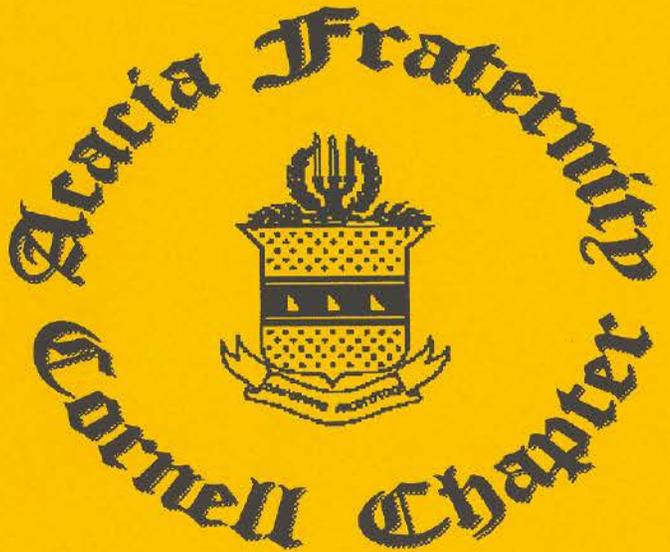


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I am an Acacian. I hold a trust for all good Acacians -- those

who were Acacians before me,

those who are now, and those who will become

Acacians in the future. In the Acacia spirit

I charge myself with responsibilities;

to better my fraternity's record. I am an Acacian

wherever I may happen to be. I gladly contribute

my honest share of effort,

and wish to serve Acacia to the best of my ability.

I will always think of Acacia as one of the best fraternities;

its rich heritage of principles having been fostered

so that I might enjoy a fine fraternal opportunity.

I am an Acacian. I am proud of it.



OPEN INVITATION TO ALUMNI

If you are ever in the Ithaca area, the actives would like to

invite you to stop by the House for a visit.

We would love to meet you.

Remember, Acacia fraternity will always be

your home away from home.



Venerable Dean's Report From Beneath the Gavel

by Paul G. Molnar (#1014)

This is my first report to you as Venerable Dean and there is some not-so-great news and there is some good news.

I'll start off with the not-so-great news. We are certainly feeling the pressure resulting from declining Rush numbers as are so many Fraternities across the nation. We've initiated five brothers this past spring and have two Pledges this fall. That is enough to keep us going, but since we have up to ten Brothers leaving (depending on graduate school decisions) at the end of this year, we are left with ten brothers for next year, plus whomever we get from spring Rush. We need to get on the right track and stop our Composites from getting smaller every year or we won't have very much of a future.

Fortunately, I see a bright picture of our future. What I mentioned in the previous paragraph isn't news to anybody. We are constantly reevaluating our Rush program, seeing what works and doesn't work, and hopefully learning from past mistakes. One major change in our attitude towards rush is that we are trying to stop putting on a show and instead, we're planning activities which allow us to be ourselves and trying to make rushees feel like they are one of us. This newer approach has produced satisfactory rush numbers so far, dating back to last spring. I hope to have more positive news for you this

spring.

In general, the brothers are taking more responsibility for their commitment to Acacia. One benefit of being a small Fraternity is that every brother has the potential of being a great influence on the Chapter. We held a Chapter Retreat on October 5th to set goals for our future. Our next step is to evaluate these goals and then to put them into action. The execution of these goals could be a great accomplishment for this year's Chapter.

Thanks to increased Alumni support and to the tireless work of local Alumni Steve Stein, Samuel Morrie, Andy Nolan, and Jim Showacre, the house is in better shape than it was a year ago. Recent renovations have included a new wing roof, a new End Room porch, a new service door, and reconstruction of the End Room bathroom. We are lucky to have such dedicated Alumni nearby. They have literally kept the house standing. In turn, the Actives have done their share in maintaining the house's appearance. We constantly hear compliments from rushees and other visitors about how clean the house is.

This is just a brief statement of how we're doing. We want to know how you're doing. Write to us, send us e-mail (acaciacu@cornell.edu), or visit our website at <http://www.greekweb.com> and the screen will help you find Acacia.

From the Corp Board President

by *Steven L. Stein '73 (#0787)*

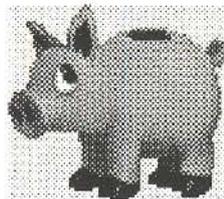
Hard to believe another academic year has begun. We've already held the first two Corporation Board meetings for '96-'97. Overall, the Corporation is in good shape, except that we have little money in reserve, and much required maintenance to complete.

