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## CELEBRATING OUR 75th YEAR

The spring of 1982 marks a very special year for the Cornell chapter of Acacia fraternity, for it was 75 years ago, come May 30, that our chapter was founded. To mark our 75th anniversary, a celebration is planned for the weekend of May 7, 8, and 9. The weekend will start with a reception on Friday evening. Events will continue on Saturday with an open house, campus tours, a mortgage burning (as the mortgage on the wing added to the house in 1960 has been paid off this year), and an actives-vs-alumni softball game in the afternoon. A banquet will be held Saturday evening at the Holiday Inn followed by a party at the Chapter house. This celebration is a once in a lifetime chance for all of you to get together with fellow members of your pledge class and other friends and buddies of yours from your years in Acacia. A celebration like this won't come around again for another 25 years. If you intend to come, please write or call your friends who lived in the house and persuade them to come also. The success of an anniversary like this depends upon your support and presence.

The chapter also needs your support in a different way. We have now come to the point where we must pitch in together so that some sorely needed repairs and improvements can be made to the Chapter house. While the house is in good condition (largely due to the efforts of the active brothers over the past years), most of our kitchen equipment has exceeded its expected lifetime. The roof must also be replaced in the next few years. We have received estimates on equipment and work necessary. The total is expected to be around \$25,000. To raise this sum of money, the Chapter has two alternatives:

- 1) Remortgaging of the Chapter house.
- 2) Alumni contributions.

In recent years, we have not made any serious efforts towards fund raising. Now, however, we really are in need of large scale support. A 75th Anniversary Fund has been established for the purpose of covering the cost of the necessary improvements. We don't want to take out mortgages, but if the 75th Anniversary Fund cannot produce, we must find other ways of raising money. To those of you who have donated, we send our thanks; to those of you who have not, we send an urgent request for your assistance now.

Ethan H. Cosgriff (889)  
75th Anniversary Chairman



## CORNELL ACACIA—OUR PROUD HISTORY

As fellow Acacians, the one thing that ties us together is the history of this chapter and our role in it. To commemorate our seventy-five years as a chapter, I thought it would be appropriate to devote this issue to a brief survey of our past, as culled from old *Traveler* articles and the minutes of our chapter meetings. It is not complete. An embarrassing gap exists from 1932 to 1943 because those issues of the *Traveller* (or whatever the name of the newsletter was at the time) are missing from our records. If you were an active member during those years and have a fascinating tale to tell, please drop us a line. Our complete history lies with those who lived through it.

Mark H. Lambert (906)



105 DEWITT PLACE

### OUR BEGINNINGS

The founding of Cornell Acacia is a fascinating tale. Though many attempts were made at starting a Masonic society here at Cornell, the first successful attempt occurred in 1907. In March, William Wigley, George Jessup, Howard Pierce, and John Coffman arranged a meeting of Cornell's Masons. As a result, on March 17, The Cornell Masonic Club was founded. John Coffman and Fred Alden discovered, through the Pennsylvania Chapter, that there was in existence a Masonic fraternity. The Masonic Club investigated this, and, on May 22, 1907, the charter of the Cornell (Nun) Chapter of the Acacia Fraternity was signed and sealed. This charter, with the names of the twenty original members, still hangs proudly in the chapter's library.

Of the twenty charter members, twelve returned to Ithaca in fall term, 1907. Since there were not yet arrangements for a building, the chapter held its meetings in Barnes Hall, in a room donated by the Cornell University Christian Association.

By spring 1908, the chapter was leasing a house at 105 Dewitt Place and making arrangements for building a permanent home. A house was bought and moved into by fall of 1909, with twelve members living in and six living out. On October 17, the Cornell Masonic Club held a party in the Acacia chapter house. This was a wild time, the party being moved to the shores of Lake Cayuga, where there were games, races, and "a splendid feed" (no doubt beer too!).

The spring semester, in addition to initiations, sports, and parties, was a time for Masonic awareness. The chapter sent out letters to New York's Masonic lodges offering their services to master Masons entering Cornell, and a class in Masonic study was started. This was a series of talks and discussions of the history, and tradition of Freemasonry. It was an attempt "to seek the truth," about that which distinguishes Acacia from other fraternities.

Lane J. Abrams (915)

### OUR STAY AT EAST SENECA

The new chapter house was located at 708 East Seneca St. It was a small house, only capable of housing fifteen brothers. It was realized afterwards that the size would be a problem as the chapter grew. They officially moved into the new place on June 4, 1909, after paying a modest \$10,000 for the house.

