplained miscalculation, only five tons were actually needed. The remainder was used to grade the rear parking lot. With everyone pitching in, the pledge project was completed in two days, giving the pledges a day of rest before initiation. Concerning initiation, I am sure that nothing more need be said, since most of you have experienced it! (The pledge dinner was especially "good".)

In Memoriam

We regret to report that William Wigley ('07) passed away in April 1965. One of the founders of Cornell Acacia, Mr. Wigley was a noted lecturer and collector of Currier and Ives prints.

Acacia "on the Hill"

October 29, 1965 - Acacia won the IFC division prize in the intermural cross-country competition. Fifty-three fraternities participated in the competition. Those who "placed" in the competition are Laddie Amatulli, Rex Inglis, and Bill Ahearn. This marks a good start to our intermural season.

A new constitution was recently put into effect as the governing document of Cornell Acacia. It replaces the outdated constitution of 1957. The main accomplishment is the elimination of outdated laws. An example is the paragraph which stated "no mattresses may be kept below the second floor of the house." This was viewed with some alarm by the residents of the first floor wing.

Brother Bruce Bridgeman has been selected to participate in the Cornell Glee Club's upcoming concert tour. The tour will take the club around the world and will take place during the Spring term.

Alumni News

Those present for October 16 homecoming include: Tom Bartlett ('40), his wife, and their four children, of 1008 Ray St., Manchester, N.H.; Harold Bellinger ('51), and his wife, of 340 South Ave., Hilton, N.Y.; Don Payne ('55), Danby Road, Ithaca, N.Y.; and Bob Squires ('52), and his wife Mary, of Massena, N.Y.

John Krackhaur ('62) is out of the army and is working for IBM in Binghamton, N.Y. Bill Funkey will receive a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree from Cornell in February; he recently completed a two-year tour of duty in Japan, Korea and Hong Kong.

Bob Fash ('59) and his wife recently visited the chapter house while in Ithaca on business; they live in England and he works for a food distributor of food for American military bases in Europe. His address is 3 Camp Hill, Stanmore, Middlesex, England.

Professor Peter Olafson ('26) retired in August 1965 as head of Animal Pathology here at Cornell; he is now in Asia. Fred Morris ('22) has recently been appointed coordinator of foreign students activities in the Agriculture School of Cornell; he resides at 400 Triphammer Road, Ithaca, N.Y. Professor William Meserve ('29) has returned to Cornell after a year-long sabbatical leave at the University of Hawaii.

Professor O. Ernest Bangs ('25) was selected in October as the chapter advisor of Cornell Acacia. Professor Bangs is a professor of Food Facilities Engineering in the Hotel School.