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Chapter House is Shaping Up Well

by Tom Bruechert
House Manager

Seems like before anyone knew it, summer was over, and it was time for the new brotherhood of Cornell Acacia to converge on our Highland Road house.

Although classes didn't start until August 31, all of the brothers and pledges of Acacia arrived over a week early, ready to scrub, paint and polish to get the house in shape.

Brothers were on hand to steam clean our carpets, sanitize the kitchen, polish the woodwork, clean up the dormer, and shape up the yard. Typically, we worked from early in the morning until late at night.

The active chapter is deeply indebted to alums Jim Showacre '50 and Sam Morrie '81, for their work on the house this fall. Jim and Sam unselfishly volunteered to repair wing ceilings and to retile and refurbish house bathrooms.

Several projects still remain. The wing bathroom is still under construction, and we're planning to paint the commons area soon. One oven door in the kitchen still needs to be repaired and the replacement of the basement drop ceiling needs to be finished.

We all got our hands dirty - but we all became closer as fraternity brothers.

A Message From the Venerable Dean

by Chris Nolan
Venerable Dean

The school year has begun and the reorganized brothers of Cornell Acacia have moved into the Chapter House. Motivation among our group is extremely high, and the year ahead of us looks quite promising.

We all returned back to Ithaca a week prior to the start of classes to clean up the house and plan the semester ahead of us. With the help of two very dedicated alumni, Sam Morrie and Jim Showacre, the house is shaping into one of the finest on campus.

The greatest improvement to the house is that it is filled with fifteen brothers and two live-in pledges dedicated to promoting Acacia on campus. The bonds of friendship and brotherhood among our group are extremely strong. The Cornell chapter, with its ambitious group and foundation of tradition, is something to be proud of - and will be key to the Chapter's success.

There are still many challenges our group faces, the biggest being rush. Much planning has gone into this year's rush, which will be the true test of our new group. I feel that with such a strongly dedicated brotherhood, rush is bound to be a success. However, this does not mean we can do it alone. Your support as alumni is fundamental to Acacia's return to the top at Cornell.

We look forward to hearing from you, and seeing many alums at this year's homecoming.

Traveller Trivia

1. Can you name the three previous locations of chapter houses of Cornell Acacia before the present Highland Road address?
2. Which sorority had previously lived in our current Chapter House?
3. What was the "dream house"?
4. Which Cornell academic building was designed by the same architects as our

house?

5. When was the new wing constructed?
6. Which U.S. President visited the Cornell chapter and when?
7. How many alumni are coming back for this year's homecoming?

A Message from the President

The 1987-88 Cornell academic year is underway, and things are looking up for Acacia. The alumni have been quite generous with dues, building fund and other donations. My special thanks to Stewart Burger, Bill Utic and Larry McSorley for donating and raising the funds to have George White as Graduate Resident Advisor last year. George played a key role in Cornell Acacia's recent reorganization.

Our Spring 1987 *Traveller* generated 44 responses. Combined with the Fall 1986 responses, we heard from over 100 of our 500 alumni. Whenever you respond, we attempt to acknowledge your efforts with a sentence or two in our alumni news section.

Please continue to write, even if you can't help out financially. Hopefully, this issue of the *Traveller* will reach even more of you, since with the newly published Cornell Alumni Directory we will have some previously missing addresses.

If you are in Ithaca the second Tuesday of any month Cornell is in session, please join us at a corporation board meeting. They're at 7:00 p.m. in the house Chapter Library. We need at least one new board member this year. Please contact me if you are interested and willing to serve on the board.

Thanks for your continued support.

- Steven L. Stein '73

Positive Financial Outlook for 1987-88

This report is compiled four months into the fiscal year. In the last issue of *The Traveller*, I reported that I felt confident that the Corporation was nearly back on normal footing. In this issue, I am pleased to report that Acacia Fraternity, Inc. is in a moderately positive financial position. Our savings have risen from \$4377 on May 1, 1986, to a total of just over ten thousand dollars as of May 1987, the end of the past fiscal year.

We have begun this year in a solid position. In just four months, alumni contributions have totaled \$2,520 (dues and building fund), already equal to the total from all of last year. This demonstration of faith in the success of the house encourages all our brothers, both active and alumni to work even harder to succeed. In addition, thanks to the strong effort to rebuild the house, we will begin to see an increase in rental income as the new brothers meet their financial

obligations.