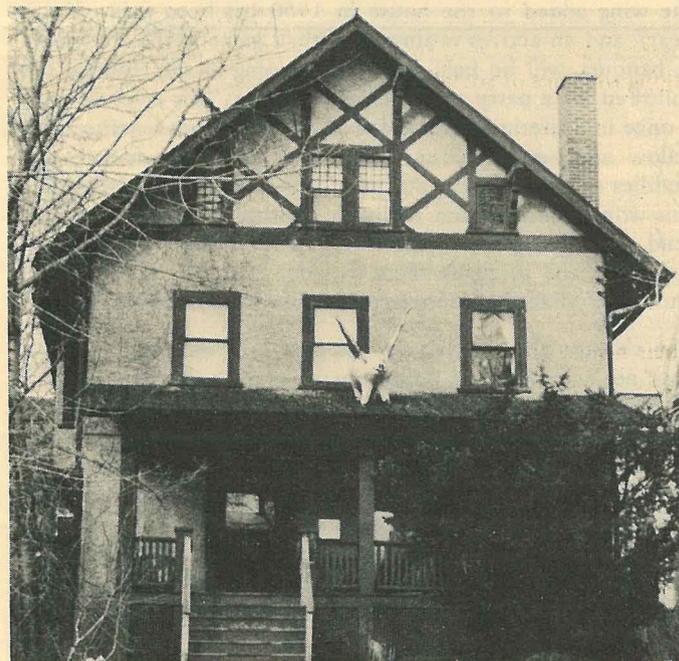
The time coincided with the incorporation of this chapter and the first meeting was held on June 2, 1909 at the East Seneca residence where Tom Bradlee was elected our first Venerable Dean.

On February 14, 1912 the first Cornell Acacian paper, then called the *Nun Traveller*, was published to keep in touch with the other chapters. We also communicated with other Acacians through visits, some coming from as far away as Texas.

Of all the visitors that came to the chapter house, the most renown has to be the visit of Ex-President Taft in 1915. Professor Taft was a brother of the Yale chapter of Acacia and came to Cornell to give a talk at Goldwin-Smith Hall. After his speech, he visited the chapter house where he had dinner and a friendly chat with the brothers.

Through these years, the chapter was experiencing the problems of their small dwelling, and steps were taken to find a new house. A committee was formed to look into the prices of land and houses but they returned with bad news. They reported that the chapter could not afford to purchase a new house but that it might be possible to build. They went on to predict that they should have a new chapter house by 1919. In 1917, there arose a new idea; plans were made to build an addition to the house. It would consist of a larger dining room, two more rooms and a sleeping porch. However, plans were put to rest when war was declared later that year. The chapter was weakened as many brothers were scattered across the U.S. for various reasons. Acacia remained relatively quiet for the rest of the decade.

Alan T. Pasquino (916)



708 EAST SENECA STREET

### OUR STAY AT EAST BUFFALO

The period from 1923 to 1932 saw the Cornell chapter actively seeking to remedy the poor living conditions of their house at 613 East Buffalo. One proposal came in the form of the Acacia dream house. The chapter hired the contractors Joseph Campbell and R. Smith of Ithaca to draw up the plans for the house. The plans show the house to be a veritable palace. If it had been built, it would have been, without a doubt, the most beautiful fraternity house in Ithaca then or now. One of the more interesting features of the house was a triangular (3 x 4 x 5) chapter room. The house was to be located on a four-and-one-half acre lot which had already been purchased by the fraternity, approximately where Pi Beta Phi sorority now sits on Triphammer Road. The estimated cost of the building and the furnishings was \$100,000.

Unfortunately, the main obstacle to building our dream house was never overcome. As always, the problem of raising enough money to start construction (approximately \$50,000 was the estimate) proved too tough to solve, and so the house was never built. Perhaps the fact that the Depression was in full swing during the major portion of the time that the fund raising campaign took place was the reason. Another factor may have been that, being relatively young, our chapter roll only numbered around three hundred, thus giving us a limited number of people from whom to solicit funds. Of course that reason may be invalid because another fund raising attempt in the late Fifties and early Sixties to build the wing proved just as unsuccessful and our chapter roll was significantly larger then.

1926 saw the completion of payment on our grand piano which, if I am not mistaken, is the very same one that still graces the commons area of our present house. A Victorola was also purchased that year. This Victorola, or Vic as they called it, caused quite a stir in the house. It seemed as if it were just the thing for informal gatherings or, as they say in present day Cornell lingo, facetime. The social calendar articles in the alumni newsletters are full of reports of "Vic parties" where a good time was had by all. Another purchase along the lines of social activities was a new pool table.

