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FRIENDSHIP, ONE WITH ANOTHER;
TO PREPARE OURSELVES AS
EDUCATED MEN TO TAKE A
MORE ACTIVE PART AND TO HAVE
A GREATER INFLUENCE IN THE
AFFAIRS OF THE COMMUNITY IN
WHICH WE MAY RESIDE; AND,
ABOVE ALL, TO SEEK THE TRUTH,
AND KNOWING IT, TO GIVE
LIGHT TO THOSE WITH WHOM
WE MAY BE ASSOCIATED AS WE
TRAVEL ALONG LIFE'S PATHWAY."

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NYS Legislature as my Assemblyman. Although I knew he was a Cornellian, I didn't know until the Traveler that he was an Acacia Brother".

Dr. David Alan Gorelick '68 (0717) [2705 Moores Valley Dr., Baltimore, MD 21209] is the Chief of the Treatment Branch of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, Addiction Research Center. He now has 7 children, the oldest (Daniel) passed up acceptance to Cornell and started at the Univ. of Pennsylvania. Has been in touch with Jerry Kreider '68 (0720).

Dr. Paul B. Goldberg '71 (0755) [47 Bay Pointe Dr., Ormond Beach, FL 32174] has been elected to fellowship in the American College of Physicians (F.A.C.P). Paul and wife, Mary Alice, have a 6 month old daughter, Laura Alicia, born 12/4/92 that has added tremendous joy to their family. Daughters Deborah (16) and Susan (13, and recently Bat Mitzvah'd) are doing well.

Stuart S. Hantman MD '71 (0756) [382 NW 112 Ave., Coral Springs, FL 33071] writes that wife, Carol Lee '73 was elected PTO President at Riverside Elementary. Daughter Melissa (14) spent 3 weeks at Duke last summer studying Shakespeare. Son, Marc (10) spent 3 weeks at Island Lake Sports Camp in the Poconos.

Donald J. Herring Jr. '76 (0815) [72 Manchester Rd., Apt. D-21, Eastchester, NY 10709] recently saw former roomie Eden Slegre '73 (0788) on Peoples Court on NBC TV

Ethan H. Cosgriff '82 (0889) [1628 Ridge Ave., Evanston, IL 60201] married Julie Keenan 9/3/89. They have 2 sons, Bryan Keenan (3/20/91) and John Alexander (1/10/93).

Charles W. Huffine III '86 (0931) [563 Bram Hall Dr., Rochester, NY 14626] vacationed in Colorado last summer. Charles asked the whereabouts of Dave Nevarez '84 (0912) [219009 Valley Plaza Sta. #237, Nashville, TN 37221].

Steven R. Horowitz '92 (0966) [753 Caroline Ave., Elmont, NY 11003] writes that he saw Jim Waxmonsky '92 (0964), Jon Jacoby '92 (0967), John Carpenter '91-1/2 (0959) and Bill Canmuso '92 (0965) at Spring Fest and at the White Rose Formal in May. The formal was great, and he hopes more alumni come back next time.

Jonathan Jacoby '92 (0967) [75-51 194 St., Fresh Meadows, NY 11366-1837] writes that things are great. He is working hard as a mechanical engineer with Winfred M. Berg, Inc. Congratulates John Carpenter '91 (0959) on his engagement to Margaret Alexander.

A Letter From the Editor:

The Gifts of Fall

Eric Wong '96 (0998)

A gush of wind sweeps red and golden leaves from their branches and rustles them on the ground. The wind chills, and the grey clouds with their darker siblings just above the horizon prevent the blue sky from shining. Students scurry to their classes, bundled in sweaters, scarfs, and jackets, when suddenly, from the clouds comes a drop, followed by a couple, and then many. As soon as they fall on the heads of the expecting, brilliantly colored umbrellas pop open instantly like flowers in the spring. The students pick up their pace to shelter themselves. It's cozy and warm inside; friends gather together and share good times together.

For Acacia, fall has not only brought an escape from the bitter head of the summer, but also five new pledges, each with a hearty desire to contribute to the house and expand our brotherhood. And as with the weather, each of them comes new experiences to be cherished and new tales to be told: laughter, smiles, excitement, and Bitch Book minuses.