As reported in the Spring '96 Traveler, the flat wing roof was leaking. In August, we had the membrane (about 11 years old) replaced, flashings sealed, and scupper drains enlarged. The End Room porch was rebuilt (from the joints up). A fire exit sign was installed outside the End Room. Non of this was budgeted for. Jim Showacre '50 (0447), Andy Nolan '91 (0969), and I have been "donating" our labor to make these repairs. There are more repairs necessary, including replacing eaves troughs and downspouts, repairing front portico, etc. Same old story - lot's of work to do, little help, no money. Some of these repairs cannot be done without hiring a contractor.

In my "spare time", I've been in contact with Cornell's Fraternity Alumni Affairs Office, and we're sharing data in order to keep in touch with more of our alumni. Hopefully, this Traveler will reach more "lost" brothers with whom we've been out of touch for a while.

A couple of you (William Burnett '53 (0490) and Jerry Kreider '68 (0720)) have recently volunteered to help us raise some much needed capital by contacting your classmates. Anyone else who is willing to do so (how about one of MY pledge class, since only 3 of us have opened our wallets), PLEASE give me a call [607-277-3125], write me [339 Ease Miller Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850], or E-Mail me [sls8@cornell.edu].

Thanks to all 108 of you who contributed last year, and thanks in advance to all of you who will contribute this year. Keep those cards and letters coming! Cornell Acacia desperately needs your financial support! Have a great year.
Fraternally,
Steven L. Stein '73 (0787)



William J. Feth (1021)
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Bath, OH

Daniel J. Flippo (1022)
Mechanical Engineering
Stow, OH

Bruce Lee (1023)
Chemical Engineering
Shanghai, China

Daniel B. Witriol (1024)
Computer Science
Ruston, LA

**"TO STRENGTHEN THE TIES OF 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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M Eng, MBA
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Biology & Society
West Orange, NJ

Marco A. Cabassi '97 (1003)
Applied & Engineering Physics
Rome, Italy

Daniel R. Davidson '97 (1012)
Operations Research
Potomac, MD

Daniel E. Turinsky '97 (1004)
Industrial & Labor Relations
Staten Island, NY

Derek P. Deich '97 (1013)
Agricultural Economics
Cupertino, CA

Jason Q. McKee '97 (1005)
Chemistry
Saratoga Springs, NY

Paul G. Molnar '98 (1014)
Electrical Engineering
Commack, NY

Patara Yongvanich '97 (1006)
Mechanical Engineering
Bangkok, Thailand

**Barclay H. Hershey '98
(1016)**
Physics
Sewickley, PA

Thomas Harp '97 (1007)
Applied & Engineering Physics
Kenmore, NY

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Government
New Canaan, CT

**Matthew S. Hartman '97
(1008)**
Psychology
Hummelstown, PA

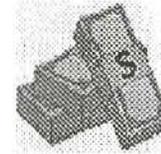
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ABEN
Clifton Springs, NY

Raymond Wang '97 (1009)
Fine Arts
Stamford, CT

Jack W.C. Kuo (1020)
ARME
Bangkok, Thailand

Treasurer's Report

by Dan Turinsky (#1004)



The active chapter is in good financial shape this semester, due mostly to the great work of our previous two treasurers, Todd Peskin and Dan Davidson. I hope to continue the precedents they set by increasing our reserve account and avoiding unnecessary expenses. In the near future, I would also like to place some of the funds we have in reserve in a cd or a mutual fund. Other than that, the bills are getting paid, the price of Coke in the soda machine is still only \$0.50, and it looks like it's going to be a great year.

On a totally different note, where were all of the alumni during Homecoming? Out of approximately 600 of you, only 2 decided to eat dinner with the chapter or go to the tailgate before the game, and only 4 came to the casino night that evening. A couple of other alumni supposedly showed up, but were not seen or heard from during the entire weekend. I know that many of you are ex-

tremely busy and honestly did not have time to make the trip up to Ithaca. I am also aware that donations to Acacia have increased significantly in recent years. However, I would personally rather see 50 alumni show up at the House than get 50 faceless checks from people whom I have never met and never will meet in my entire life. If we were truly a business, I would have a very tough time trying to justify spending over \$1000, not to mention all of the time and energy the active chapter put into Homecoming, for three or four alumni who may or may not pay their annual dues.



I don't mean to seem bitter at all. I just think it would be nice to know whether or not all of those alumni who said that they were prepared to be Acacians for life while they were pledges and active brothers actually meant it, or were just saying what they thought everyone else wanted to hear.