Acacia during the late Twenties and early Thirties was lucky (?) enough to have a couple of unique initiations. One of these was the initiation of Dr. William Powers, who was the pastor of the First Methodist-Episcopal Church of Ithaca. It seems that during initiation he was called away to perform a wedding for a lovesick couple. The brothers, who undoubtedly felt for the poor couple, allowed the minister to attend to their needs. When the minister returned he was again called to perform yet another wedding. Well, the brothers just couldn't handle another interruption so, instead of letting the minister go, they decided to have the couple come to the house and have the wedding there. So it was done, and the brothers went so far as to provide the couple with a complimentary shower of rice. The second interesting event occurred when the Cornell chapter had the unique opportunity to initiate a father and son duo of Professor Earl Sunderville and Edwin J. Sunderville at the same time.

The Cornell chapters housing situation finally found relief in 1932 when a house was purchased at 318 Highland Road in

Cayuga Heights. The house, formerly belonging to the widow of Professor Henry Williams, had been built in 1907. It was and is a beautiful house with lots of character, atmosphere, and memories.

Dave Nevavez (912)

### ABOUT THE DIRECTORY

The Cornell Acacia Alumni Directory will be available at the 75th Anniversary celebration, May 7-9, 1982. It will contain up-to-date alphabetical and geographical lists of Cornell Chapter brothers, including their addresses. Also included will be an historical article on the Cornell Chapter.

The Directory fund is coming along but does not yet cover the costs of production. For this reason, Brothers who desire a copy of the Directory and who have not already contributed to the fund are asked for a \$5 donation. Brothers unable to attend the 75th Anniversary celebration will receive their copies in the mail.

Sam Morrie (833)



614 EAST BUFFALO STREET



### CUPID'S CORNER

#### **Engagements:**

John M. Graham to Tanya Maltsev  
Chip Brueckman to Patti Alber

#### **Weddings:**

Valerie Propati to Steve Smith, —?—  
Jeffrey M. Cain to Josephine S. Bell, June 6, 1981  
John Koethe to —?—, October 9, 1981



318 HIGHLAND ROAD

### WORLD WAR II TO THE SIXTIES

May 10, 1943 was the last Chapter Meeting of Cornell Acacia until the end of the Second World War. "As has been customary, parting remarks were heard from the seniors, and, since this was to be the last meeting for the duration of the war, the remarks were directed at the underclassmen, charging them with the task of reviving the Cornell Chapter of Acacia at the close of the war." With these words, the Chapter was deactivated.

It is a current "tradition" that the new pledges are told that the Navy ROTC occupied 318 Highland Road. However, this "tradition," along with so many others (including "Freshmen-on-the-Field" at the first home football game), must, with time, pass along. Navy ROTC was never in this house. For the first year of the war, the house was rented to a local widow. For the remaining years, it was occupied by Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity.

In October 1946, 6 active brothers and 15 non-members returned to 318 Highland. A clean-up and spruce-up of the house began immediately. Those 6 actives also began the task entrusted to them by the senior class of 1943: the reviving of Cornell Acacia. Within two weeks there were an even dozen pledges. The brotherhood was growing rapidly. As the initial years after the war passed, the brotherhood restocked and improved the house by enlarging the dining room, insulating the dorm, buying new furniture, and installing a new stove in the kitchen.

When 1947 and our 40th Anniversary rolled in, most of the original mortgage had been paid off, and the brotherhood

revived the idea of a dream house. But, in the meantime, 318 Highland Road was our home.

"Human Service" is the translation of Acacia's motto. At Christmas, 1951, Acacia held a Christmas party for 12 children from Ithaca's West Side Settlement Home. Today, that spirit of Human Service lives on, with active participation in the Big Brother Program and in our Youth Program.

Founder's Weekend, 1955 marked the first time that a most solemn yet celebratory ritual occurred. The original mortgage was burned. Charter Member Allen Jayne '10 set the fateful match to the papers. Within seconds, the chapter house was ours, all ours.

With the mortgage paid off, Acacia could now begin to look towards expanding the house, both in numbers and in physical size. On the weekend of May 3, 1957, alumni flocked back in droves to celebrate the first half century of Acacia Fraternity at Cornell. With so many members present, the Corporation held a special meeting, the topic of which was the expansion of the house. The first stage of the proposed addition was the Wing, which doubled the capacity of the house at a cost of \$130,000. In 1961, construction of the Wing began.

