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FROM THE DESK OF THE VENERABLE DEAN

The 1982/83 school year is rapidly drawing to a close, and Acacia is already planning for the next. This year we initiated 8 very enthusiastic young men. I'm sure they will form a strong core in our future. We had hoped for more, but many bad breaks in the final decision making process had hurt us.

This indirectly leads me into the subject of this article, rather than boring you with details, I'm going to try to stimulate some thought. I'd like to comment on something which frustrated me a lot over the last year, that being "The Numbers Game."

We seem to be constantly under pressure from National and some of our own alumni to increase our numbers. This pressure is warranted by the claimed increased financial stability as membership grows. It's not just our financial stability, mind you, but our National Fraternity's as well (due to additional revenue from dues and contributions).

This general attitude that "the bigger the house the better," doesn't sit well with me. Take Cornell Acacia, for instance, despite our smaller than average size, we are in very good financial shape, much better than we were just a few years ago (when our numbers happened to be greater). Our financial security is due to careful budgeting and good records. As a further note, we have been a small fraternity throughout our existence here at Cornell. I might add that we have remained active longer than any other Acacia Chapter to date.

Others may argue that a large house inspires more brotherhood. I believe that if any of us (actives) actually felt that way, we would have joined a larger house. As a fraternity gets larger, it can also become more impersonal. In extreme situations, I've seen (in other houses) brothers who can't even remember each other's name. In some cases, factions develop which literally wage war against one another. If that's brotherhood, you can take it, I'll leave it!

Don't get me wrong, I am not totally in favor of smaller houses either, I mainly wanted to point out that there is a flip side to the coin. Personally, I'd like to see the house (Cornell Acacia) grow in numbers, and I worked for that goal last fall during rush. However, that is only *my* opinion, not necessarily everyone else's, and in the future, I would like to see that decision left up to the actives. There is a lot more we (alumni—I'll be one soon!) can do for this house besides force our opinion on the actives, we've had our chance.

Although I would like to see the house increase in size, I would not like to see this if it comes with a reduction of our standards. Some don't seem to agree with me on this, that I *really* don't understand.

I have been told we should just "get us 5-10 more pledges." It may be just that simple at other universities, or maybe previously at Cornell. That's not the way it is now. At Cornell, the fraternity system has essentially saturated. We now have the second largest Greek system in the U.S., maintained with a relatively small undergraduate enrollment. This year, several hundred new spaces opened up in University housing, freshmen male enrollment is down, and Campus-wide rush was well off last year's mark. This makes rush much more competitive, and as a small house, relatively far from campus, it is easy for us to be overlooked. It all means we must work harder to achieve similar results.

Many of us put a lot of effort and time into rush last semester, and we feel the effort was well worth it. However, I wouldn't want to have anyone jeopardize his education on behalf of the fraternity. Remember our priorities.

Finally, I feel that this house has strong potential for the future. In the next couple of years I expect we shall witness this.

Good luck to the actives, and the future brothers.

Sincerely,
Kenneth M. Weiss (902)

THE SENIOR DEAN REPORT

Another year, another pledge class lost to that ideal called brotherhood. This year we had a fine class of 8 outstanding men who exemplify Acacia's ideals. They strove for 6 weeks to seek the truth, with the brotherhood more than willing to shed the light upon them. Their search for truth took them upon a long and toilsome journey during which there were many pitfalls. They learned that neither money nor past achievement could help them during pledgship, but rather a willingness and open mind. They visited many far away places such as sororities during their search for ?. Initiation came upon them and the light was shed even more and at the end they walked out brothers. Hopefully not just in name but in deed as well they will live up to this ideal.

The Brotherhood would like to thank the alumni whose presence at initiation was extremely helpful. Brothers Kevin Ashman, Tim Thom, and Jim Skiff dedication to Acacia did not go unnoticed by the active chapter. We wish there were more names to go along with theirs—maybe next year? RIGHT!

A special thanks goes to Prof. E. Bangs, our Chapter advisor, for an outstanding job this year and for staying up with us on Sunday morning of initiation to watch the sun rise.

Fraternally yours,
Christopher Deane
Senior Dean

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to Robert B. Squires, who donated a new sign to the house after ours was stolen last year by persons unknown. The new sign (by the front walk) has been secured very strongly to its posts to insure that this won't happen again. The new sign is carved out of solid wood and has gold block lettering and border on a black background.



