

# THE Traveller

THE ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

VOL. LXXII

ITHACA, N.Y. — FALL 1983

NO. 1

PUBLISHED BY THE CORNELL CHAPTER OF ACACIA FRATERNITY

## VENERABLE DEAN'S REPORT

I am pleased to report that the Cornell chapter of Acacia fraternity returned this fall with no loss of membership due to academic, financial or other reasons. This year we have twenty-three brothers living in, and three boarders. We are still lacking a bit in numbers but certainly not in spirit.

The house has met with some difficulties regarding finances this academic year. We have accumulated a large debt owed to the house in arrears primarily from brothers of the last two graduating classes. As a result of this we have fallen behind on our rent payments to the Alumni Corporation. This has hurt both the corporation and the active chapter severely since it comes at a time of year when large bills such as food service deposits, taxes, and insurance premiums are due. Arrears to the house have grown to nearly nine thousand dollars and arrears to the corporation totals some six thousand dollars. Both chapter and corporation have only limited reserve funds for such emergencies, so this is a very serious threat to the future of this fraternity. We have taken some emergency measures regarding this situation, those together with money being paid back to us from alumni arrears we project will just be barely enough to get us through this crisis.

You are probably wondering how it all came to be. This is a problem that has few precedents in this fraternity, and one that really only began to surface last year, though at that time not as critical as it is now. What we have is a dated system of bill collecting. This is a time period where the cost of attending Cornell has placed severe strains on many financially, as a result the words "responsibility to the house" unfortunately do not hold the power they once did with regard to this matter. Our current penalties for lack of or late payment have become too small or weak to be truly effective. The human seed that is always present in a fraternity has been taken ad-

vantage of, with us having been too easy-going for our own good. We are now, together with the corporation, working on new ways and methods to keep this problem from getting worse, and place us back on the road to recovery.

The communication between the corporation and the active chapter has also been damaged over the years. It has gotten to the point where neither organization is totally aware of or in contact with the other, and as a result some major disagreements and disputes have arisen between the two. Unfortunately it has taken a crisis such as this to correct such a loss of contact. We are now working together as a team to overcome this dilemma and have pledged to do the same to prevent future ones. It is my personal pledge to try to repair these lost channels of communication to the point that they were at one time. We are also extremely lucky to have a chapter advisor such as Prof. Bangs to help us and guide us through these difficult times.

I call out to all of you—who as alumni might have some ideas or suggestions that might aid us. We need your support very much this year, for we have in addition to these problems I have outlined, a long and highly important rush season ahead of us. Remember it is not only monetary support, but also moral support as well, that is crucial to the success of this chapter. You are one of the keys that can open that door of success. Of all the years to participate, or become involved again, this is the one to do it. Put your hesitations aside and come back home for homecoming this year. It will help us, it will surely help you to see your old friends, and it will aid in ensuring that the good times had by you here will be available to some lucky young men in the future.

Fraternally,  
Lawrence P. McSorley (911)

## ODDS AND ENDS

### \$\$\$\$\$

The totals for alumni contributions are in for the year ending July 1983. The report from SMC states that a total of \$3,023 was contributed this past year in dues by 153 people. That comes out to about \$19.75 per person who contributed. That's great for those who contributed but at last count there were more than 153 alumni . . .

### THE GEM OF ACACIA

The Pearl Murray retirement fund is doing well. As of July we had collected \$2,654 from 54 people. That comes out to about \$50 per person who contributed. *AMAZING*. Pearl will be absolutely ecstatic when she sees that you all still remember and care for her. By the way, she doesn't know about it yet so don't say a thing. We are currently taking suggestions as to how exactly it should be administered. We currently have it under the corporation's account. Pearl says hello and wishes that some of you would come to visit.

### PARTY PARTY PARTY

A visit and a party is just what is called for if you intend to take up my suggestion that you visit. *HOMECOMING* is November 5th. Yale is our victim for the football game (what a pity). There will be a dinner, party and lots of talk and renewing of old friendships going on so you had better be there and join in on the fun.

### 80 YEARS YOUNG

Professor Ernest Bangs, our chapter advisor, just celebrated his 80th birthday in September. The brothers gave him a surprise round of Happy Birthday that would have made anyone cry (OUCH!) and a beautiful birthday cake. He is more active than ever in the chapter and has been an immense help to us all over the past years. *THANKS!* He also would like it if some of you all would come down to visit.