Jonathan A. Olick (920)

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### THE LAST TWO DECADES

The last twenty years have been turbulent times for this ol' word. We've seen an unpopular war come and go, several of the world's leaders felled by assassins, and our country go through Watergate. Nevertheless, we made it through.

Surprisingly, Cornell Acacia has had a reasonably quiet time of it over the past two decades. Which isn't to say we haven't had our accomplishments.

Rather than explaining it myself, I've taken quotes from the minutes of chapter meetings and articles in past *Travellers*. Those tell the story better than I could.

"We will be building something this year."

—Minutes, March 9, 1961

"Discussion concerning the proposed wing was brought forth. It was moved by Brother Hanna and seconded by Brother Eberhart that the wing commence as planned, with the knowledge that there may be accompanying financial sacrifices."

—Minutes, March 6, 1961

"New House Addition Voted by Acacia Corporation . . . New Wing to Improve Living and Study Conditions in House."

—*Traveller*, March 1961

"The construction estimates were raised to \$87,000. The increase is to be met primarily by a \$50,000 mortgage . . ."

—Minutes, April 7, 1961

"Our NEW WING AND RENOVATION of the old part of the house were still incomplete when the brothers returned to Cornell at the close of last summer . . . the Cornell Chapter moved into its new Fall Home—the Circle 5 Dormitory, located on Reservoir Avenue . . . during January we started the task of moving back into our house on Highland Road.

The NEW WING brought many advantages. We gained six more study rooms which increased our living capacity to 35. With the completion of the wing we now have one of the finest physical plants on the hill. We are very proud of our newly improved house and all the alumni who helped make it a reality."

—*Traveller*, October 1962

"Brother Schussler suggested the feasibility of instituting a Little Sister Program. Nothing really official at this moment. Brothers William H. Bethke II, Joe Schussler, William Hairston III and Kevin H. Ashman were delegated to look into the mechanics . . ."

—Minutes, September 24, 1978

"After much discussion and clamor there was a motion made to give recognition and appropriate authority to A Little Sisters Temporary Non-Standing Committee to go ahead and initiate a Little Sister Program. The motion was seconded and passed. . . . The brothers voted to bid all (5) girls; their names are as follows:

Sue Glenn  
Nancy Dobkins  
Patty Warner  
Sarah Cain  
Mary Ellen Phillips"

—Minutes, October 8, 1981

"Brother Cosgriff was appointed Chairman of the 75th Anniversary. The tentative schedule is:

May 7th (Fri.): Reception  
May 8th (Sat.): Picnic, fair, mortgage burning, banquet at Statler with President Rhodes and national representative, party at house.  
May 9th (Sun.): Brunch"

—Minutes, September 6, 1981

Chip B. Alliaume (919)



### THE MAILBAG

GEORGE A. WASKOSKY (860) '79, 51 CHIPPEWA CT., WEST SENECA, NY 14224

I've recently finished Fighter Leading training at Holloman AFB, Florida training in F-4's, and hopefully I'll get an assignment to Spain.

ALAN J. PUE (785) '73, 6437 FAIRHEAD LA., COLUMBIA, MD 21045

In August I received a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from the University of Maryland, College Park. I did this part time while working at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory where I continue to work on Navy cruise and tactical missiles.

JAMES W. KEHE (874) '79, 21 WALTER STREET 2B, BRENTWOOD, NY 11717

To Tom Visconti '78: "Where were you at our wedding?"

To George Waskosky '79: "Have you flown any F-4's yet?"

To Bill Utic '77: "Hello."

To Jim Manfredi '78: "Did you lock your car door?"

I'm slowly becoming a "specialist" in Grumman's fatigue and fracture group. Hope LTV does not succeed in their attempt to buy us: might have to move to Texas. Spending my nights getting a Masters at Columbia in civil engineering and engineering mechanics. No babies yet! Chip Brueckman '78 is getting married to Patti Alber (Cornell, '81) in the spring.

PATRICIA WARNER KEHE (L.S.1) '79, 21 WALTER STREET 2B, BRENTWOOD, NY 11717

We see Valerie Propati-Smith and her husband, Steve, occasionally. They are also still here on Long Island. We've seen Jim Manfredi '78 and Joe Schussler '80 this year. We also made a trip with Manfredi to visit Tom '78 and Doris O'Brien in Monkton.

