



THE TRAVELER

Cornell University Chapter of Acacia Fraternity



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NOTICE

Annual Corporation Meeting
Saturday, April 26, 2 p.m.
at the house, 318 Highland Road

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SENIOR DEAN'S REPORT R.C. Merritt '75

It was a nice day in Ithaca when Acacia held the pledging ceremony for the 1975 class. The pledges this year are five in number: Bruce G. Schneider, engineering '78; William Clare Stewart, engineering '78; Dennis Charles Tanguay, engineering '77; John C. Townsend, III, engineering '78; and James J. Tucillo, engineering '78. (Kevin D. Ashman, agriculture '77, will be a fall pledge next year as he is on leave this semester, recuperating from a nasty virus.) The five pledges are actively engaged in the pledge program and express fervent desires to take on the house in a pledge raid. With 32 brothers against five pledges, I'm recommending the pledges use the element of surprise-- and a big stick.

The nineteen junior actives are no longer. After losing that distinction at the pledging ceremony, the nineteen presented their old pledgemaster, Kirk Bellman '75, with the 1974 pledge class plaque. I dare say there was a trace of a tear in Kirk's eye when he saw it, especially when he noticed that it included his nickname, "Smelly Belly". And on the academic side, ex-j.a. John Gammel '77 was found dangling by his nose from the Baker flagpole. Well, we warned him about showing us up on grades; his 4.07 cume was a bit hard to ignore.

The house will be well filled next year with the six pledges and a few grad students; things look like we'll survive. With that I end my report and crawl back to my cave for a nap.

CORNELL RUSH RESULTS

The following spring rush results, from the *Cornell Sun*, indicate the fraternity system is thriving on today's Cornell campus.

Acacia	5	Delta Kappa Epsilon	10	Phi Kappa Sigma	11
Alpha Delta Phi	15	Delta Phi	12	Phi Kappa Tau	8
Alpha Gamma Rho	13	Delta Tau Delta	10	Phi Sigma Epsilon	25
Alpha Phi Alpha	11	Delta Upsilon	25	Phi Sigma Kappa	11
Alpha Sigma Phi	10	Kappa Alpha	9	Pi Kappa Alpha	27
Alpha Tau Omega	17	Kappa Delta Rho	21	Pi Kappa Phi	7
Alpha Zeta	15	Kappa Sigma	13	Pi Lambda Phi	3
Beta Theta Pi	9	Lambda Chi Alpha	22	Psi Upsilon	12
Chi Phi	15	Phi Delta Theta	13	Seal and Serpent	4
Chi Psi	25	Phi Gamma Delta	32	Sigma Alpha Epsilon	14
Delta Chi	8	Phi Kappa Psi	25	Sigma Chi	20

Sigma Nu	13	Tau Epsilon Phi	15	Thêta Delta Chi	9
Sigma Phi	9	Tau Kappa Epsilon	8	Triangle	8
Sigma Phi Epsilon	15	Theta Chi	3	Zeta Psi	19
Sigma Pi	27				

NATIONAL CALLS ON CORNELL ACACIA

Cornell Acacia is a member of a national fraternity, one with chapters throughout the country. While this factor at times seems to escape us we were recently reminded of it when we were paid a visit by Stuart Warren, the national consultant.

Stu's job is to travel to each chapter of Acacia to find out how that particular chapter is getting along and to pass along news of interest from the other chapters. While at each chapter he converses with the officers and brothers about a variety of subjects: rush, pledging policy, campus affairs, social programs, pledge raid tactics, menus, house antics and so on. In general, he feels out the brothers for opinions and viewpoints as well as making suggestions as to how the chapter might better itself through changes in the house policy.

Stu is a graduate of the University of Illinois where he majored in forestry and, incidentally, was the Venerable Dean of the Illinois chapter of Acacia. He is planning to return to Illinois for post-graduate work when his job as consultant is complete. In the meantime he is mostly on the road visiting chapters and colonies, having learned the art of living out of a suitcase.