THE NEW BROTHERS

- Douglas Alan Appleyard, Chapel Hill, NC, Eng. '86
- Sean O. Roger Campbell, Chapel Hill, NC, Eng. '86
- Brand Duane Cole, West Palm Beach, FL, Eng. '85
- John Robert Cunningham, Auburn, NY, Eng. '85
- David Stanford Dennison, Daly City, CA, Arts '86
- Garry Gladwin Halstead, Cuba, NY, Ag. '86
- Charles William Huffine, Bohemia, NY, Eng. '86
- Robert Arnold Pfister, Vassalboro, ME, Eng. '86

THE SENIORS

- Stephen Jay Bigelsen, Morristown, NJ, Eng.
- Christopher Paul Deane, Higham, MA, Eng.
- Scott Howard Dulman, Brookline, MA, Arts
- Wallace Kimbrough Davis, Rockville, MD, Eng.
- Daniel Ross Merrill, Snohomish, WA, Eng.
- David Elliott Pattison, Newton, NJ, Arts
- Stuart Alan Spern, Concord, NH, Eng.
- Louis Michael Schwartz, East Northport, NY, Arts
- David Alan Sperry, Wilmington, DE, Eng.
- Kenneth Michael Weiss, Cinnaminson, NJ, Eng.
- Mark Hill Lambert, Sparta, NJ, Eng.

We wish them all of the best of luck and success in the future!

THE NEW OFFICERS

- Venerable Dean Lawrence P. McSorley Arch. '85
- Senior Dean Lane J. Abrams, Eng. '84
- Rush Chairman Brian A. Stroehlein, Eng. '84
- Treasurer Peter J. Mavroudakis, Eng. '84
- Junior Dean David M. Mazaika, Eng. '85
- Dean of Alumni Affairs David J. Nevarez, Eng. '84
- House Manager Mark A. Schaten, Arts '84
- Steward John C. Armstrong, Ag. '84
- Secretary Sean O. R. Campbell, Eng. '86
- Dean of Little Sisters William M. Wong, Ag. '84

**ALUMNI GRADUATE FROM THE UNIVERSITY
BUT THE UNIVERSITY NEVER GRADUATES
FROM ITS ALUMNI**



The Pledge Class (front l-r): Garry Halstead, Brand Cole; (back l-r): Doug Appleyard, John Cunningham, Sean Campbell, Chuck Huffine, Dave Dennison, Rob Pfister

A FEW NOTES FROM THE DEAN OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS

- We experienced a great deal of problems with our last mailing of the Traveler in the fall. There were faulty mail listings given to us by our Alumni Service (SMC), the printer also somehow had too few made. We now hope that our mailing list is correct, and we also have extra copies of the fall Traveler that we can send you upon request.
- A special thanks to all the alumni who came back for homecoming, you always make a difference! We only wish we could have more.
- The APM retirement fund is off to a great start. We have collected over \$700 thus far. Please keep up the good work, and a special thanks to all those who contributed so generously.
- No new news on the tax exempt donations yet, we're working on it! Any info is appreciated.
- We are in a difficult time here at Cornell, strong support from our alumni is needed. I will be looking forward to good support and participation from the alumni when I take over as President.

Lawrence P. McSorley (911)
Dean of Alumni Affairs



Our Favorite—Pearl

**AN ALUMNI REUNION IS LIVING HISTORY
IN THE PROCESS OF BEING REWRITTEN**



NOTICE

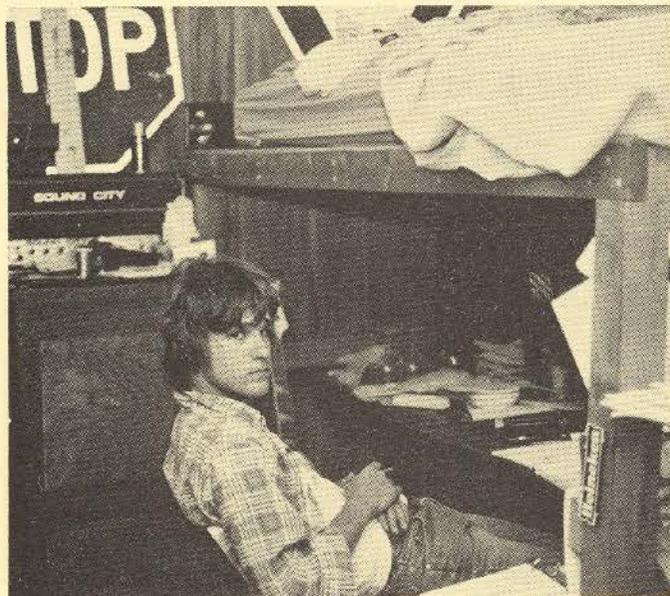
TO: All Cornell Acacians
FROM: Steven L. Stein '73
 President, Acacia Corporation
SUBJECT: Acacia Corporation Annual Meeting
DATE: Saturday, May 7, 1983
PLACE: Acacia Chapter House
 318 Highland Road
 Ithaca, NY 14850