Ten thousand dollars may seem like a lot of money. We can not forget, however, that the effort to re-establish Acacia as a fraternity able to sustain itself is a costly endeavor. In fact, the budget for the first five months of this financial period is over ten thousand dollars. Capital improvements along with repair and maintenance costs alone will swallow a large chunk of our savings. A large amount of time and money has gone into re-tiling the bathrooms in the house and repairing the bathroom cabinets. The wing bathroom is being entirely renovated. There are new tiles on the floor and the wall, and the shower ceiling is being replaced. A new screen door has just been installed next to the kitchen. In addition, the corporation has made the important commitment to install new smoke alarms throughout the house in keeping with current fire and safety laws.

This year is a very important year for the fraternity. The active brothers are working enthusiastically to build up membership. Thanks to your overwhelming support success is close at hand.

- Jim Showacre '50

Chapter Eternal

These men have lived among us for a time and we have been privileged to call them Brother. Now they have gone to their eternal rest. We bid them a fond farewell at this parting.

Harold G. Wolfe '20 (155),
February 1, 1987
William O. Sellers '30 (285)

Alumni News

John B. Cheney '23 (239) [57 E. Main St., Canton, NY 13617] writes that he and his wife have been travelling very little. Still attends all Rotary functions and is active in the Masonic Lodge and church activities. He has given up golf after his scores became as high as the National debt. Wishes Cornell Acacia many years of prosperity.

J. Paul Blanchard '29 (292) [Box 726, Indian Lake, NY 12842] notes that you can't fight age - just keep going and enjoy. He has been married for

53 years. [Thanks for your letter with Alumni Info]

M. Truman Fossum '40 (393) [The Berkshire Apt. 3073W, 4201 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20016] still devotes some time and energy to consulting matters with the archives at the National Agricultural Library.

John P. Woodford '47 (435) [4364 Greenwood, Okemos, MI 48864] has seven children, one a graduate of Cornell, two grads of University of Michigan, and four

graduates of Michigan State. He also has three grandchildren. [John requested the address of George L. Fuller '44, which appeared in the Spring 1987 Traveller. Here it is again: 444 E. Park Drive, Spartanburg, SC 29302 - Ed.]

William D. Stalder '50 (466) [2 Crescent Street, Canton, NY 13617] hopes to get down to Acacia this fall. He is Chairman of the Board of two banks, and is a partner in Witherbee & Whalen Concrete Manufacturing. [Hope to see you at homecoming

this year! - Ed.]

Dwight S. Miller '51 (472) [Schultzville Road, RR Box 71, Clinton Corners, NY 12514] is glad to read that Cornell Acacia is back on its feet. He's about to take up fishing again after quitting 51 years ago.

Richard G. Elmendorf '50 (478) [208 South Magnolia Drive, Glenshaw, PA 15116] writes that he is a self-employed slave of Elmendorf, Inc. He has three grandchildren. Richard suggests that

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Honor Roll

Frank O. Agel '26
Ladis W. Amatulli '68
Robert E. Baker '53
Robert J. Bergren '50
Eric S. Birkland '72
J. Paul Blanchard '29
Raymond J. Bracaliello '67
Stewart L. Burger '70
William C. Burnett '53
Thomas H. Burrows '56
Howard H. Campbell '25
Martin S. Cardinali '84
Selleck J. Carpenter '50
David L. Champlin '55
John B. Cheney DVM '24
Rogers P. Churchill '24
Kendall Clark Jr. '64
John M. Clarkson grad
A. Marcus Connelly '34
Carl L. Cook
Ethan H. Cosgriff '82
Christopher P. Deane '83
Burt D. Dutcher '41
James J. Erickson '72
David R. Fischell '75
Carey W. Fletcher '58
Robert D. Flickinger '47
M. Truman Fossum '40
Owen L. French '38
George L. Fuller '44
David A. Gorelick '68
Thomas F. Greenfield '85
Richard K. Han '81