### SCHOLARSHIP

Doing school work? Us? Well apparently so. Our house came was a 3.0 last year. We also had one of our brothers win a scholarship from the ACACIA Educational Foundation. Bill Wong received his scholarship for outstanding academics and service to Acacia. The Thompson Memorial Scholarship which had more or less gone unused for several years was awarded last year for the first time with the recipients not feeling an equivalent bite taken out of their financial aide package. Thanks to the workings of all we were able to distribute \$7,000 to those brothers who showed financial need, scholarship and service to Acacia. Winners were Alan Pasquino for \$2,250, John Armstrong \$2,250, Bill Wong \$1,000, Chip

Alliaume \$500 and Larry McSorley \$1,000. The scholarships are being awarded again this year but we have no idea if the same deal can be worked out with the financial aide office.

### WEDDING FEVER STRIKES ACACIA

Does it seem that an awful lot of people are getting married these days or is it just that we are all getting to that age when it seems like everyone should get married? Just this summer I was personally invited to Christopher Deane and Barbi Warner, Andrew Mercer and Pamela Gros and John Friedlander and Lisa Davidson marriages. By the way, these were all Little Sister and Brother marriages. I know for a fact that a number of other alumni also got married because Pearl filled me in. Perhaps the highlight of the weddings this summer was when someone painted "HELP ME" on the bottom of Chris Deane's shoes. When he kneeled down at the altar it caused quite a stir. Oh well, good luck to all the newlyweds and may they find truly happy lives together.

### PHONE BILLS

A number of graduated alumni had numerous calls to places in New York, New Jersey, Maryland and other places. If you live in any of these places chances are you have an unclaimed phone call on the May bill (we received it in June after you left) and if you drop us a line we can let you know how much it was for. Thanks. I knew you'd cooperate. By the way, we changed our phone system by getting rid of the telephones with all the hold buttons and are realizing a \$100 per month savings. We plan on installing phone lines in all of the rooms in the future so the house can get out of the expensive phone service.

David J. Nevarez (912)  
Alumni Chairman



### WHAT SUCKS?

I don't know, but I do know what doesn't. Our vacuum cleaner for one. I know some of our more recent alumni were inquiring as to what we needed so they could give a senior class gift. Well just a hint . . . Our old ones are relics of the dark ages and have been fixed numerous times with very little success. Given our current financial bind we have been unable to replace them ourselves.

**ALUMNI SPEAK OUT****(a.k.a. Letters to the Editor)**

(Editor's Note: This is an excerpt from a longer letter by brother Tim Thom. It is in response to the President's message in the last Traveller. We had a lot of verbal response to that column ranging from total disagreement to total agreement. Brother Thom spent the time to put his feelings on paper and we would like to encourage others to do so too. I think that by doing this we will help to improve communication between our alumni and the active chapter and be able to address your concerns about a variety of topics concerning the fraternity.)

Past Venerable Dean Ken Weiss (933) seems to feel that National and Cornell alums place undue pressure and have too much concern for the size of the active chapter. All of his points are very valid. Increased size does indeed help National, as well as the active chapters revenue dollars. Increased size does not, however, guarantee a better, stronger chapter, nor should alumni exert undue pressure against the wishes of the active chapter. Please note, however, that I said active chapter. Merely residing in the active chapter does not connote active. For the past two years the chapter has had problems with apathy that is not just a matter of uncalled for pressure by National and alumni. While I applaud the efforts of Ken and several others, there are some who have not contributed five minutes of their time and feel they have the right to claim the honor of being called Brother.

Increased size means more than increased funds. It means increased manpower. The quality of the active experience is up to the chapter. As a small chapter, Cornell has only the time to do what is absolutely necessary and then schoolwork. Ask any past or present Social Chairman. I believe that the active chapter should grow and grow, however, I do not say that without realizing that the actives will have to work, not only at school but also at being brothers. This entails choosing goals and meeting these goals as a group. These goals can be as simple as maintaining chapter property to the complex goal of the addition of a large but cohesive pledge class.