Lastly, fall brings us a new edition of the Traveler, our semesterly newsletter rich with the experiences and feelings of our brothers. This semester, our brothers discuss topics ranging from the condition of our campus to the universal theme of problems with girlfriends. Enjoy this edition. Place it elegantly next to the assorted issues of National Geographic and Scientific American or throw it on the shelf next to the toilent, and in your spare time, share our tales with us.



A Few Words From the Corporation Board President

Steven L. Stein '73 (0787)

As the 1993-94 Academic Year begins, I'm happy to again report that the Chapter House looks great, and the current group of young men who are the Active Chapter are exceptional. They are proud of Acacia (both the structural and spiritual), and it shows.

The Corporation is in the process of selecting the contractor to replace the roof this Fall. Unfortunately, this requires a huge sum of money (about \$22,500), and we are hoping those of you who can, please dig a little deeper in your pockets and help us out. When you send your donation, just indicate what portion you'd like to

earmark for the roof fund. Thanks!

During the last academic year, 80 Acacia Alumni generously contributed to Acacia's financial well-being for. A sincere Thank-You to those who did, and a PLEASE and Thank-You to those of you who will contribute in 1993-94.

While you're at it, please write us a note so we know what's happening in your life. We'll be sure to print it in the next Traveler, and your college friends will be glad to read about you.

Hope to see many of you at Homecoming!

To Whom It May Concern: Thank you very much!

On the weekend of October 23, a forty-six inch color television was donated to Cornell Acacia by an alumnus, who wishes to remain anonymous. The gift has already seen extensive use by all of the brothers. The prior television set, which was donated by Brother Banfield's (985) parents, had broken beyond repair. This brand new projection set that the house now has should last a long time. All of the brothers here at Northcote would like to extend their deepest thanks to the alumnus, both for his very generous gift, and continued support for Cornell Acacia.

Frederic C. Burton '42 (0380) [6218 19th St., Zephyrhills, FL 33540-8706] retired from ITT-Flygt in 1986 and moved to Florida the following year. His son, Fred II is CE graduate ('65) and granddaughter Betsy is class of '95. Fred has 20 grandchildren.

Robert S. Smith '42 (0391) [60 Wedgewood Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850-1092] retired from Cornell in 1978, retired as Chairman of Tompkins County Trust Company in 1992, and retired as Trustee, Mutual of New York in 1993.

Robert D. Flickinger '47 (0434) [801 Le Brun Road, Amherst, NY 14226] thinks retirement is great. Spends winters in Florida and the rest of the year in Western NY. Has 6 grandchildren, which keep him and Louise young. They both enjoy golf and play 3-4 times a week. Occasionally see Jack Carpenter '50 (0459) and Don Cushing '44 (0418).

William B. Gibson '48 (0437) [20 Grandview Ct., Danville, CA 94506] is enjoying retirement, and is doing some consulting to keep the old brain working. Has travelled to France and Italy, took barge trip up Saone River in France driving boat themselves, and took a cruise through the Panama Canal. Oldest grandson graduated from High School last June, which prevented he and Barbara from attending 45th Reunion. They have 4 grandchildren who are lots of fun.

Dwight S. Miller '51 (0472) [Schultzville Rd., RR 2, Box 207, Clinton Corners, NY 12514] saved a lot of gas this past summer by not having to mow the lawn much because it was so dry. Planning to fly to AZ this fall.

James M. Symons '54 (0534) [6315 Sanford Rd., Houston, TX 77096-5730] wrote a book "Plain Talk About Drinking Water" that was published 2/92 and has sold 25,000 copies so far.

Carey W. Fletcher '58 (0596) [c/o L. Pietris, 61 Tanglewylde Rd., Lake Peekskill, NY 10537-1038] and wife, Phyllis, spend 5 months (Dec-May) in Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii. Ralph Lamar III '58 (0599) has retired as minister of Methodist Church in Middletown, NY, and lives with wife, Pat, in Port Jarvis, NY. Carey is hoping to see Roger Soloway '57 (0589) in Galveston, TX this fall. The Fletchers were planning an Alaskan cruise this past summer, and are moving to their condominium in Honolulu in December.