We wish Stu a lot of luck in his travels and hope that he will be visiting us again soon.

VENERABLE DEAN'S REPORT Leslie S. Nelson '75

Things often change here at Acacia and the past few months have been no exception. There were new acquisitions to the house, including a washing machine, recovered furniture, and a guest book, and new alliances (good luck Harold and Linda!). But sometimes it is good to sit back--to arrest the pace of change--and dwell on that which remains true and constant.

At Acacia there is one person, who more than anyone else, seems to define the permanent character of the house. This person is our cook, Pearl. Pearl always seems to be here when we need her and sometimes I'm afraid some of us take her for granted. But I think we all know just how much she means to us-- how she acts as our moral support in times of crisis and just how much she cares about our welfare. Pearl, this is a note for no real purpose but to say thank you and to let you know that at Acacia you are very much loved.

JUNIOR DEAN SOCIAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT John M. Abeles '77

This semester we are looking forward to a rather full social calendar. It began several weeks ago with our traditional pledge party. This seemed to be a great success as many of the brothers had a good time. Besides our share of women from Cornell, we also had guests from other schools among them being Ithaca College and Geneseo State University. Dancing was to the sounds of "Crossroads," a seven piece band. The band was notable in that it had a female vocalist and an excellent horn section.

This year, as with last, we have revived the traditional pledge-brother banquet. This gives us a chance to get out and more properly celebrate our new pledges in fine style.

Upcoming is spring weekend at which we would enjoy your company. If you're planning to come drop us a line so we may better plan the number of guests. It will be May 9 and 10 and even though bands haven't been as yet chosen, rest assured they will be of excellent quality.

Remember, you're always welcome to come back and visit us, so give us a call and come on over.

ALUMNI REPORTS

LLOYD H. TILLEY '16, a retired teacher, lives at 235 Laird Ave., Buffalo, New York 14207.

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PAUL W. THOMPSON '10 notes that all of the Acacians when he was an active (and the fraternity was housed at 708 E. Seneca St.) have passed away except for J. PAUL WAIT who lives in Sturgis, Michigan. The two brothers get together about twice a year in Detroit for a visit and dinner. "Tommy" at the age of 87 is retired from the Detroit Edison Co., at which he had been executive vice-president. (1119 Devonshire Rd., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230)

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ALBERT I. BERGER '69 is a part-time instructor for Chapman College in Orange, California. He teaches college history courses to crewmen of U.S. Navy warships while they are at sea on overseas deployments. Albert spent last summer in the Philippines and Hong Kong with a quick side trip to the Tonkin Gulf. He comments, "I don't suppose the people who threw me out of the NROTC at Cornell so long ago expected to get me back in such a guise." Between trips, Albert is still working in Los Angeles on his doctoral dissertation and hoping "to begin a brilliant scholarly career." He reports that DAVE ODEGAARD '70 is living nearby, by Los Angeles standards, in Hermosa Beach, 15 miles away. Dave works for Standard Oil of California. (3740 Westwood Blvd., #4, Los Angeles, CA 90034)

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"Thanks to Cornell Vet School, Ruth and I developed one of the five largest practices in New Hampshire, the burden of which we decided was overwhelming at 59 years of age," explains CLARENCE F. BENT '39 about his sale last August of his business to a man and wife DVM team. He and his wife spend October through mid-May in Clearwater, Florida, and the rest of the year in Nashua, N.H. They visit Campton, N.H., a great deal, where their son Peter, daughter Diana and her son Bryan live. "Benny" is now a 33-year perfect attendance Rotarian and is about to be awarded the rank of Lt. Col. USAR (ret.) from the Army. Looking back, Benny notes, "I joined Acacia at the Buffalo St. address when one wondered if one could call our small group a frat. Later, I lived at the present location." He and Ruth married June 13, 1936, when he had three more years to go at Cornell. They lived with PHIL LOOMIS and his family and then Ruth became an employee at Rothschild's at \$14 a week so they moved into town: Lynn St., Utica St., and finally Farm St. "BOB SNOWDEN '39 spent many an hour at Utica St. with a certain girl." Benny adds, "Ruth and I chaperoned Acacia parties when some members were as old--and older than we!" (Pheasant Lane, Nashua, NH 03060)