Like Ken I believe this house has strong potential for the future. Acacia at Cornell is a survivor, but I urge the actives to reach their potential as a house, not merely as individuals and in doing so break the status quo. That the fraternity system at Cornell has essentially saturated is a lame excuse for not getting a bigger part of that saturation.

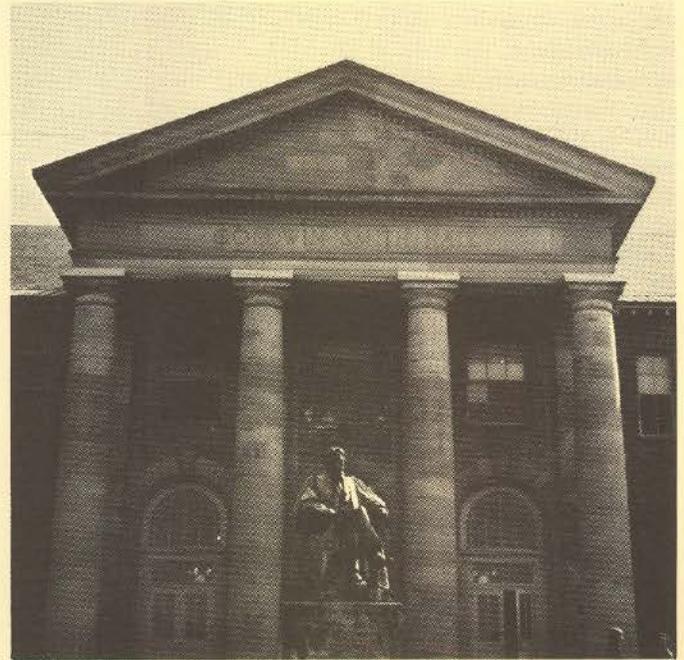
I ask the actives to individually examine why they joined a fraternity and further, why they joined Acacia. Then, I challenge them to come together as a group to examine why they exist as a fraternity and whether or not they are proud enough to bring their identity as Acacians to the Cornell campus and to encourage others to join them.

I also know that the actives wonder why the alumni do not contribute more both in time and money. Towards what would the actives want us to invest in? Ken laments the actives' complaint about alumni who place demands on the actives and at the same time laments about alumni responsibility to the active chapter. Brother actives, if the alumni have responsibilities, surely they have the right to request that you meet standards? I agree that these standards must be ones that

the actives want. So, what am I saying? Set the standards as a group and move together to meet them. Only as a complete group will meeting your standards be enjoyable. Otherwise, it is work for an abused few.

At this time I would like to extend my best to the actives and offer my time and efforts toward their goals.

Fraternally,  
Tim Thom (903)



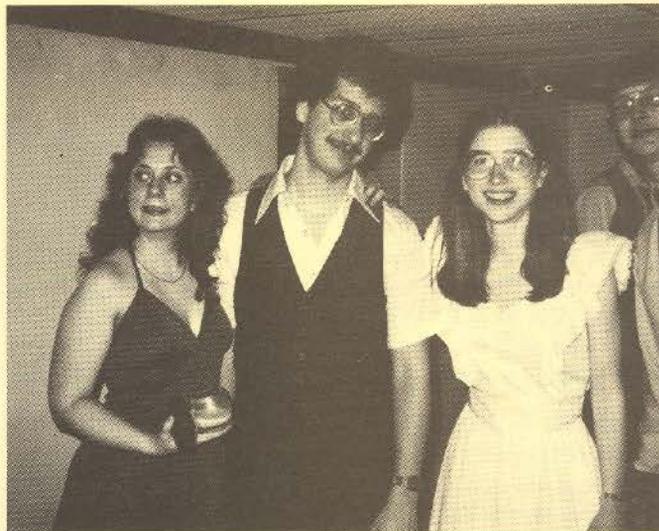
"HOMECOMING—REVIEW OLD ACQUAINTANCES"

You can contact us by writing to  
Acacia  
c/o SMC-Alumni Services  
Willard Straight Hall  
Cornell University  
Ithaca, New York 14853