Dr. John E. Lutz '64 (0676) [5335 Raymond Rd., Wyoming, NY 14591-9412] is Superintendent of Alexander Central School district, which was rated #2 of 103 in Western NY by Buffalo's "Business First". John writes that "the Spring '93 Traveler reported that R. Stephen Hawley '43 (0403) retired on 12/31/92. What you didn't report was that Steve retired from the

The Mail Bag

Compiled By Steve L. Stein '73 (0787)

John B. Cheney DVM '24 (0239) [United Helpers Adult Home, RR 4, Box 3A, Ogdensburg, NY 13669] thoroughly enjoys living at United Helpers. Sandy Cheney '40 (0381) and Martha call often. John thinks that Arif Haq '94 (0983) is the son of the Canton Rotary Club president. John was a member for nearly 40 years.

G. Sutter, daughter of the late Byron T. Smith '24 (0241) writes that her father was born 12/30/99 in Hindsville, Arkansas. He was a veteran of WWI and a charter member of the American Legion. Byron received BS from U. of Arkansas and an MA from Cornell. In 1966, he retired as an economist from the Soil Conservation -USDA. He had a life-long love for the Acacia Fraternity and Cornell campus. John passed away 2/9/93.

Albert T. Bolles (0265) [19 Williams Terrace, Bellows Falls, VT 05101] is a retired lawyer and former Probate Judge, and was on many public boards, etc. He is past Master F&AM, and received 65 year pin from DGM in 1992. He has 3 children, 10 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. John inquired about John Huttar '23 (0268) who passed away 3/6/88.

John M. Clarkson 'GR (0309) [Presbyterian Home C-213, Clinton, SC 29325] writes that his second wife, Margaret, passed away 3/6/93. His third grandson, J. Clarkson Williams, was married on 7/3/93. He has 5 great grandchildren, ages 4 years to 7 months. Occasionally sees Ann Skinner, widow of Henry T. Skinner '36 (0318).

Perry D. Slocum '35 (0342) [summer: 191 Leatherman Gap Road, Franklin, NC 28734; winter: 950 Ave. S, S.E., Winter Haven, FL 33880] is still enjoying retirement life. Spending summers in the mountains of NC and the winters in sunny central Florida. Helping stepson build up 13 acres of one of the largest commercial water gardens in the world, with specialty in water lilies and lotuses. Largest customer is in Holland. Perry visited his brother, Beryl Slocum '36 (0343) in August at his home in Marathon, NY.

Robert T. Snowdon '39 (0364) [33 Gladstone House, 775 John Ringling Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34236] enjoyed a special birthday celebration by cruising to 3 continents last December. Started cruise in Nice, then on to Barcelona and Seville, Casablanca, and the Canary Islands, Senegal, Brazil, and eventually Buenos Aires. Bob recently learned that their ship, Ocean Princess, hit an obstruction off Brazil and sunk (fortunately there were no lives lost).

Venerable Dean's Report:

At the Crossroads

Jason Wang '96 (0997)

Once again, the fall semester has started with enthusiasm, good intentions, and the desire to accomplish great things. With the energy and new ideas of first year brothers, and the experience and leadership of the elders, our first two months have already seen great successes. From the very beginning, what is usually the unavoidable and unpleasant house cleanup turned into a good show of teamwork and discipline. Next, our semesterly Magic Bus Party, this year dubbed the "Back to School Bus Party," ended up bringing in about 500 people. This, among other factors, led to the success of our Fall Rush, which has resulted in a Fall Pledge class of five. (see other articles for details)

Our next large endeavors are

Homecoming and our 1000th brother party. Both of these ventures can be great successes, but it will take continuing time, hard work, and cooperation from not only the actives, but also the alumni. I see the results of these next two events as signs of things to come. They signify a crossroads. If the actives work hard and pull off a good homecoming, we should have more alumni support and participation. Also, if we can work for a successful 1000th brother party, it bodes well for a quality spring pledge class. On the other hand, this grand opportunity may pass us by if the will to work and progress is not there. Thus, I ask that everyone realize that we are indeed at a crossroads and that everyone's active participation and contribution is important.

Social Report:

Have We Got Fun For You

Christopher Hill '95 (0995)

The social program is off and running. We started off in a big way with "The Magic Bus Back To School (or Hell depending on who you ask). No one counted, but the older brothers said they have never seen the house as full as it was.

At first we almost did not have a party, however. I naively, although not necessarily innocently, placed an illegal ad in The Sun. Fortunately, Brother Cvijanovich saved the party (and my hide) with some quick thinking and quick talking.