You and your spouse are invited to join us at the chapter house for a Spring Weekend picnic lunch on Saturday afternoon, May 7, 1983 at 12:00.

The Annual Corporation Meeting will convene in the Chapter House at 1:00 p.m. The agenda will be:

1. Minutes of last meeting
2. Treasurer's report
3. Report on active chapter
4. Election of two directors
5. Old business
6. New business
7. Adjournment

Please plan to attend if you are able.



I Want My Mommy

HOMEcoming 1983

The Homecoming football game will be November 5th, against Yale. The active chapter plans to host alumni at the usual range of activities: dinner, parties, etc. A mailing containing specific information on all the festivities will be sent out this summer. We look forward to seeing you.

KITCHEN FUND

Many thanks to all the alumni who have generously donated to our Kitchen Renovation Fund. We have so far accumulated a total of \$2600 for the fund, \$700 of which has already been spent on a new and better booster heater for our dishwasher. It is very likely that this new heater will improve our kitchen sanitation rating—of timely significance to us since the Tompkins County Health Department has recently closed a few fraternity kitchens after spot inspections! We plan to spend some of the remaining money on some new pots and pans, and the rest either on reconditioning our ovens, stoves, and broilers, or on a new kitchen refrigerator.

While we're on the subject of kitchens (and inspections), I would like to mention that the kitchen is quite possibly the cleanest its been in years after a concentrated clean-up effort during initiation. Brother Dan Merrill has recently put a lot of time into organizing our pantry, and it too looks much better than it has in a long time. Also, I have begun re-painting the kitchen cabinets, and should have that job finished by mid-summer.

It's still not too late to donate to the Kitchen Renovation Fund, by the way! There are plenty of other projects that additional money could be spent on to properly renovate our kitchen. If you like what we've done (and planned) so far, and would like to be part of our effort, send contributions (or even suggestions!) to our house address care of our Treasurer.

Brian Stroehlein (913)

A FAREWELL AND A PARTING

This man has lived among us for a time and we have been privileged to call him Brother, now that he has gone to his Eternal Rest—we bid him a fond farewell at this parting.

CLYDE MILLARD (306) '27
 MARCH 1981

THE MAILBAG

NORMAN W. SUTTER '16 (129), 9884 Menaul NE Apt. H24, ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87112

The directory indicates that members still living from my era are very scarce. I told my Doctor that since I had only 12 years to go till I would hit the century mark, he has a job cut out for him—but, he did not say he could keep me going that long. Hope he does.

AUGUST W. RITTERSHAUSEN '21 (167), 87 CLINTON AVENUE, NYACK, NY 10960

I would like to congratulate the active chapter for doing such a fine job in publishing *The Traveler*. Then too, it arrives regularly and on time. Was sorry to read about Brothers Cooper and Kinzey's passing. We were good friends about 19-20-21. Likewise Brother Nelson who I believe was working on a Ph.D. in English. I attended an off-year reunion in June with my daughter Nancy who came for her 30th. I visited 318 and had a pleasant time. Visited Bro. Kenneth Gilletto during the summer and in November. He's had a couple of bouts in hospital but is now improving nicely. My bees have kept me busy. Got 1800 lbs honey this past season.

DR. HARDOL M. DEVOLT '22 (281), 855 BARBER ROAD, SOUTHERN PINES, NC 28387

Your information concerning a former active member is entirely correct. This fraternity member maintains quite an active pace, playing a little golf and trying to keep abreast with science reading several journals. My better half is an active gynecologist, student in pottery class and active in D.A.R. and county politics. Congratulations on the event of burning the mortgage and publishing a geographical and alphabetical listing of Acacians.