### A NOTE FROM THE HOUSE MANAGER

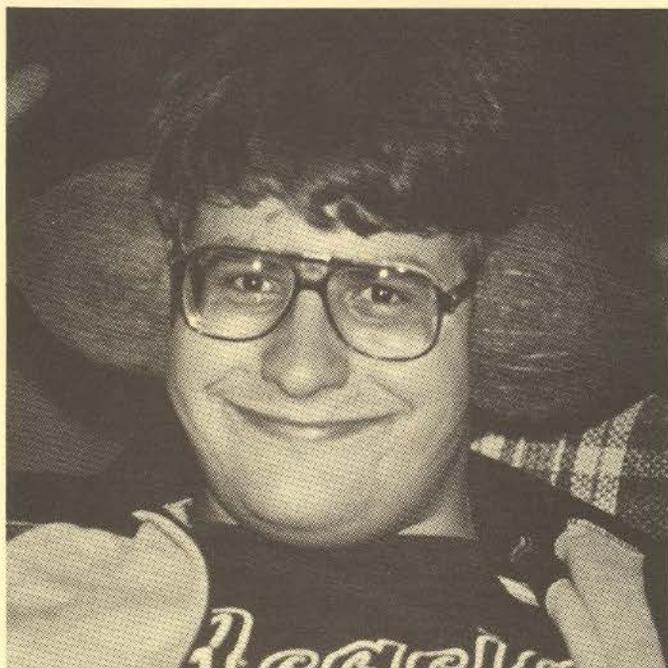
I'm pleased to report on the many improvements the house has received during the past few months. During the weekend of July 16-17, a number of brothers and their parents participated in a social event that involved fixing up the house. Some of the major projects that were accomplished include painting of simulated beams and installation of new curtains in the dining room by the McSorleys and refinishing of the bar by brothers Dave Mazaika and Alan Pasquino. The bar now has a new wood surface, covered by lacquer, and saloon-style doors. Our thanks go out to all of the brothers and parents who helped with the house improvements or donated money for the projects. During the fall clean-up, the main part of the rec room floor was retiled with a large, black-tiled 3-4-5 right triangle in the middle of the floor and gray tiles in the surrounding areas. A skylight was added to the inner sanctum (the northernmost room on the 2nd floor) to give it badly needed light and ventilation. Looking towards the future, we will be purchasing a range hood fire-suppression system for the kitchen, as they will soon be required by state law. We will also be trying to improve the energy efficiency of the house. I believe that those of you who come to visit the house will be greatly impressed with the improvements we have made.

Mark Schaten (923)

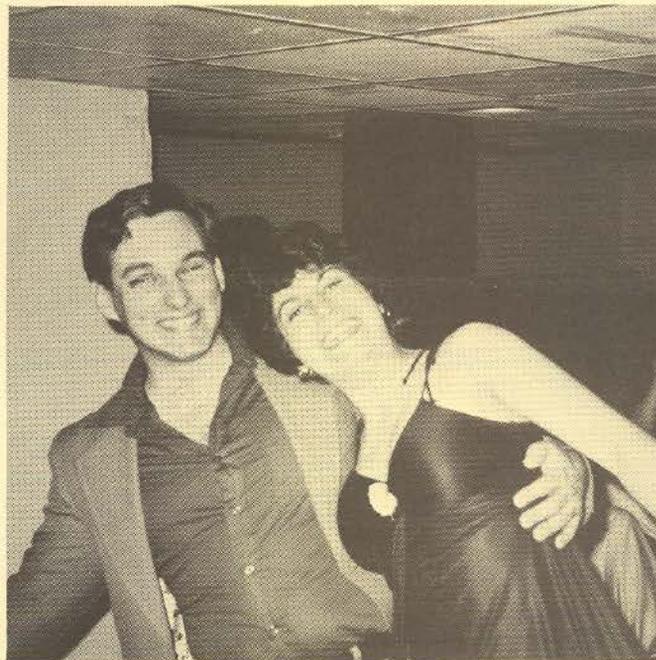


"OH, HE TAKES CARE OF HIMSELF . . ."