We had another scare when 9:00 rolled around and there was no bus. I spent 45 minutes at the vacant bus station using a police officer's cellular phone while he had headquarters looking up people who could help me. After all that confusion, it turned out the bus driver had simply started the route without stopping at the house first. He was even encouraging people to hop on and head to the party!

Fun In The Sun was also a big success. We handed out free Kool-Aid in funky, plastic Acacia cups. Toward the end of the day, the area around our booth turned into a big Kool-Aid fight, giving us ideas for next year. The weather was cloudy and cold (surprise) so we had quite a few cups left. If anyone would like a couple, write to me at the house, and I'll send them to you.

We started the AKAK season last week with a home run contest. This was won by our esteemed (and lucky) president. I'm working on events for the next few weeks.

The semester has gone well so far, but the best is yet to come. After some serious phone tag, I was finally able to satisfy our desperate brothers in the "My Ex-Girlfriend is an ____ Club." We have a mixer scheduled for October 7th with GDP from Ithaca College and one with NSC on October 22. These guys definitely need it.

thusiasm and bigger size of our house (1,000+ Cornell Acacians Baby!)

This year, clearly the biggest catastrophe to his the nation was the flood of 1993. It destroyed homes, livelihoods, businesses, towns and cities, and lives. We recognize that the people of this area need our support. We are currently working on creating some sort of charity Volleyball or Tennis Tournament for the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund for

the people of the flood. This event will most likely occur near the end of the fall or early spring semester and we hope to raise at least \$4,000 for these people who truly deserve it.

That is about all of the plans we have for new. Like I said before, I'm new in town, so if anybody reading this has a good idea they would like to share:

PLEASE CALL ME: (607)253-2524

A New Roof for Northcote

Joshua McCoy '95 (0989)

Making the transition from the tranquil, balmy warmth of summer to the frigid Arctic of autumn/winter can sometimes be difficult. For many Acacians it may involve merely adding a pair of boots, gloves and a jacket to the daily wardrobe and trading in the jams for blue jeans. However, our beloved and cherished Northcote must face the elements of every season with the same exterior.

The years haven't been kind to Northcote. As the fraternity approaches 1000 brothers, the house similarly approaches 90 years of Ithaca. With the inevitable passing of time, the structure repairs to the

house are quickly becoming more and more necessary. The primary repair that we would like to make to Northcote is the replacement of the roof this fall. Arrangements with a contractor have been made and, with weather and time permitting, the roof of Northcote will be replaced sometime this fall.

The cost of replacing the roof will be approximately \$22,000, most of which will have to be financed through a local bank. Any contributions to help defray the cost of the new roof should be sent to Acacia Fraternity Inc. at the chapter house at 318 Highland Rd. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated by all Acacians.

Cornell Acacia Philanthropy

"Locally & Nationally"

"BZUR" '94 (0991)

If you have never heard my name before, don't worry; I'm new. I pledged the fall of 1992 — one of the first things I did after transferring into Cornell. I took this position with new enthusiasm. I don't really know how philanthropy worked in the past, but I have developed a plan for Cornell Acacia to help both locally and nationally in it's philanthropy efforts this year.

Locally, we have teamed up with CIVITAS, and on-campus organization which matches needy organizations with students who are willing to help. Through their help, we have been able to contact a few different organizations who need our help. What I was looking for was an activity in which every brother could participate in, one in which wouldn't be just a "one time event," and most of all, on in which really needs our help. We have selected to work with EOC Youth Programs. One of their activities is to have high school age youths come to school on weekends and do their homework with some supervision. It is sort of a study hall of sorts

where a brother can help out where possible and provide them with support. A pair of brothers each week will be sent to spend their entire Saturday in helping the youths of the Ithaca area throughout the entire school year. The biggest problem that we have with this is keeping Brother Cianovich away from the under-age girls who he craves so much! Ewwwww... Ahhhhh...

Another program that we are planning is the annual "Help the Animals Week" with Kappa Delta Sorority. This is scheduled to be the second week of April in which brothers and sisters will stand at centrally located spots with a puppy or kitten in one hand and a collection cup in the other. We also plan to sell T-shirts for the event. All proceeds go to the Tompkins County SPCA so that they are able to continue caring and providing homes for lost, sick, or abandoned animals of the area. Last year we raised over \$2,000 in an unfortunately poor week of weather which dampened the event. This year we plan to raise over \$6,000 with the en-

We have a semi-formal scheduled for the beginning of December and I am going to surprise the brothers with a Date Dash sometime soon.

