

## Got a promotion? Had a baby? Just got married?

The brothers of Acacia are always interested in our alumni and in sharing news with them. If you have anything to report about yourself, your family or fellow alumni, please fill out the form below. Detach it and mail to:

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## Acacia Officers Named After Lengthy Balloting

The chapter chose Class A officers November 7 in a voting session that lasted until 1 a.m.

Richard B. Ahlfeld '68, a hotel school student from Westfield, N.J., was named Venerable Dean.

Daniel P. Smith '68, a physics major in the arts college, was elected Rushing Chairman. Dan is from Corning, N.Y.

New Senior Dean is Paul A. Donovan '69, an agriculture college student from Allentown, Pa.

David J. DeYoung '67 of Font-hill, Ontario, was named Junior Dean. Dave is in the industrial and labor relations school.

The new house Steward is Ronald T. Johnson '68, an engineering college student. Ron is from Palos Park, Ill.

Paris W. Reidhead Jr. '68 of Prattsville, N.Y. was elected House Manager. Paris is in the agriculture college.

David A. Gorelick '68, a psychology major in the arts college, was chosen Secretary. David is from Brooklyn, N.Y.

William F. Aman III, '68, an engineering student from Kinnelon, N.J., was named Treasurer.

The recent elections for Class B officers proved to be one of the most hotly contested races in recent Acacia history.

No less than 17 names ap-  
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## Acacia Homecoming . . .

### Alumni, Parents Join in Festivities

This Fall's Homecoming was a success both on and off the gridiron, with the Big Red football team beating Yale 16-14 and a lively cocktail party and dance afterwards at the chapter house.

Fifteen alumni with their wives or dates enjoyed the Dixieland music of the Muskrat Ramblers, led by John Bittence, Eng. '66. Several parents also attended.

Other alumni who enjoyed the gala affair were:

Harold Bellinger, Ag '51, Hilton, N.Y.

Taylor Chamberlin, Arts '64, N.Y.C.

Walter Cotner, Eng. '28, Ithaca, N.Y.

Dick DoBell, ILR '55, Endwell, N.Y.

Peter Eisenhut, Eng. '65, Rochester, N.Y.

Sandy Hatch, Ag '50, Chittenango, N.Y.

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## You're Invited !!!

Come to Cornell Acacia's First Annual

### ALUMNI BANQUET

Where: At the Chapter House  
318 Highland Road, Ithaca

When: 6 p.m. December 9, 1966

Please let us know if you're coming and read *The Traveler* for announcements of future Acacia Alumni functions.

## A Letter From the Alumni Secretary

I have taken this post because I have always felt Acacia Fraternity to be a lasting and ever-rewarding association.

I want to make it that for the many of you who have not realized its great potential or who otherwise have not concerned yourselves. I am planning a questionnaire which, when returned to me, will allow me to construct an Alumni Directory, listing occupation and present address of each brother of Cornell Acacia.

If you are not aware, the faculty of the University approved the Parrish Report last spring which recommends the University "disengage" itself from the fraternity system. A special committee of the University Board of Trustees is ex-

pected to report on this lethal proposal in January.

In recognition of our potential, we are having an Alumni Banquet. It is our hope at that time, all of you will realize the implications of the report. We will have a knowledgeable speaker from the University to explain its position. Your attendance will impress him very much.

While we did have 11 brothers back for homecoming, I think this is very far from good. Many of you have never seen our new wing or present additions to the commons areas.

If you really cannot attend, be sure to write us anyway—just to let us know you're still alive and interested.

Fraternally,  
Ronald T. Johnson

## Help Acacia Find Some Of Our Missing Alumni

Some of our alumni are missing! We've got to admit we've lost track of some of you and would appreciate any and all help in locating the following alumni:

Gary Klock, last address in New Canaan, Conn.; Lyle G. Durham of Fernwood, Pa.; Leland E. Weaver of Ithaca; L. W. Deitrich of Schenectady, N.Y.; David P. Williams of Plandome, N.Y.; Sigmund W. Schellkopf of Worcester, N.Y.; Richard C. Bonser of Westport, Conn.; and Robert Franklin Chamberlin of Ithaca.