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



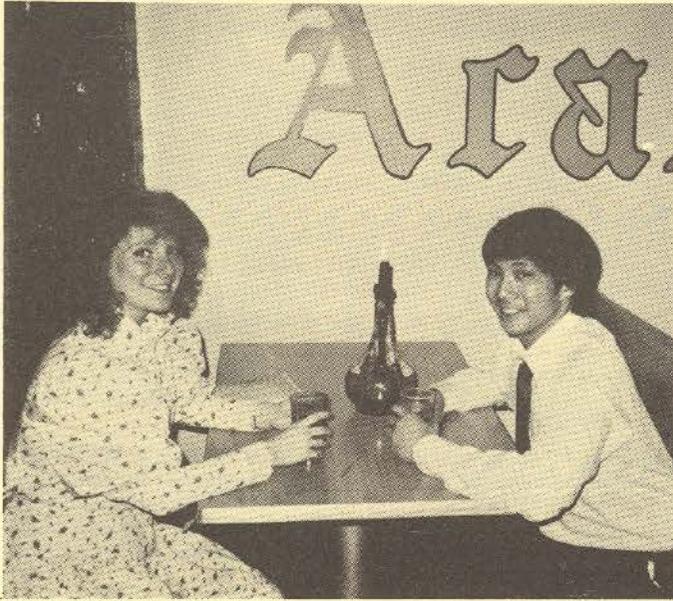
"OUR VENERABLE DEAN"



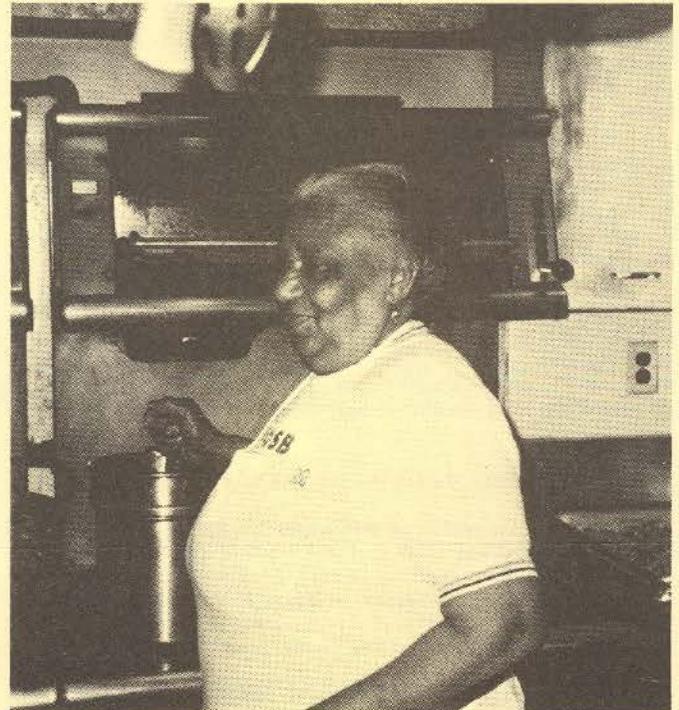
"SMILES EVERYONE"

**HAVE YOU WRITTEN OR CALLED A BROTHER TODAY?**

**IT'S THE NEXT BEST THING TO BEING THERE.**



"THE BOOTH IN THE BACK, IN THE CORNER, IN THE DARK"



"PEARL—THE GEM OF ACACIA"

#### FROM THE RUSH CHAIRMAN'S DESK

Hello folks! Even at this early date, with our first smoker a week away and moratorium still in effect, we have the names of 46 possible rushees. This list has been compiled from many different sources. We have the names of some of the Freshmen who will be attending Cornell from our actives' high-schools, names of Freshmen from last year who didn't join us but are still interested, pre-Freshmen who were our guests this April, O.C. and Academic advisees, and even people we've met in some of our classes. One of our alumnae, F. C. Burton, has even gotten involved by sending in a personal recommendation (it's not too late for others to do this, by the way!). Bill Wong (D.L.S.) has compiled a similar list for the Little Sisters program.

Rush is being run a little differently this year. I have formed the Brothers into three teams, each with a team leader. I am hoping to create a greater level of involvement in rush by promoting a little competition between the groups in getting various jobs done. I am awarding points to teams which finish first, etc., and offering a case of champagne to the winners at the end of the semester. If anyone has any ideas about how to sweeten the pot a little, please feel free to send along some 'incentives' from your place of business (there are seven brothers on each team).

All will go well if we continue the level of enthusiasm and involvement I've seen so far this semester. I hope to be able to report a very successful rush in the Spring Traveller—I am setting my sights on 20 pledges!