News From Conclave

by Paul G. Molnar (#1014)

This past summer, Todd Peskin and I had the pleasure of representing the Cornell Chapter at Conclave on behalf of the Actives. Bill Utic, a Cornell Alumnus and current Secretary-Treasurer of the Acacia Fraternity Foundation, served as Cornell's Alumni representative. The 49th Biennial Conclave at St. Louis was a most productive and memorable event.

The Leadership Academy, which was part of the Conclave, provided both Actives and Alumni with very valuable skills to bring back to our Chapters. The Featured Speakers included Dr. Will Keim, a nationally known Greek System advocate, and Scott Cleland, currently the International second-vice president. Dr. Keim and Brother Cleland are the two most inspirational speakers I've ever had the opportunity to hear. The other workshops of the Leadership Academy gave us an abundance of organizational skills to help the Brothers lead their Chapters.

The major piece of business to come out of this Conclave was a vote to instruct the International Council to negotiate a National Liability Insurance plan, which 80% of all national fraternities presently have. For a small cost per brother, this plan provides each Chapter as well as the International officers badly needed liability coverage. The Council expects to have found a plan within one year.

On the social side, Conclave also gave us the opportunity to meet Brothers from all the other Chapters of Acacia. It was real eye-opening experience to

see that there is much more to Acacia than what goes on inside the four walls of our Chapter House. Just think of the experience of meeting people from all around the world who have experienced the same Rituals that you have! There were plenty of events which brought us together like the golf tournament, the St. Louis Cardinals game, the Anheuser-Busch Brewery Tour, and the banquets hosted by the International Council and the Acacia Fraternity Foundation.

I must say a few words for Bill Utic. He won this year's George Patterson, Jr. Award, which is given to an outstanding Acacian who has already won the Award of Merit. Bill was truly deserving of this precious honor. He has not only served the Acacia Fraternity Foundation as its Secretary Treasurer, but he has been outstanding supporter of the Cornell Chapter as well as the California Chapter, to which he serves as its Financial Advisor. Congratulations, Bill!

I must also take this opportunity to thank Brother Wayne Kuhn and the Acacia Fraternity Foundation for making the Cornell Fraternityship possible, which I won this year. It was a great feeling for me to have been presented this award in the presence of all the Brothers at the Acacia Fraternity Foundation banquet.

I hope to have the opportunity to be part of another Conclave. I recommend to all of our Brothers and Alumni that they take part in one. Each Conclave is just a few short days, but memories of it will last a lifetime.

MARY MYERS PASQUINO '85 (L024) PL'84
 STANLEY R NIMAN * '73 (0783) PL'70
 DAVID D NOLTE * '81 (0881) PL'78
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 WILLIAM PENDARVIS JR. '47 (0440) PL'46
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 NORBERT H ROIHL * '64 (0669) PL'61
 MICHAEL L ROSENTHAL * '90 (0955) PL'87
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 MARK A SCHATEN MD '84 (0923) PL'82
 BRUCE G SCHNEIDER '78 (0842) PL'75
 HANS P SCHONENBERG * '52 (0535) PL'51
 PHILLIP M SCHULER '80 (0886) PL'79
 G MARTIN SCUTT '92 (0971) PL'90
 NEIL F SHARP '55 (0560) PL'52
 JAMES C SHOWACRE '50 (0447) PL'47
 EDEN SLEGR '73 (0788) PL'71
 KEVIN SLESINSKY '95 (0987) PL'92
 PERRY D SLOCUM * '35 (0342) PL'34
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 ROBERT H SNIDER '48 (0455) PL'47
 ROBERT T SNOWDON * '39 (0364) PL'37
 ROGER D SOLOWAY '57 (0589) PL'54
 JEFFERY D SPIRO MD * '78 (0859) PL'76
 STEVEN L STEIN '73 (0787) PL'70
 ROBERT E STRONG '50 (0467) PL'48
 JAMES M SYMONS '54 (0534) PL'51
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 FREDERICK W TIERNEY JR. * '71 (0763) PL'68
 R. MARVIN TOWNSEND '55 (0555) PL'52
 WILLIAM A UTIC * '77 (0836) PL'74
 EARL A WESTERVELT '40 (0373) PL'37
 WILLIAM WICKHAM '51 (0450) PL'47
 CHARLES O WILLITS * '25 (0261) PL'25
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 JOHN P WOODFORD * '47 (0435) PL'42
 HOWARD S ZWIEFEL III * '69 (0734) PL'66