Last and DEFINITELY not least; the thousandth brother party is November 13th. This is going to be BIG. We have invited every chapter and we are putting our energy into making this the best party in house history.

Everyone reading this is invited and we would like to have as many alumni here as we can. After all, without all of you, we would not be at this point. Although it may cut into some other social areas for this semester, we plan to spare no expense. On November 13th, 1993, the Cornell Chapter of Acacia Fraternity will be the place to be. I hope we see you.



HONOR ROLL

(1992 - 1993)

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 JOHN C GAMMEL '77 (0826) PL'74
 WILLIAM B GIBSON '48 (0437) PL'43

tensive period of woman bashing and excessive alcohol consumption, we have amassed quite a large following. We now boast a total membership of ten brothers, who now love nothing more than to get ripped and discuss the benefits of Thighmaster. Ahhh, membership has its privileges.

There are positive aspects to this situation, believe it or else. Last spring we had several mixers with sororities in the area, but the majority of the brothers had girlfriends and morals. A lethal combination. Needless to say, there wasn't much action. Now, however, most of the brothers are free to be hedonists. Our first mixer is in a couple of days, so we can't tell

you the outcome yet, but it's sure to be brothers 1; ex-girlfriends 0.

We think that we've been spared a lot of grief now that we've been rid of those money-sucking, hair spray-smelling, cigarette-smoking, power-tripping, pudding-eating, terminally-nagging, cheap-perfume wearing, clothes stealing things we called our girlfriends. This is a fraternity; i.e. no women allowed. Those guys sure knew what they were doing back when they started this place. So now we're back to being a fun-loving bunch of beer-guzzling studs. Promiscuous as ever. Membership has its privileges.



"Fraternity Appreciation Week" (a term borrowed from Mike Tu of California-Berkely) from November 7 - 13. This will culminate with the pledges' initiation and the aforementioned 1000th Brother Party on Saturday, November 13. At this time, I would like to extend an invitation to all Acacians, whether Active or Alumni to attend any or all of these events. If you are interested, please contact me at (607) 257-6466; it

would be an honor to have you with us in November.

I realize the coming months are going to be busy for our fraternity, but I also know that the rewards are going to be immeasurable. I hope many of you can accept my invitation to our festivities later in the fall. Personally, I am proud that I will be a part of yet another milestone in Cornell Acacia's distinguished history.

Membership Has its Privileges

Mike Budreski '94 (0978)

Brian Sivillo '96 (0993)

The scene is the start of another academic school year. Things seem like business as usual, but they're not. A once jolly group of sexually satisfied brothers have been united by a common enemy. What, you ask, could it be? Well, that's what we're here to tell you about.

You see, we are the founding fathers of the Cornell Acacia chapter of "My Ex-girlfriend Is An [Expletive] Club" (We leave it to you to fill in the blank). Chronically, we have ex-

girlfriends. It might seem bitter, but we've decided that we're tired of being doormats. Most of the members of our club had relationships that were abruptly halted by tramps that we once loved. In other words, we got DUMPED. Period. The average length of the relationships before termination was two years. A long time to waste when you're in college and should be, to coin a phrase, sewing your wild oats.

So what now? Well, after an ex-

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 PERRY D SLOCUM '35 (0342) PL'34
 ROBERT S SMITH '42 (0391) PL'39
 ROBERT H SNIDER '48 (0455) PL'47
 ROBERT T SNOWDON '39 (0364) PL'37
 ROGER D SOLOWAY '57 (0589) PL'54
 JEFFERY D SPIRO '78 (0859) PL'76
 STEVEN L STEIN '73 (0787) PL'70
 RONALD F TESARIK '59 (0615) PL'56
 WILLIAM A UTIC P.E.; A.I.C.P. '77 (0836) PL'74
 PATRICIA M WARNER KEHE '79 (L001) PL'79
 KENNETH M WEISS '83 (0902) PL'80
 WILLIAM WICKHAM '51 (0450) PL'47
 ALBERT S WOODFORD '45 (0436) PL'42
 JOHN P WOODFORD '47 (0435) PL'42
 ROBERT A YOUNG '77 (0838) PL'74