Brian Strochlein

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

---

**AFRAID YOU'LL BE ALONE? DON'T BE!  
CALL UP YOUR CLASSMATES AND COME TOGETHER!  
DON'T HAVE THEIR NUMBERS? —CALL US!  
(607) 257-7055**

---

#### THE MAILBAG

**DEWEY STEWART, GRAD, 1736 WEBSTER ST. NE WASHINGTON, DC 20017**

As I approach my 85th birthday, I am free of aches and pains and remain active. I appreciated the recent roll you supplied of former members. The recent issue of the Traveller was well done.

**JOSEPH C. BAKER '30 (301) 417 NW 2ND ST., STEWARTVILLE, MN 55976**

The chapter directory was worth the dues. We all appreciate a good job.

**DR. HENRY T. SKINNER '36 (318) 929 TOXAWAY DRIVE, HENDERSONVILLE, NC 28739**

My wife and I still manage to creep around reasonably well in spite of advanced age. In spring last year we chased the flowering of wild azaleas up the sides of some seven of Japan's higher mountains from Kyushu north. We are currently rustivating amidst our lovely Carolina mountains and their ever fascinating summer wild life. Occasionally dull and prosaic as a passing bear or bobcat but more often by far in goldfinch and tanager colors and with Florida license plates.

**LT. COL. DAVID E. MACQUIG MD '37 (352) ROUTE 1, BOX 153-A, LEXINGTON, AL 35648**

Heard from Al Forbes (348) at the time of my brother's death in Dallas. Sure agreed with the remarks of the house president. I believe that Masons as a group have let time and tide weather their organization badly.

**KENNETH J. SORACE '40 (386) 2021 LYNOWAY ROAD, LYNDEHURST, OH 44121**

At this time in life instead of retiring, I bought myself a computer and I'm learning to run it. It's a far cry from the one Dr. Malti at the E.E. school built in the late 30's.

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

No recent contacts with brothers. Am a partner in the law firm of Richstein, Shapiro and Moren specializing in laws and regulations of the Food and Drug Administration relating to drugs and other medical products.

**JAMES M. SYMONS '54 (534) 6315 SANFORD ROAD, HOUSTON, TX 77096**

Daughter Julie Ann graduated from Cazenovia College in May '83. Will continue her studies at Utica College. Daughter Linda graduated from the college of William and Mary in May '83. She will do graduate work in cytogenesis at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Houston. I am getting settled at the University of Houston. I was made Director of the Environmental Engineering program this spring.

**JOHN MALE '58 (600) 12 HEMLOCK DRIVE, LUNENBURG, MA 01462**

Purchased Gould Industrial Supply of Leominster, MA on July 1. Now working to integrate it with the Service Electric Supply of Fitchburg, MA which I have owned since 1973.

**STUART S. HANTMAN MD '71 (736) 942 NW 110th AVE., CORAL SPRINGS, FLA 33065**

The Hantman family moved to Coral Springs in April 1983. I shall be attending Radiology at The Florida Medical Center Hospital in Fort Lauderdale. Marc Hantman was born January 18, 1983.

**LARS LUNDEED '72 (772) 13434 SW 102 LANE, MIAMI, FL**

My wife Charlene and I had our first child, a boy, on November 23, 1982. We have named him Evan.

**MICHAEL J. CIARALDI '73 (778) 22 BURT STREET, ROCHESTER, NY 14609**

Saw Dave Osborn (784), Bill Stewart (841) and Chip Bruckman (844) at reunion in June. Where was everyone else?

**STANLEY R. NIMAN '73 (782) 3340 NE ACADEMY, PORTLAND, OR 97220**

I was married to Ms. Linda Groh on July 10, 1982. Linda is a Civil Engineer working for Pacific Power and Light Co. Spent our honeymoon in Hawaii. We plan to visit the eastern U.S. and spend some time at Cornell.

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

I recently changed jobs. After three years with Morse Chain, I now am a Senior Systems Analyst for the Cbord Group, a computer software house. Rick Birkland (798) visits often to hunt deer and turkeys and helped to get a year's supply of firewood. Dave Thompson (735) is now working and living in Indiana. Am currently President of Acacia Corporation Board of Directors.

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

I've been with Equitable Life for a few months so can continue to be in New York City, where I wanted to be. My wife and I have met a few area brothers and hope to hear from more of you.