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JOE SORGE '70 visited RICH AHLFELD '63 and HOLLISTER MOORE '67 in New Jersey last fall. They all went sailing in Hollister's boat and "had a great time." Joe works for his father in his restaurant, Sorge's Restaurant, in Corning, New York. "Why don't some of you guys from Ithaca take a ride down here sometime?" (168 Pioneer Rd., Painted Post, NY 14870)

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A third great-grandchild was born to the BERTRAM YORK KINZEYS '18 last spring. Although a retired mechanical contractor, Bert still writes a semi-monthly column for *The Contractor* and does individual consulting. (Apt. 1, 2616 Monument Ave., Richmond, VA 23220)

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STEWART BURGER '70 now works as a food service manager for Iowa State University. His new home address is 111 Lynn Ave., Apt. 802, Ames, Iowa 50010.

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LLEWELLYN H. EDWARDS '15, a retired civil engineer for the Erie Rail Road, writes that he has nothing "really new" to report. (1775 Dewey Avenue, Williamsport, PA 17701)

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After two years in Trinidad and another two in Freeport, Grand Bahama, ROBERT WARNE '57, his wife and nine-year-old son Christopher, have moved back to the U.S. In the Caribbean, Robert headed up the industrial relations activities for a Badger Company subsidiary. Now back in the home office, he is assistant to the manager of construction. Robert admits to being "not much of a writer and so I don't expect to get letters if I don't write." However, he does like reading how brothers are doing via *The Traveler*. (10 Old Stone Way, E. Waymouth, MA 02189)

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"We are perking along here as retirees," writes AUGUST W. RITTERSHAUSEN '21. "I'm busy on the Library Board and president of the Rockland County Mineral and Gem Society." "Rit" visited KEN GILLETTE '21 several times: "He is doing fine and is renovating the homestead." Rit has also heard from JAMES R. ROBINSON '20 who is retired and is active in the Masonic Lodge as a chaplain and as county historian for the American Legion. Rit met fellow Acacian JOHN LUTZ '65, by chance, at John Burrough's Woodchuck Lodge in Roxbury, New York, last August. "Truly a delightful experience." (87 Clinton Ave., Nyack, NY 10960)

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RICHARD K. MCMURTRY '67 writes that he now works for the Environmental Protection Agency where he reviews million dollar requests for federal aid to build water pollution control plants. "Trying to get engineers and sanitary districts to take responsibility for the environmental impacts of their actions is an uphill battle, but at least it's interesting." He adds, "Having no time for things like dance and woodworking I'm now spending 15% of my salary to support an effort of New Ways to Work which is trying to open up the federal government to half-time work for professionals in areas traditionally only full-time." Mac shares a large house in Berkeley with seven other men and women, aged 25-33. "Some of the ideas I had about 'collective living,' which never seemed relevant to Acacia at the time, now are being realized. By the way, every time I exceed my two beer limit, I remember fondly that night ten years ago when I was a pledge and ED FRANCIS '65 seduced me into drunkenness by toasting George McMurtrie, my illustrious relative who founded the model town of Vandergrift in 1880. Ed kept toasting and how could I refuse to join in a tribute to my cousin? Memories come up of Wes, Rex, Stavie, Hollister, Brac, Piorun, Semmler, R.T., John A., Hudgings, Groark, Wells, Bittance, Willie, Sam, Jeff, Berger and even Fullam and Griest and a host of others, too long to list." (1801 Woolsey St., Berkeley, CA 94703)

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Jo Ann GRUBBS writes that her husband, RICHARD '72, is presently a graduate student at Penn State University and doing very well. "He expects to receive his master's in public administration in May 1975 and he also expects to become the father of a son some time in late March." (411 Waupelani Dr., Apt. A-148, State College, PA 16801)