Also, Alan L. Baker of Vestal, N.Y.; David W. Bills of Pittsford, N.Y.; Burt D. Dutcher of New York, N.Y.; David E. MacQuigg of Flushing, N.Y.; and Capt. Andrew O'Connor of Long Branch, N.J.

**A Message From The Venerable Dean**

Dear Brothers,  
In this ever expanding and moving world, there are times when I look to the past for precedents to present day problems, for memories of past decisions and actions and for old friends.

While I was at National Conclave this past summer, one of seven workshops was devoted to alumni relations.

It was then that I realized that if I, as a brother, hoped to see other members of my pledge class when I returned as an alumnus, a stronger alumni organization would have to be established.

You have already read of the Homecoming Weekend activities. The number of Acacia alumni was small but I think all of them had a good time.

It was suggested by one alum that there would be a better response if each alumnus knew another member of his pledge class also planned to attend.

Thus I appeal to you, aren't there some close friends you would like to see again? Please write us for their addresses and then make a date to meet them here.

We are planning an Alumni Banquet for December 9 beginning about 6 p.m. Please write to say you're coming.

Right now you can help us help you. Fill in the last section of The Traveller. It'll take just five minutes but will help you to know what some of your friends are doing and how to contact them.

They, in turn, will enjoy reading about you and your whereabouts in the column on this page in future issues.

It is a long road to strong alumni relations but we will surely succeed if only you will give us your support.

Rexford J. Inglis  
Venerable Dean  
1965-66

**Traveler Staff**

Contributors to this issue of The Acacia Traveler included: Bill Ahearn, Richard Ahlfeld, David Gorelick, Jerry Kreider and Richard McMurry. Editor: Sam Roberts. Circulation Manager: Paris Reidhead.

Any and all contributions from alumni will be gratefully accepted and appreciated.

**Where Are They Now?**

Our alumni news is a little scanty but we expect it to increase rapidly after alumni receive this issue of The Traveler. This is more than a hint. It's a direct appeal to all alums who have moved, married, graduated, been promoted or done anything newsworthy.

**Lem Wingard '53** reports he is now an associate professor of chemical engineering at the University of Denver. Letters can be sent to Lem at 2101 E. Harvard Ave., Denver, Colo. 80210.

**William B. Easton '60** has completed his Ph.D. in math at Princeton University and is now working for Applied Logic Corporation in Princeton. His address is 171 Loomis Court, Princeton, N.J. 08540.

**Paul A. Kusinitz '64** wrote from California to give his current address. He's living at 1885 California St., Apt. 47, Mountain View, Calif. 94040. Paul promised "more news will follow" and we intend to take him up on that.

**John R. Ahlfeld '63**, just left Cornell last June after getting

his masters in regional planning. He's in the navy now and living with his wife Alice in Washington, D.C.

**Carl Herzog '66** is studying at Stanford University and can be written to at 486 Crother Memorial, Stanford, Calif. 94305.

**Gary E. Owens '64** is now a first lieutenant and member of the Air Defense Command. He's working as a supply officer at Duluth International Airport, Duluth, Minn.

Major **Paul P. Curtis '51** of Derry, N.H. is reportedly on duty with U.S. combat air forces in Southeast Asia.

**Charles L. Walker '04**, former professor of sanitary engineering, wrote to say he couldn't make homecoming. He's recuperating from a fall last year and said a couple of hours after, "I looked as though Joe Louis and 'Lippy Cassius' had used me for a punching bag." Mail would surely be appreciated and can be sent to Brother Walker, care of the Lakeside Nursing Home in Ithaca.

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- Rushing Chairman ... Daniel P. Smith '68 Corniunt, N.Y.
- Senior Dean ... Paul A. Donovan '69 Allentown, N.Y.
- Junior Dean ... David J. DeYoung '67 Fonthill, Ontario
- Treasurer ... William F. Amon III '68 Kimmelon, N.J.
- Steward ... Ronald T. Johnson '68 Palos Park, Ill.
- House Manager ... Paris W. Reidhead Jr. '68 Prattsville, N.Y.
- Secretary ... David A. Gorelick '68 Brooklyn, N.Y.