**DAVID R. FISHELL '75 (800) 62 STRATFORD RD., TINTON FALLS, NJ 07724**

Both Sarah and I are enjoying our life by the Jersey Shore. We were both promoted to supervisory positions at Bell Labs in the last six months and are enjoying the challenges of management. Even though they are splitting up the Bell System we are still keeping it together.

**ROBERT T. MONTGOMERY '76 (811) 905-50 GLEN ROAD, HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA L834N3**

My work with the Campus Crusade for Christ continues to be challenging and rewarding. This summer I will be heading out to British Columbia again to administrate our summer Institute of Biblical Studies.

**FREDERICK E. RUSHFORD, MD '76 (817) 7713 CAMBRIDGE, HOUSTON, TX 77054**

I have completed my residency in internal medicine. For the next twelve months I will be an instructor in internal medicine and community medicine here in Houston. Thereafter I will begin specialty training in internal medicine in the area of Rheumatology at Baylor.

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

I'm in the middle of exams at NYU but would be interested in talking to whomever has been talking about an "Educational Fund."

**ROBERT A. YOUNG '77 (838) 25 FAIRMONT, LOWELL, MA 01852**

I have a stonemasonry business in the Boston area (New England Stonemasonry) and plan to get an Engineering job this fall. Does anyone know where Kirk Bellman is?

**COSMO LEO (885) 139 PINE STREET, AUBURNDALE, MA 02166**

I am now working for Digital Equipment Corporation in Boston. I saw Bill Bethke (851) in L.A. He was doing well. He is still fixing juke boxes. I also saw Phil Schuler (886) the last time I was in Rochester. I gave Jeff Hadrick (865) a ring during a layover in Chicago. Jeff is now working for Roper Outdoor products.

**JAMES W. KEHE '79 (874) 57 BALANCE ROAD 8, SEYMORE, CT 06483**

Jefferey James Kehe was born on December 22, 1982. Jim is working hard at Sikorsky. Patty is on leave of absence since mid-December. We may be moving again, so stay tuned for another address change.

**JOSEPH M. SCHUSSLER '80 (872) 43 WEST O'REILLEY ST., KINGSTON, NY 12401**

I've relocated in Kingston with my fiance Wendy. We will be married March 26. Hope to make it up to Ithaca soon. Bill Hairiston has agreed to be my best man. I hope my new location will allow me to visit more often.

**JEFFRY C. CHUNG '81 (876) 1261 PENSACOLA ST., 2504, HONOLULU, HI 96882**

I'm no longer a student at U.W.; I now work for Wilson Okamoto and Associates, an architectural and engineering and planning firm. I tried to find a job in Seattle but had no luck. It is always beautiful, warm and sunny here. If anyone is planning to go to Hawaii, let me know ahead of time.

**ANDREW H. MERCER '82 (890)**

Finishing up my first year at the Burmudiana. Have changed positions six times. I'm getting married Aug. 13 to Pamela Gros (LS), then transfer to somewhere in the U.S. with Trusthouse Forte. Attended Chris Deane/Barbi Warner wedding May 28. Saw Tim Thom (887), Joseph Schussler (872), Jim Skiff (879) and lots of actives. Ethan Cosgriff (889) is in Liberia.

**LT. FRANK D. PRICE JR. '82 (875) 5864 PRINCE EDWARD WAY, HUBER HEIGHTS, OH 45424**

I've been in Dayton nine months now. My job with the Air Force is keeping me busy and I really am using my chemical engineering degree. Ethan Cosgriff (889) stopped by on his way to Liberia. I'll be married on Aug. 13 to Paula Dunnigan, a graduate in social work from Wright State University.

**TIM K. THOM '82 (887) 20 CONFUCIOUS PLAZA 153, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10002**

This is going to be a busy summer for Acacia with the summer weekend in July and with John Friedlander's (877) wedding to Lisa Davidson (LS) on August 6, Andrew Mercer's wedding (890) to Pamela Gros (LS) on August 13 (Ken and Julie, that leaves August 25 open). Congrats to my little brother, Jeff Cain (900) and Linda had a baby boy Jonathan born Feb. 28, 1983. Jim Skiff (879) is educating the likes of the uneducatable at Stonybrook while doing graduate work in neurobiology.

**HAVE YOU UPDATED YOUR INFORMATION?**