Stuart S. Hantman MD '71
Arthur J. Hart '61
Henry L. Hood '43
David J. Hower '51
Francis M. Hugo '58
Cleveland M. Jones '74
James W. Kehe '79
Johannes E. Klinkmueller
Lafayette W. Knapp Jr. '51
Alton L. Knight '71
Jerry W. Kreider '68
Wayne E. Kuhn grad
Robert H. Lightfoote '69
John A. Maciag Jr. '75
Malcolm D. McIlroy '54
Mark F. Maltensfort '77
Allen M. Male '62
John Male '58
John S. Mallery Jr. '52
Robert P. Matusiak '71
Laurence P. McSorley '85
Robert C. Merritt '75
Dwight S. Miller '51
Samuel C. Morrie '81
Rodney R. Munsey '54
Stanley R. Niman '73
Jonathan A. Olick '84
Donald W. Payne '55
William Pendarvis Jr. '47
Chester L. Pohl '51
Steven H. Prince '67
Alan J. Pue '73
August W. Rittershausen '21

Ronald S. Roth '70
Ernest F. Schaufler '48
Bruce G. Schneider '78
Neil F. Sharp '55
Preston W. Shimer '61
James C. Showacre '50
Perry D. Slocum '35
Jerome F. Smith '39
Robert H. Snider '48
Leland Spencer MD '18
Stuart A. Sperrn '83
Robert B. Squires '52
William D. Stalder '50
Steven L. Stein '73
Robert E. Strong '50
James M. Symons '53
Ivan G. Szanto grad
Jay C. Thomas '22
Frederick W. Tierney Jr. '71
John C. Toole '70
William A. Utic '77
Lewis R. Van Ostrand '55
Warren E. Walker '63
Barbara Warner Deane '83
Charles O. Willits '25
Christopher T. Wong '81
William M. Wong '84
Albert S. Woodford '45
John P. Woodford '47
Robert A. Young '77
Howard S. Zwiefel III '69

Thank you

... And More Alumni News

returning to a non-alcoholic house might attract a high-caliber group of young men. [You're invited to return to the Chapter house to see that we have and are attracting a high-caliber group of Cornellians. - Ed.]

William C. Burnett '53 (490) [11 South Helderberg Parkway, Slingerlands, NY 12159] recently retired after 29 years with the New York State Department of Transportation. He'll be travelling more soon, and might call on some of his Acacia brothers. He has written to and heard from **Joe Wilford**, and has learned that it is definitely not true that Joe fell in the Delaware River and disappeared.

Robert E. Baker '53 (537) [3305 Langley Hill Lane, Colleyville, TX 76034] was surprised to read of the Chapter reorganization. [Please visit us and judge for yourself... - Ed.]

John S. Mallery Jr. '52 (545) [3 Woolerton Street, Delhi, NY 13753] is pleased to hear that Cornell Acacia is coming back to life. [Thanks - Ed.]

Dr. Neil F. Sharp '55 (560) [4 Highfield Drive, Dix Hills, NY 11746] has two sons attending the University of Pennsylvania. William and Douglas are both majoring in biochemistry. Neil has started a financial planning service, primarily managing stock portfolios.

Dr. Allan F. Burns '58 (616) [RD#2, Box 457, Parkesburg, PA 19365] is President of the Board of Trustees of the Cootesville Area Public Library. He and his wife are active in United

Methodist Church and Lay Witness Mission, and recently spent two weeks in New Zealand. They are also grandparents.

Warren E. Walker '63 (881) [5627 South Chariton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90056] has been with the Rand Corporation for ten years doing policy analysis studies for local, state and national governments. He is also on the faculty of the Rand Graduate school. Warren has three children, and was recently divorced after 17 years of marriage.

Albert I. Berger '69 (726) has recently been appointed Assistant Professor of History at the University of North Dakota.

Howard S. Zwiefel III '69 (734) [79 Maplewood Avenue, Bogota, NJ 07603] is an Associate Civil Engineer with Goodkind & O'Dea, Inc. of Rutherford, NJ.

Stewart L. Burger '70 (738) [623 Crystal Street, Ames, IA 50010] recently returned to Ithaca for a conference. He met with **Steven L. Stein '73** and **Amanda Pearl Murray**. Stew is the Director of Food Service at Iowa State.

Stuart S. Hantman MD '71 (756) [382 NW 112 Avenue, Coral Springs, FL 33071] and his wife, Carol Lee, keep themselves busy raising their two Florida "natives," 8-year old math wiz Missy, and 4-year old G.I. Joe Commander Marc.