**MOVED?**

Please let the chapter know by completing this address form and returning it to the Alumni Secretary.

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**Election Results**

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peared on the ballots for the four most coveted jobs.

The office of chaplain, which attracted a diverse group of candidates, was won by Rich Ahlfeld '68.

Paul Donovan '69, a bio-chemistry student in the agriculture college and from Allentown, Pa., was the victor in a six-way race to become Acacia's representative to the Interfraternity Council.

Bill Ahearn '68, who is studying industrial engineering, was unanimously re-elected publicity chairman.

The office of scholarship chairman was won by Dick Griest '69. Dick is studying engineering physics.

Ed Piorun '67, an industrial engineer from Auburn, N.Y. was elected athletic chairman.

Ray Braicaliello '67, an agricultural economics student from Vineland, N.J., was chosen sentinel.

Ron Johnson '68, an engineering student from Palos Park, Ill. and Bruce Fox '67, a math major from Ann Arbor, Mich., were named alumni relations secretary and assistant alumni secretary respectively.



**TREE HOUSE:** Brothers and dates pose on remains of diseased tree the brothers cut down without outside help. The foto was taken after Sunday dinner in the fall by Brother Dan Smith, house fotog.

**HOME COMING**

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Steven Hawley, Ag '43, Batavia, N.Y.

David Owens, Ag '66, Ithaca, N.Y.

Donald Payne, Ag '55, Liberty, N.Y.

David Riebel, Arts '57, Albany, N.Y.

Walter S'ckles, '42, Windsor, N.Y.

Bob Squires, Ag '53, Massena, N.Y.

Warren Walker, Arts '63, Little Neck, N.Y.

**House Hires New Cook As Mrs. Totten Retires**

The Acacia kitchen has undergone a major change in the past few months, with the retirement of one cook and the arrival of a new one.

Mrs. Florence Totten, who had been with us for five years, retired at the end of the 1965-66 academic year to (in her words) spend a little time playing with her grandchildren before she had to do it sitting in a rocking chair.

She was our guest at dinner on the last night of the year, at which time Venerable Dean Inglis presented her with a plaque expressing our lasting thanks for her strongly felt presence.

Our regret at Mrs. Totten's leaving was equaled by our elation at the coming of Mrs. Pearl Murray. In a few short weeks, Mrs. Murray has endeared herself to us by both her cooking abilities and her unfaltering good humor.

She is justly proud of her daughter, Joan Murray, who is a news broadcaster on CBS television in New York.

With a definite shortage of qualified cooks on the Hill, Acacia feels indeed fortunate in having had two such outstanding cooks within the past few years.

Mrs. Totten returned to assist Mrs. Murray on Fall Weekend in serving a huge buffet Friday night and a chicken dinner Saturday evening before the weekend concert.

But Mrs. Murray enjoys her work. She doesn't even need a kitchen boy to help.

**House Gains Unexpected Initiate**

The more diminutive brothers of the Cornell chapter were somewhat shocked when they arrived at the chapter house this fall. David DeYoung, a brother from Fonthill, Ontario, returned with Taro, his dog.

Although the brothers were generally in favor of an Acacia mascot, his size and looks re-

duced the enthusiasm of some—at first.

That's because Taro has the head of a bear and a somewhat indescribable body of brute strength. But fortunately he is rather like a lamb and makes a very lovable and obedient house pet for the chapter.

Taro is a pure-bred Akita—a Japanese rare in this part of the United States. Born in Japan three years ago, he was named Taro (Japanese for "boy") and was shipped to Canada to the DeYoung family.

The adjoining picture shows brothers (l to r) John Brown, Taro, Chuck Rickard and Dave DeYoung with another mascot looking on.



**Note Our New Face**

Using pictures and printing, we've decided to change the format of The Traveler, as part of our expanded program of alumni relations. We hope it will provide more news and we hope to continue it with your support.