CYRIL F. CAMPBELL '25 (260), 555 NW 4th AVENUE, 310 BOCA RATON, FL 33432

I was more than pleased to receive a copy of the 1982 Alumni Directory. In looking thru this edition, I notice some of my Acacia Brothers who were at 613 E. Buffalo during the '24-'27 years are still living after these many years. It has been 57 years since I graduated from Cornell in the field of Entomology. Worked for the State of Pa. Dept. of Agriculture for 42 years. Retired in 1968. Married Irene Shepard in '45 and have 2 children and 2 grandchildren. After vacationing in Florida, decided to move there permanently. Hope to see you at the 60th.

CHARLES O. WILLITS '25 (261), 265 MEDFORD LANE, MEDFORD, NJ 08055

Thanks for the directory. I am doing fine at 81. My hip, which was broken is now healed and I walk with no limp. Still drive my car to the shopping malls. Do the spraying in our resident, Green House. Pres. of the Medford Camera Club. Serve as a volunteer for patients from infirmary to where they need to go. Since retiring 12 years ago, I have received in 1977 an Honorary Life Membership in the Inter. Maple Syrup Institute. In 1978 was elected to and inducted into the Maple Industry Hall of Fame and last month received a plaque honoring my service to the Maple Industry. These awards, which supplement many I received while still working, are a real thrill since they make me realize that I am still remembered.

C. GLENN TEETER '25 (247), 329 BOYLSTON AVENUE, DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32018

Could the H.H. Tozier of Daytona Beach be the same in the frat house when I was there? I was 42 years Teachers, Principal and Dept. Head in Ont. College (36) in Toronto. I held specialist certificates from the Ontario Dept. of Education. I am now 85 years old and received my 60th year pin this year from Grand Lodge of Canada in Province of Ontario. I belong to Toronto Lodge of Perfection, Rose Croix and Moore Consistoriat, Hamilton, Ontario. I belong to Bahia Shrine Temple in Orlando and have been Treasurer of Ormond Shrine Club and Daytona Club. I am Past Pres. Seabreeze Shuffleboard Club here. Lost my first wife Alice in 1978 with whom I celebrated our Golden Anniversary in 1975. I remarried a lovely Michigander 4 years ago. My only child, Ken, is Principal of a Peel Co. secondary school near Toronto. I have 1 grandsons, Bill a D.V.M. and Bob with an insurance company.

J. PAUL BLANCHARD '28 (292), BOX 294, INDIAN LAKE, NY 12842

I have been going to do this for a long time, mainly in hopes of hearing from, or news of, Brothers of my vintage. I am now one of those "stuffy old timers" ready, willing and able to zero in on the present generation as to proper behavior, being a pain-in-the-neck to my granddaughters of which there are three only, one just married, and one grandson, age 21 (eldest grandchild) and only child of my oldest son who is dead (a fellow Cornellian). My tribe doesn't seem prolific. I have remained a Mason and a member of Hobasco Lodge 716 FCRM, which holds forth at the Masonic Temple in Ithaca but have not been able to attend—only once in a great while. Since Peter Olafson also belongs and resides in Ithaca (?) I have news of him over the years. He is a fine gentleman and was a terrific person in Vet Medicine—but tough. I guess when Acacia was forced to drop the affiliation with Masons I lost interest, particularly since at age 21 the members could have joined even though not a requirement. However, you cannot urge a member to join. He has to wish to do so. My wife—also a Cornellian—'30 (Home Ed.). My riches have been in family—three sons and a daughter. I do like to get the "Traveler" and wish "Old Timers" would drop a line or two.

LT. COL. DAVID E. MACQUIGG '37 (353), Route 1, Box 153-A, LEXINGTON, AL 35648

Married Barbara H. Seymour '37 in 1941.

DR. CHARLES M. CLARK '37 (335), 4000 MASSACHUSETTS AVE. NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20016

Your Alumni Newsletter and 1982 Directory finally got to me and I began to remember those years spent at Cornell (1933-1941), as a matter of fact and three degrees and the part that Acacia played in making my undergraduate years so memorable. It was during my Sophomore Year that the Chapter moved into the Highland Road house. If you have the loving care of Pearl Murray, we had the same devotion from Mrs. Sutton, who presided over the kitchen with two large cats named Tom and Jerry.

After teaching English at the American University in Washington for close to forty years and acting as chairman of the Dept. for 11 years, I retired in the Spring of 1980. I've had a great time, traveling to England, Egypt and China twice, and eager to go while I can. I'm not through reading literature either for I've become active in a new Institute for Learning in Retirement and find that I have fun.