**RICHARD (DICK) C. GRAHAM SR. (506) '51, LOT A7, GRAND VILLA, 3rd AVE. EXTENTION, DOTHAN, AL 36301**

Three of my four children are married and I have two grandsons—one in Jamestown, NY and one in Boynton Beach, Fla. Went into business for myself last May ('80) and now have three clients and more coming (I hope!).

I've been doing some creative writing—maybe get some published as a new venture. Many romances but still single! Still red headed too!

**ARTHUR H. FREDERICK (570) '56, RD2 BOX 404, VALATIE, NY 12184**

Last December I closed my furniture store and went to work for Merrill Lynch in Albany, NY. Have three children in college (plus one still in high school), including a daughter at Cornell.

**NORMAN W. SUITER (129) '16, 9884 MENAUL BOULEVARD NE, APT. H24, ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87112**

Have not heard from any alumni for some time. There are few (if any) living that I know.

While 1980 was not too good to us, from a physical standpoint, Mildred and I are going along pretty good again! We are thankful that we can take care of ourselves in our new apartment and eat three meals a day that we prepare ourselves.

(EDITOR: God bless you, Norman and Mildred!)

**GARY E. OWENS (657) '63, 903 AVERY ST., SOUTH WINDSOR, CT 06074**

I have just been elected chairman of the Office Buyers Group, a special interest group of the National Association of Purchasing Management. Also just received my Certified Purchasing Manager designation.

Also am a Major in the Conn. Air National Guard, with seven years to go until retirement.

**STEVEN L. STEIN (787) '73, 1806 SLATERVILLE ROAD, ITHACA, NY 14850**

I was recently promoted to Data Base Analyst for Morse Chain. I have been working for them for just over a year. My wife, Mary, gave birth to our second son (Joshua Bryan) on 3/2/81. He tipped the scale at 8 lbs. 5 ozs.

David Thompson '69 was in Ithaca for a visit (2/6-2/8). He had been in Australia, New Zealand and Tasmania on a research project for Rockefeller University. My little brother Tim Birkland '75, stopped by after an interview with the Cornell Vet School. He is hoping to finally get accepted.

**EDEN SLEGR (788) '73, 13542 HAMLIN STREET, VAN NUYS, CA 91401**

Have a new child! A girl—Caitlin. Hope all who are in the area give me a call or stop by the Sportsmen's Lodge Restaurant in the "Valley."

**LAURENCE G. HOARD (637) '61, 68 SOUTHERN LN., WARWICK, NY 10990**

Have spent the last 6 1/2 years working for International Paper at the Corporate Research Center in Tuxedo Park, N.Y. The girl I pinned in 1960 married me in 1965 while I was getting my M.S. in Physical Chemistry at Iowa State. The "older" guys might remember her as Patti Leonard, daughter of Sam Leonard—professor of Zoology. Our daughter Laura Ruth, was born in 1976 just before I received my Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. Before coming here, I was the Director of Crystallography at the University of Wisconsin—I helped out with the Acacia colony there.

**FRED B. MORRIS (195) '22, 400 TRIPHAMMER RD., WESTVIEW APTS. A-1, ITHACA, NY 14850**

My wife, Lillian, and I are both still mobile and active in the community—church, senior citizens, Rotary Club, gardening, etc. We have two daughters and seven grandchildren whom we thoroughly enjoy. Our continued gratitude goes to Jim Showacre '50, Ernie Schaffler '48, and Art Kulp '42 for all the time and good work they contribute to the house.

**CLEVELAND M. JONES (790) '74, 207 SEDGWICK DRIVE, SYRACUSE, NY 13203**

While presently manager of:

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BRAZIL

my Syracuse mailing address is still in effect.

**RAYMOND J. BRACALIELLO (698) '67, BOX 305, PRATTSVILLE, NY 12468**

Ray's wife tells us: nothing much is new with us—Ray is now a Major in the Air Force Reserves—Insurance Agency working out of two offices. Ray spends as much time as he can on the golf course.

We know of three daughters born to three Brothers since March —

John '69 and Jane Brown—March Katherine Elizabeth ("Katie")

Ed '66 and Sara Groark—May Katherine Ann ("Katie")

Dan '68 and Julie Smith—August ?