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Byron T. Smith '24 (0241) - 2/9/93
 Major Benjamin Shaub '23 (0303) - 3/23/93
 John E. McCuen '40 (0395) - 3/19/93

The Pleducator Talks.... (And No One Listens)

Michael I. Cvijanovich '94 (0981)

As you may have already read, Cornell Acacia recently finished a very successful fall rush which yielded five pledges. Recently, we changed the structure of house offices which had large effects on the office of Senior Dean who is now the executive vice president, and in charge of scholarship, homecoming, and parents' weekend. As a result, the new office of Pledge Educator was created. That's where I come in. As Pledge Educator, I am charged with the responsibility of turning these five new "squid boys" into beer-drinking, skirt-chasing, football-playing, hang-over-having, bathroom-stinking, no-clothes-washing men. In other words, Acacians.

With my new office, I have brought a new philosophy -- fun, and lots of it. In the past, I have found that pledging in this house is an uptight process; thus, resulting in uptight brothers. Therefore, I have established new goals for Cornell Acacia's pledge program: first, get the pledges to have fun; second, teach the pledges the essentials of being good brothers;

and third, teach the pledges about the house and its operations. I am convinced that this hierarchy of priorities will result in a stronger, and better-organized fraternity in years to come.

As far as activities go, this semester will be a busy one both for the pledges and for the brothers. When the pledges are not too busy stealing our front door, all of our silverware and toilet paper, and decorations in our bar room, I actually have some activities planned for them. Some of the pledge activities this fall will include a Halloween road trip to either Shippensburg or Canada, converting the dormer back into a liveable area, a pledge retreat, outings to Cortland and Ithaca College, pledge movie nights, and a host of others, including the pledge-run 1000th Brother Party at the conclusion of their ledgeship.

At the culmination of fall pledging, one of the biggest events in the history of Cornell Acacia will occur -- the initiation of our one thousandth brother. We will be running

biology major in the College of Arts and Sciences. After he graduates, he plans to attend medical school in his hometown Atlanta, Georgia. His hobbies include swimming, movies, and backpacking. Marc chose to pledge because he appreciates the character and the principles of the individuals at Northcote.

James (Jim) Quentin Dunlap is a junior in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, majoring in Animal Science. After graduating, Jim plans to attend the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell.

Jim is the son of Robert and Linda Dunlap of Machias, New York. Outside of his academic life, Jim is an active member of the Cornell Block and Bridle Club in the department of Animal Science. Jim enjoys running and bowling, and he spends a good deal of the summer playing golf with his friends.

As pledge class president, he hopes to aid his class in gaining the respect of the active members. In addition to gaining the respect of the brothers, Jim, has the desire to see Acacia grow to its former size and have an influence in the Cornell community.

Keith Hughes is a Cornell student having lived in many places throughout his childhood. He spent his high school years in Longview, Texas. Although undecided, Keith is strongly considering a double major in Economics and Computer Science. For Acacia, Keith hopes to make his pledgship as fun as possible and to hopefully become an active brother in mid-November.

Bill Kelly is in the School of Hotel Administration. This year he is a sophomore and will graduate in 1996. He plans to major in Marketing or Human Resources.

Bill grew up in a suburb just thirty miles outside of Sacramento, California. His home for 14 years is also the historical landmark where the nugget that started the California Gold Rush was first discovered.

Bill is pledging Acacia because he wants to have the opportunity to be a part of the fraternity experience. He enjoys the life of a pledge and looks forward to being an active member of Acacia. He hopes to have brothers that he can rely on, trust, and call friends for the rest of his life.

"I'm Mad as Hell, but What's a Guy to Do?"

David Martin Lewandowski '95 (0984)

Recently, I've been getting the feeling that Cornell is trying to bury me beneath a load of Big Red Tape. It seems that every line I stand in is the wrong one, and any time I'm not in line, it's because I've already missed that deadline. I am constantly assaulted by rules and regulations that seem specifically designed to irritate and annoy. You can hardly even walk down the street anymore.