ROBERT T. SNOWDON '39 (364), WOODLAND PARK APT. 39, 1948 W. WATER STREET, ELMIRA, NY 14903

1982 was a very busy and memorable year for us for many reasons, but the highlight was a trip covering 8 cities and areas of China. The many sights, experiences and hordes of curious people will remain with us forever. As one member of our tour group remarked "I hate to go back to Corning—here I feel like a celebrity." It was a real educational experience to be in a totally Communist country. We never had concern or felt uncomfortable. It was interesting to note that during "tea" sessions with top level people, some direct and touchy questions put to them through an interpreter guide, might just be ignored and not answered.

CLARENCE F. BENT DVM '39 (334), 329 EMBASSY MH PARK, 2096 US 1950, CLEARWATER, FL 33546—SUMMER ADDRESS, RFD 3, BOX 143C, PLYMOUTH, NH 03264

I see Kenneth Bartlett weekly at Plymouth Guarantee Savings Bank where he has long been President. Ken and I had "study room" together one year at "318." Ken is Lt. Col. USA, retired as I am. Ken is an inactive Rotarian (I'm a 41 year perfect attendance nut) and also a Paul Harris Fellow. Ruth and I have been to Kerrville, Texas in our second motorhome "Lindy." Must get together with Perry Slocum at Winter Haven. Had son and wife for Christmas. Peter's wife Joan works at Anh, Busch so we had free tickets to Busch Gardens and also went to Epcot. Don't miss that! Enough's too much. "Benny"

M. TRUMAN FOSSUM '40 (393), 815 15th STREET, NW, SUITE 1109, WASHINGTON, DC 20005

PRESS RELEASE: M. TRUMAN FOSSUM COLLECTION WILL GO TO WASHINGTON, DC—DONATED BY M. TRUMAN FOSSUM, THE BIBLIOGRAPHIC AND OVER 2,500 ITEMS AND RELATED MATERIALS PERTAINING TO ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE ECONOMICS, WERE TRANSFERRED APRIL 1, 1982 FROM THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY BOTTINEAU BRANCH TO THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY AT WASHINGTON, DC.

This is my modest contribution toward the desired future advancement and welfare of the ornamental horticultural crop pursuits of US and Canadian agriculture.

ROBERT C. BRADLEY '40 (365), 18680 AUGUSTA DRIVE, MONUMENT, CO 80132

Retired from NY after living there 30 years. Started 2nd career as Realtor in 1970. Moved 45 mi. South of Denver to Woodmore (2,300 acre planned community 18 mi. North of Colorado Springs in 1972 and founded Bradley & Co. Realty. Married to lovely lady 40 years and have 2 sons and 1 daughter and 5 grandchildren. Looking forward to African Safari in August. What happened to Bob Petrie, Merle Robie and Sandy Chen—class of '40?

F. MACCLELLAND '44 (416), 538 LENAPE CIRCLE, LANGHORNE, PA 19047

Found the Alumni Directory interesting.

SANFORD B. HATCH '50 (456), 209 LAKE STREET, CHITTENANGO, NY 13037

I had contact with E. Hibbard '50 is a Prof. in the Biology Dept. at Penn State. He has not married and has a nice home in State College and I'm sure would be happy to see any of his brothers. His hobbies are his green house and raising tropical birds.

SWIGHT S. MILLER '51 (472), SCHULTZVILLE ROAD, CLINTON CORNERS, NY 12514

I heard from Sue and Jamie Kerr. They have moved from near Chicago to Houston, Texas. My wife and I traveled to Oklahoma to see our grandson and came back by way of Nashville, Tenn. and took in the Worlds Fair. I'm glad the 150th football team did so well this Fall.

JOHN MALLERY '52 (545), DELHI, NY,

During the past 25 years Jackie (Leather) and I have been living in Delhi, NY where I have been a Professor of Engineering Science at Delhi College. My current emphasis is in computer science. Our 5 children will be keeping us busy this Spring with 3 graduations and one marriage. Cindy, 27 will be getting a Masters in Nutrition from Cornell and planning a June wedding in Ithaca. Sue, 25 is in England where she is finishing her B.A. with Friends World College. Judy, 24 will be graduating from Univ. of Vermont. Our youngest daughter, Peg, 20 is on leave of absence from Ithaca College to pursue her objective of a seat on the U.S.A. Womens eight crew at the 1984 Olympics. Our son Tim, 17 is still at home; Jackie and I have been spending our summers working with youth camps and conducting bicycle tours. During the past 5 years we have carried out 3 group bicycle tours of Europe. My favorite country is Ireland where people are friendly and I can play my fiddle in the Pubs. I am going to make a point of stopping in at the house since I am in Ithaca quite often.