Eric S. Birkland '72 (766) [Route 5, Box 154, Gouverneur, NY 13642] spent Labor Day weekend visiting with **Steven L. Stein '73**, his wife, Mary, and their three children. Rick is Amanda Stein's godfather. Steven reports

Rick once again outfished him on Cayuga Lake.

Cleveland M. Jones '74 (790) [15 West 72nd Street Apt. 17U, New York, NY 10023] and his wife, Janet, report they have been experiencing the joys of parenthood with their son, Luis Elliot Nery Jones (born September, 1986).

David R. Fischell '75 (800) [71 Riverlawn Drive, Fair Haven NJ 07701] and his wife, Sarah, are expecting their first child in November, so they don't expect to be able to attend homecoming. [Sorry to hear you can't make it, David. - Ed.]

Bruce G. Schneider '78 (842) [4 Sunlit Drive, Norwalk, CT 06851] is still with Citibank in New York. He is now a Vice President.

Robert "Scott" Kenny (845) sends his new address [7208-86th Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T6B 0K5, Canada].

Norman Lalancette Jr. '79 (854) [1121-C Point of View Drive, Wooster, OH 44691] was married June 21, 1986. Norman tells us he is a post-doctorate in the Department of Plant Pathology, with Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center in Wooster.

James W. Kehe '79 (874) [149 Highland St, Hudson, NH 03051] and his wife, Pat, have two busy children, Jeffrey, 4, and Lauren, 2, as well as two busy lifestyles. Jim works at General Electric and is daddy at night, while Patty works for Indian Head Bank. James says they see each other on weekends.

Ethan H. Cosgriff '79 (889) sends his new address [1009 Greenlean,

Evanston, IL 60202]. He is a graduate student at Northwestern University.

Christopher P. Deane '83 (908) and **Barbara Warner Deane '83 (L012)** [64 South Alton Street, Manchester, CT 06040] write that they recently had the second annual "East Coast Renunion." In attendance were **Chip Allhume, Ken and Julie Weiss, Lane and Lys Abrams, Brian Stroehlein, Laura Mikalchus, Jim Skiff** and **Scott Cardinali**. They all went skiing at Mount Tom in Massachusetts and had a great time.

Jonathan A. Olick '84 (920) [941 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10028] has graduated from Emory Law School and is an associate at Mudge Rose in NYC, practicing corporate securities and tax law. Jonathan tells us that **Mark Schaten** continues his quest for the eternal "bean bag." **Ethan "Gecko" Cosgriff** is alive and well in Evanston, Illinois, working towards his PhD. in political science.

Miriam H. Akabas '82 (L005) [121 West 85th Street, New York, NY 10024] is planning to return to Ithaca for reunions and stop by to see the house. [Maybe we'll see you at homecoming this year? - Ed.]

M. Douglas McIlroy '54 (519) [185 Jockey Hollow Road, Bernardsville, NJ 07924] writes he is "glad to hear of the chapter's return from the brink." Douglas writes that after serving 20 years as a research department head at AT&T Bell Labs, he became full-time computer scientist.

HOME COMING 1987

Please return this form by Tuesday, September 29 to:

Andrew Stroehlein, Steward
Acacia Fraternity
318 Highland Road
Ithaca, New York phone (607) 257-7055

Homecoming is the weekend of October 10, 1987. Cornell Big Red will play Harvard.

Name _____

Address _____

Number in your party _____

Pick up _____ tickets for me for the game.

We'll see you there.

FALL RUSH

Do you know of a student at Cornell this year who might be interested in rushing Acacia? Please let us know!

Name of student _____

Year _____

Your Name _____

Address _____

Return this form to:

*Bart Price, Rush Chairman
Acacia Fraternity*

Meet Two New Pledges

Brian K. Cohen '88 is in the College of Arts & Science. He is a double major, studying English and neurobiology. Brian is an active writer and a prolific poet, and is currently working on his third novel. His other interests include art (he is the new wing's artist in residence), gymnastics, and Karate.

David J. Shen '89 is a third year student in the college of Agriculture and Life Science. His major is biology, with a concentration in neurobiology and behavior. Dave's future plans include med school. He enjoys sports, especially tennis, and has a great passion for world travel.

*Did you remember to complete and return
the Homecoming and Rush Forms?*

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