In fact, you can't walk down the street at all. At least not if you're leaving Baker Labs and want to head back to Northcote. It seems that one half of the main bridge is closed to pedestrians. Oddly enough, though, nothing is wrong with the sidewalk. The cement is capable supporting a pedestrian; you just can't walk on it. Why? Well, because someone at Cornell has erected a sign forbidding it. Due to construction in front of Balch Hall, it could be hazardous to pedestrians to use that side of the bridge.

At first, bold pedestrians like myself, who weren't into wasting our time, ignored the signs. Construction

being so omnipresent at Cornell, I believed I knew how to pass by an excavation site safely. This course of action, a very popular one, served me well, until a few days ago. Going to class that morning, I was confronted by a police officer. The poor man was frantically trying to keep people from using the quickest route to their class, while simultaneously trying to keep others from crossing the street without asking. Understandably, the job was overwhelming.

So, I trudge through each day. I try not to get too upset when the cashier at Trillium tells me that my ID card is lost. It doesn't bother me when the Registrar sends me to the Bursar who sends me to the Dining Office to report my card "not lost," even though I haven't had a meal plan in two years. I'm not surprised that offices are closed on their deadlines, or that the drop period ended last week. I just come home and forget it all in front of the Flintstones.

But that doesn't work either. The cable's out, and Traveler articles are overdue...

Rush Report:

Rush Program Delivers 1000th Initiate

Michael A. Wilhelm '94 (0982)

What do you get when you cross an enthusiastic group of Acacians and a week full of fun? No, not a bunch of drunk Acacians but 5 pledges! That's right! This year's fall pledge class is the largest fall pledge class Cornell Acacia has had since its reorganization in 1987.

In the three years I have been a brother at Cornell, our Chapter has only obtained one pledge through fall rush. Although we have had a fall pledge class larger than one, most of our fall recruitment happens late in the spring semester. Those recruited in the spring are given bids which are held until the fall because there is not enough time to provide pledges with all of the benefits of a strong pledge program. Therefore, changes need to be made!

This summer I worked hard on trying to figure out why we were not competing with other fraternities which were recruiting eight to twelve pledges every fall. Of course the usual ideas came up: too far from campus

and not enough brothers to be at every event at every time. I felt that these were just lame excuses we used when we did not succeed.

After making numerous long distance phone calls to our President, Assistant Rush Chairman (last year's Rush Chairman), and our Social Chairman this summer, I received a large number of ideas on how to effectively operate a fall rush program. In order to gain a competitive advantage on the other fraternities, we needed to act fast.

The first week back was Rush Week. This started with a Magic Bus Party on Saturday followed by a Barbecue on Sunday. At these events our Chapter made many contacts and the cold calls began. Not only did we cold call those who "signed in" at the two events, but we also cold called the 205 transfer students we contacted by mail over the summer. Unfortunately, only transfer students and upper classmen are eligible for fall rush.

After holding many rush events throughout the week and having a whole-hearted effort by the Chapter, we obtained five pledges, one of whom will be Cornell Acacia's 1000th initiate (providing things go right). In the process (I know cold calls are not the greatest thing in the world) it even seemed like the Chapter was having fun. Amazingly, we had our pledge class before other fraternities even started thinking about fall rush and we did gain a competitive advantage.

Most importantly, this takes some pressure off of Formal Rush in the spring. Don't get me wrong, we are not going to be lax, by any means,

in obtaining new members in the spring, we have decreased our graduation deficit of seven to one. I believe that our fall rush achievement proved our Chapter's potential in recruiting new members and that in the spring our rush enthusiasm will bring our active membership to new heights.

There is one more thing I would like to add. Although I am the Rush Chairman and am responsible for the recruitment of new members, I would have not been able to accomplish my goal of five pledges in the fall if it was not for the combined efforts of the Chapter. Thanks Brethren!

Meet The Pledges:

Marcu Cabassi is a sophomore in the College of Engineering at Cornell University. His tentative major is Applied and Engineering Physics, but he plans to continue his education to a Masters in Nuclear Engineering. His future plans include service in the Italian army and eventually employment, possibly in his native country.

His father is an Italian diplomat

and his mother a teacher of Italian Literature. Due to his father's occupation, he has traveled widely and has a working knowledge of a few European languages. His interests include literature and politics, besides soccer. Finally, he wishes to see a united Europe.

Marc Chimonas is a junior and a