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"I am a manufacturer's representative for a company that sells major and minor equipment to the power companies and also power regulating items to other people," writes RON JOHNSON '68. "While back at school last year I met and this year will marry an industrious woman, Ginny Anderson. She is working as personnel director of the University of Illinois Circle Student Union while going for her MBA at Loyola. My beautiful daughter is now 4 and growing. She's a whiz at puzzles and memory games and is quite the little artist--just great!" Ron adds that WILLIAM R. EVANS '65 has moved back East. (12800 S. 82 Ave., Palos Park, IL 60464)

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"I have just received my M.S. in chemical engineering from SUNY at Buffalo," announces JAMES SCINTA '73. He will continue work toward his Ph.D. at Buffalo, also. (2 Sterling Ave., Buffalo, NY 14216)

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Last year's fuel shortage led to a cancellation of JOHN B. FRISBIE'S ('53) transfer from Berlin to Miami. "Suddenly we realized how lucky we were to have jobs at all. Now, over a year later, things are starting to improve a bit." "Frizz" and some other pilots in Berlin became concerned last summer that the government was going to let Pan Am go into complete bankruptcy so they researched the reasons for the financial situation. The result of that led to "a unique example of American 'do-it-yourself' action." Entire families began writing letters to influential people in the States. "Already Congress has acted in our favor and we've won a respite but we're in for a long hard fight." (Ring Strasse 14, 1 Berlin 45, Germany)

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LADIS W. AMATULLI '69 was transferred to HQSAC, Offutt AFB, Nebraska, in September 1974. He and his wife, Evelyn, bought their first house and are expecting their first child some time this March. "Laddie" spent a week in Washington, D.C., in November, and had dinner with DAVE and Caryn MILLER '70. He also called TOM KOCOVSKY '69 but he wasn't home. Laddie reports that JOHN TOOLE '70 and his wife, Betsy, had a baby boy, Timothy John, born on February 8, 1975. John is a captain in the Air Force and is stationed at Scott AFB, Illinois. (11720 So. 31st St., Omaha, NE 68123)

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CHARLES L. WALKER '04, professor emeritus at Cornell, was injured from a fall and after considerable hospitalization is now at the Oak Hill Manor Nursing Home, Hudson St., Ithaca. According to Sylvia Peet Hooks, his attorney, he enjoys hearing from Acacians and would surely enjoy a visit at room #13 with any of the brothers. Mail may be directed either care of Oak Hill Manor or to Charles' home address, 201 Fairmount, Ithaca, New York 14850.

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BILL EVANS '65 says that contrary to the report in the last newsletter, he is now in New York City. His new job is as a patent attorney with Brumbaugh, Graves, Donohue & Raymond in Rockefeller Center. He reports that Ed and Karen Francis ('65) are expanding their Truro, Mass. home for their two children, Eddie and Raquel. "Dick and Sandy Magnacca ('65) bought a house in Newton, Mass. for Karl. Warren Cook ('65) bought his --44 West St., Foxboro, Mass.--for his wife Rosalee. Tim Fullam ('65) is skiing now in fear of a gas shortage later. Dick and Cindy Haine and family were in Ithaca where Dick got M.C.E., but he now teaches at the Naval Academy as LCDR. Edgar Walker ('66) is in the private practice of law at 1 Sherman Sq., NYC. The Robert Pfahl's ('60) are in Glen Ellyn (Chicago), Ill, but still with Western to further production set-up of some of Bob's earlier developments. The Peter Eisenhuts ('64) are still in Poughkeepsie with IBM." (136 W. 70th, NYC 10023)

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AL C. FREDERICK '27 writes that he and his wife sold their New York home and became Texans in 1972, along with Luke Jones and Jim Baty. Al spent most of 1974 in the hospital for two major surgeries and then developed Hodgkins disease, "but that is under control now, and I've got a new lease on life." (310 North Broadway, McAllen, TX 78501)

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RICHARD E. DeCAMP has moved from Illinois to New Jersey. (11 Post Terrace, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920)