**CLARENCE F. BENT DVM (334) '39, 329 EMBASSY PK., CLEARWATER, FL 33516**

Noting Dr. Skinner's words (TRAVELLER March 1981 Alumni News) reminded me of sitting in Geology Lab and watching him wiggle his ears. Henry, can you still do it? I recall nearly having hysterics. Sorry about Rufus Vail ('43, deceased). And surprised about Bob Reid '39 from Atlanta. Last word I had from him was from the west coast. Now how about addresses for Henry and Bob? Except for Bob Snowden, who used to spend hours in our apartment and has never contacted us since our college days, we had less than close contact with 318 Highland. Where are you Bob? Fallen down any stairs lately? Grandson and granddaughter, both of age 13, started golf at age 10. Bryan is now on his third baseball team (shades of trades in the Pros). Son and daughter, with their families, are all in New Hampshire. About to lose my gall bladder next week. Will slow golfing and bowling I fear.

(Editor: Addresses for Henry and Bob:

HENRY T. SKINNER '36, 929 Toxaway Drive, Hendersonville, NC 28739

BOB REID '39, 2548 Fountainebleau, Atlanta, GA 30340

The forthcoming Directory will have even more addresses!

**A. GORDON BEDEIL (286) '29, 200 E. IVANHOE 10, CHANDLER, AZ 85224**

My wife and I celebrated our 50th Anniversary last summer in August. We had an open house sponsored by our two children and four grandchildren. We had 80 guests, including our Matron of Honor and one usher!

Our son is with Motorola Electronics in Mesa, AZ. Our daughter is a school librarian in Dover, Del. Our granddaughter is a dental hygienist in Richmond, VA. Our oldest grandson is a chef at the Pittsburg Hilton, and our other grandson is in the Navy Nuclear Power Division. Our last grandson is just 18 months old.

**WILLIAM A. UTIC (836) '77, 1116 BISMARCK LANE, ALAMEDA, CA 94501**

Just purchased my first house. A 3-bedroom townhouse, fireplace, 2 car garage, pool, tennis courts, etc. "Only" \$125,000. I hope you guys aren't planning any major fund-raising drives in the near future, since I'm broke.

**LARS A. LUNDEEN (772) '72, 13434 SW 102 LANE, MIAMI, FL 33176**

Your human service program with John Vassalotti is heart warming and, I'm sure, an interesting challenge for the brotherhood. I'm proud to know my Acacia chapter is undertaking such a worthwhile endeavor. Keep up the good work!

(Editor: Unfortunately, John has left the program. We are now guardian of Ed Barris, a senior at Ithaca High School.)

**CARY W. FLETCHER (596) '58, 169 SEVILLE DR., ROCHESTER, NY 14617**

I have been selected as one of the very few Americans to be admitted into a university in Australia. I will be attending their spring semester at the University of New South Wales in Sydney. That will leave me the month of November to tour the rest of Australia and December to see New Zealand.

The spring of '83 will find me at the University of Hawaii studying physics.

I also have an article entitled "Science Olympics" in "The Science Teacher," which is the magazine of the National Science Teacher's Association.

**JOHN F. FELDSTED (824) '77, 971 VIA ROSITA, SANTA BARBARA, CA 93110**

I graduated from law school (Loyola in L.A.) this June and will be taking the California Bar this summer. I'm still located in Pasadena and will probably remain here at least until the end of the summer.

Hope all is going well at the house and that you are taking good care of our fire hydrant.

(Editor: We are.)

**ROBERT T. MONTGOMERY (811) '76, No. 905 50 GLEN ROAD, HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA L83 4N3**

I have just returned from spending a summer in Zaire working with Campus Crusade for Christ. It is a very enriching experience to live in a different culture. Friends I made while there asked me to come back. I plan to eventually do this, but first I want to see a strong Christian movement develop at McMaster University where I am presently working.

**THOMAS R. WHISTON (837) '77, 280 ATLANTIC STREET, BRIDGETON, NJ 08302**

John Koethe '77 will be married this Fall on October 9.

**DAVID A. GORELICK (717) '68, 10826 ROCHESTER AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90024**

Wife Naomi and I had our third son, Benjamin Adam, born on August 13, 1981, weighing 7 lbs., 2 ozs.

**EDWARD B. ENGEI (653) '63, 215 E. TUDOR LANE, MANCHESTER, CT 06040**

In July of this year I was promoted to an officer position with my employer AETna Life and Casualty and am now manager of the Environmental Health Unit which includes our laboratory and industrial hygiene staff.

**CHALO VORBECK (898) '80, P.O. BOX 2733, QUITO, ECUADOR**

I am working for Dow Chemical in the process engineering department at a pharmaceutical plant in Quito.

I met Ed Francis '65, who wrote to me last December and came to Ecuador for vacation. I helped by getting some train tickets for his family and giving some advice as where to go and what to do in Ecuador.