RODNEY R. MUNSEY '54 (539), 6512 BROOKLYN BRIDGE ROAD, LAUREL, MD 20707

Best regards.

ARTHUR N. FREDERICK '56 (570), RD2, BOX 404, YALATIE, NY 12184

Paul James has moved to New Haven. He left B. F. Goodrich after 26 years of searching for their blimp and is with Armstrong Rubber now. My new (since 1981) career is proving to be rewarding in both ways—I may go into the mid-life career change consultation—business . . .

DAVID L. HARVEY '57 (578), 711 PEARL, KEMMEER, WY 83101

After dairy farming, a career with the J.C. Penny Company and being a coal miner, I decided to run for public office and was elected to the office of Lincoln County Treasurer last November, defeating a 20 year employee and treasurer.

JOHN R. AHLFELD '63 (649), 2634 ROYAL ROAD, LANCASTER, PA 17603

We had a pleasant surprise recently when Ed Francis called and he and his family (Karen, Eddy and Raquel) flew down from Cape Cod in their plane for a visit. We've also had recent visits with Bob and Nancy Pfahl and family in New Jersey and John and Una Lutz and family in Oneonta, New York.

RICHARD K. MCMURTRY '67 (701), 2707 WALKER STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94705

Ed Grovark's address is 8201 Old Dominion, McLean, VA 22101. Whatever happened to Sam Roberts?

MAJ. LADIS W. AMATULLE '68 (714), 7213 WILLOW OAK PLACE, SPRINGFIELD, VA 22153

Have been doing a lot of traveling in my current job with the Air Force. Spent two weeks in Alaska this past August and really enjoyed that beautiful state. See and talk to my Little Brother, John Toole (Class of '70) quite often. Although I'm often "on the road," I enjoy spending time in Washington with my wife Evelyn and my two daughters Lisa (5) and Alison (7).

AITON LEE KNIGHT '71 (757), 30 ROMAIN STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94114

Following 2 years in Urban Planning with the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, I have taken an assignment as Consultant for the Assembly Transportation Committee in Sacramento. Am keeping my pied a terre in S.F. for city "fixes," otherwise looking forward to more skiing and biking and other outdoor activities in the Sierras. My best wishes to all—especially the class of '71 and most especially to Dave Trost up in Willsboro, NY—Hi Dave. P.S. Lots of love to Pearl; God Bless You.

CARLOS A. UBARRI '75 (805), 7 LORRAINE TER 2, BRIGHTON, MA 02135

Assisted at the wedding of Alan Grant and Linda, which was lots of fun and would enjoy having the whole bunch of Acacians together again.

MATTHEW L. BROWN '77 (822), 478 WARLEY STREET, NETC MELVILLE, NEWPORT, RI 02840

My next assignment will be as Weapons Officer in USS VOGEL (FF-1047) homeported in Mayport, FL. Will be headed south after graduation from Department Head School in May.

JOHN C. BRUECKMAN, III, '78 (844), 443 BURNING TREE ROAD, CHERRY HILL, NJ 18034

Congratulations to the present actives who have done a fine job with excellent programs such as "Foster Brothers." This program even received National Press in newspapers and magazines! Am living in Cherry Hill (near Phil.) and would welcome any Brothers to stay at our home while visiting the area. Patty Albert and I were married April 17, 1982. Highlights of wedding (other than bride and groom) included a trip east by Bill Otic, a visit back to civilization by Scott Kenny (Great White North), a fall from the sky by George Waskosky (presently in Iceland) and a journey west by Patty and Jim Kehe.

WILLIAM B. HAIRSTON III '80 (873), 2540 ABERDEEN ROAD, BIRMINGHAM, AL 35223

I will be finishing up my legal education in May and have accepted employment with a small law firm in Birmingham. As ya'll know, Joe Schussler (872) '80 is getting married in March—Congratulations Joe. Conclave was a great experience in New Orleans. I am sorry that more of you could not attend. We had a great time. Good Luck in Rush and in the coming semester.