The only person from the house that keeps in touch is Cosmo Leo '80, and I would like to hear from all of my Acacia brothers.

**JOSEPH M. SCHUSSLER (872) '80, P.O. BOX 404, PLAINS, KS. 67869**

A few newsy tidbits:

—Bill Hairston '80 is back in Tuscaloosa.

—Fred Skiff '79 and wife are very happy in N.J.

—Southwest Kansas is lacking in culture, sophistication, and good-looking single ladies (guests welcome).

—I celebrated one year in Kansas on September 13.

**ROBERT C. MERRITT (807) '75, P.O. BOX 279, AUBURN, NY 13021**

I have moved from Corning, N.Y. to return to my hometown of Auburn. I'm in the family business and enjoy the challenge.

**DWIGHT S. MILLER (472) '51, SCHULTZVILLE RD., CLINTON CORNERS, NY 12514**

I'm still in beautiful Clinton Corners, N.Y. I haven't heard from any of my Acacia brothers. Not many of them know how to write.

I spent a week on the U.S.S. Constellation last October. It was a great trip from Hawaii to San Diego. I also saw my eight month old grandson in Norman, Okla. Hey Walt Dragon, if you buy the gas, I'll come up and see you! I'll buy the beer!

**JOHN M. GRAHAM (883) '81, FRIENDLY ROAD, UPPER BROOKVILLE, NY 11771**

For those of you who haven't heard already, Little Sister Tanya Maltsev was gracious (foolish?) enough to accept my proposal of marriage last August. No wedding date is set yet. Law school is going well, though I have to do a lot more work than I ever did at Cornell. (Of course, I never did any there!) A special note to the Class of '81: Don't forget our class reunion at Homecoming '85! (Make reservations early!)

**PAUL C. HERRINGTON (887) '81, 7671 MAPLE AVENUE, BERGER, NY 14416**

I am happy at my job (herdsman)—working long hours, but learning a lot. I don't like living alone, though—I miss the company and friendship of the brothers and my family.

**HOWARD H. CAMPBELL (235) '25, 99-7th ST., GARDEN CITY, NY 11530**

Now leading a quiet life at home. Have become a member of the world-wide family of "Arther-Ritis"—which slows one down a bit.

**CHESTER L. POHL (495) '51, BOX 150, VERNON, NY 13476**

Wife Betty and I still live in Vernon, N.Y. We are still doing the usual, like trying to grow old gracefully and see our children once in a while, not necessarily in that order. Daughter Lindsay, husband Peter, and their two children recently moved from Malaysia to Wiesbaden, Germany. Their two boys were born in Indonesia. Son Stephen is practicing law in Montana, and son Dana is a senior at Syracuse Univ., but talking his last term at the Univ. of Montana.

**PHILLIP M. SCHULER (886) '80, 367 PENNELLS DRIVE, ROCHESTER, NY 14626**

Except for the weather, which has been the pits lately, things are going well here in Rochester. I'm being transferred for a two year stint to another division here at Kodak—looks like a good opportunity with lots of potential. I manage to see my ex-roommate Brother Cosmo Leo '80 every now and then. Cos seems to be doing well.

**AUGUST W. RITTERHAUSEN (167) '21, 87 CLINTON AVE., NYACK, NY 10960**

Thanks for the item in the last Traveller!

Since then District 721 of Rotary International has designated me a Paul Harris Fellow at their conference at Kutshers Country Club, Monticello, NY on May 3, 1981.

**HAVE YOU UPDATED YOUR INFORMATION?**

**MARRIED? NEW JOB? MOVED?  
HOW DO WE KNOW IF YOU DON'T WRITE?**

CHAPTER ETERNAL

We regret to inform the Brotherhood of the passing of Brother Elias E. Harding (160) '20, Rev. Charles E. Souter (163) '20, and Brother Elmer H. Johnson (196) '24. We will all miss them dearly.

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THE PURPOSE OF AN ALUMNI PROGRAM IS TO SEEK,  
PARTICIPATION—INFORMATION—FINANCIAL SUPPORT  
HAVE YOU CONTRIBUTED IN SOME WAY? WHY NOT—TODAY?

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MORE THAN HOMECOMING . . . A LETTER FROM HOME

During Homecoming, Harlan Meinwald '74, John Maciag '75, Lane Abrams '84, and I were discussing the (2nd floor) End Room's history. We couldn't figure out who had put up the paneling, false ceiling, radiator cases, or curtains, but we did learn that John had built the closet doors and lighting. Two years ago, Jim Skiff '81, Jeff Chung '81, and I had built a wall to split the room in half. This fall, Lane, John Armstrong, '84, and I put a railing on the porch. The room looks very different from when I was a freshman three years ago, so I'm sure it's different for any of you who haven't been to visit recently. Therefore, I suggest that you make plans to join us at THE CELEBRATION OF THE 75th ANNIVERSARY. In the meantime, you can let me know who did the aforementioned room improvements. We were also trying to figure out who had lived in here each year and who had graduated out of the room. Can you help us out?

I also had a chance to chat with Kent Belvin '70 and Stu Berger '70. I brought out the Brother Trees and pulled out some old composites. Kent and Stu were able to add some new connections for us, but the Brother Trees are still far from being completed and as this information was never recorded we are relying on your memories! Check your paddles for your Big Brother's initials!

John '24 and Sandy Cheney '40 were here as were Bill '78 and Laura Stewart, Harold Teller '76 and family, Sam Morrie '79, Rob Spiesz '77, Chip Brueckman '78, Phil Schuler '80 Cosmo Leo '80, Bill Ward '80, John Friedlander '81, Chris Wong, John Graham '81, Paul Herrington '81 (thanx for the cards, Paul), and others who did not sign-in.

But Homecoming has come and gone this year, and Mark Lambert '83 (Dean of Alumni Affairs) wanted my article done last week. I'm going to introduce you to Cornell Acacia today. I couldn't do this without bringing yesterday and today together as I did above. Our Alumni Brothers brought each other into the fraternity and eventually brought us in, too. So, it should go without much saying that although the people have changed, Acacia is basically the same as it was 25 years ago, 50 years ago, and 75 years ago. Sure, at times the chapter has been rowdier, smoother, bigger, and smaller but of all the Alumni I've met, I've always been able to picture each in today's chapter (and I hope we have proved likewise to them). As the End Room has changed, so has the Brotherhood—just in the trimmings. So much for intangibles.

I started this article two weeks ago, while I was talking to our cook, Pearl. She was telling me all sorts of stories about some of you. There was the time when she was just starting to cook for us when some of you scared her and caused her to hide in her room after she threw the chocolate pudding which started a food fight. No, we don't have food fights anymore; in fact, we haven't had any since the dining room was wallpapered years ago. We still come down in the morning and catch up on gossip with Pearl as she cooks up her great french toast, eggs and pancakes. Lunch is served at 12:30 and usually gone by 3:00. Dinner is sit down with table heads by officer rank and the second table's tail answers the phone. (Only long distance calls get by him.) A crumpled napkin next to the table head signals the Venerable Dean of the completion of the meal. This method always mystifies guests as they believe they finished eating just in time. And everyone is remembered on their birthday with a cake by Pearl and a shower by the brothers.

Socially, we've been using four bands and three disk jockies a year. Right now, we're looking for a band that will be versatile enough for all of us to dance at THE CELEBRATION the way we did or do now. The deadly Shalallies still appear each pledge party for the pledges. And of course, during the spring weekend picnic, the newly initiated brothers throw their Senior Dean into a nearby stream. But, we can't forget Lynah Rink and the great ice times there. Acacia was first in line (again) and managed to get a ton of prime ice times.

Recently, we have begun to fulfill our Human Service motto. As was mentioned in the Fall, 1979 *Traveller*, we were going to house a transient adolescent and be his foster parent/brothers. Last spring was our first attempt, and this fall we are housing our second youth. The first was a successful learning experience, and the second has, so far, been very rewarding and enriching. The youth and the brothers get to share and to compare life experiences and thus learn from each other. An article was written last spring in the *Ithaca Journal*, a Gannett publication, and a news brief concerning the project will appear in an upcoming *Cornell Reports*. This doesn't mean we will stop here and pat ourselves on the back. The newly revised House Betterment Committee now looks into Special Projects and Service (its new name). The pledge class also shares in this by doing its own service project. Last spring, they painted a Senior Citizen's Center at Pyramid Mall.

I'm not going to tell you that it's always perfect around here. We've had tight situations, but we work them out. Many Alumni have told me as they concluded their visits that the Brothers seem a lot closer and the house still looks good. Well, that has something to do with what each of you have left behind: a sense of PRIDE in ACACIA which is reflected in our beautiful chapter house. We're asking you to come back to share that pride and bask in the glow of it and CELEBRATE SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS OF ACACIA AT CORNELL.

Be Seeing You Soon,  
Tim Thom (887)

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