ROBERT D FLICKINGER * '47 (0434) PL'42
 ALLAN V FORBES '37 (0348) PL'35
 JOHN C GAMMEL '77 (0826) PL'74
 PAUL B GOLDBERG * '71 (0755) PL'68
 DAVID A GORELICK '68 (0717) PL'65
 JOHN M GRAHAM '81 (0883) PL'78
 STANLEY P GRZYWNA '73 (0780) PL'70
 STUART S HANTMAN MD '71 (0756) PL'68
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 PAUL HAYRE * '91 (0970) PL'89
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 JERRY W KREIDER * '68 (0720) PL'65
 JONATHON V LAMMERS '93 (0972) PL'90
 WILBER C MAKER * '44 (0419) PL'42
 ALLEN M MALE '62 (0643) PL'59
 JOHN S MALLERY JR. '52 (0545) PL'51
 MARK F MALTENFORT '77 (0831) PL'74
 HENRY B MARSHALL MD * '34 (0332) PL'33
 ROBERT P MATUSIAK '71 (0758) PL'68
 DAVID M MAZAIKA '85 (0924) PL'82
 FAY MCCLELLAND '44 (0416) PL'41
 DANIEL R MERRILL '83 (0907) PL'80
 ROBERT C MERRITT * '75 (0807) PL'73
 DWIGHT S MILLER '51 (0472) PL'48
 HOLLISTER H MOORE '67 (0702) PL'64

Meet the Pledges

Bruce Lee, the "Dragon" as they call him, is not related to the legendary Bruce in "Enter the Dragon". He doesn't know karate and he doesn't break neck bones of incoming Freshman. In fact, he is recovering from the injury that almost paralyzed the left side of his upper body. He was a victim of the horrible, the vicious, the insidious, the Flying Butt-pliers. Physical therapy is all that is on his mind right now. He can lift three pounds of weight and is going for four.

Entering his second year of Engineering College, Bruce is looking to Ace his P-Chem as expected. However a minor problem appeared as the first prelim turned out to be less than desirable; 76 %, 4 pts. higher than the relative "high" mean. Bruce is also seeking an opportunity in the medical career and the first step he needs to take is to get used to the foul smell of the rat he is dissecting.

Bruce is one of the two pledges in the very selective fall pledge class of 1996. Stump, his pledge name, still doesn't know

how he got his name, Seems-To-Use-Magic-Power. We don't even think that he knows what a stump is. As pledging period proceeds and the time of brotherhood nears, Bruce continues to diligently study the Pythagoras for the Acacia National Exam while also honing his skills as a master Japanese sushi chef.

Daniel Witriol is entering his second year here at Cornell. He is currently majoring in computer science but really hasn't a clue as to why. Perhaps he is in to that "no pain, no gain" thing. Then again, maybe it's because he got put on the wait list for the Hotel School. As for family, Sporkano (his pledge name) has one sister, who presently attends George Washington University, his father, who teaches at Louisiana Tech University, and his mother who works for the State of Louisiana. Judging from the above it is probably safe to say that Daniel is from Cajun Louisiana. As for hobbies, Daniel enjoys tennis, skiing, Sys-oping, biking, and eating cookies with a fork.



This Title

by Richard James (1018)

I lie on a bar room couch tonight. I'm depressed. Actually I'm more melancholy than anything else. Over the past two months my mind has degenerated. I want to be happy, but everything around me makes me unhappy. And yes, it is partly due to the fraternity. It's not the warm, comforting, cradle of nostalgia, it's the here and now, and it's hard. It's hard, not for this newly initiated brother, but rather for this student. I want more from it than it can give. I want more of the brothers than they can give. They don't even know what they can give. Even though I've tried to tell, I've tried to reveal, I've tried to make it important, the fraternal inertia is a great force to combat. But I continue to make that combat.

I'm not writing to complain and I'm certainly not writing out of pressure. I want to see the best out of the fraternity. I want to see the good. And I don't suggest an well-ordered fraternity either. I don't want a fraternity where pledge, active and alumni each knows his place and fulfills his responsibilities. I want a new fraternity, an old fraternity. I want an ideal that reality says I cannot have. I want a place where I don't have to say "his responsibilities". I want a true fraternity.

And don't call me liberal. I'm not. Liberals are too conservative to me. I remember a few nights ago at dinner. I rushed to the first table, the one that

The Kitchen Korner

by Matthew Hartman (1008)

Someone told me that being junior steward was the worst position in the house. You have to remind people to do crew, you have to keep the cook happy, you have to keep the brothers happy and you have to do all of this with a specific budget. In years past, it had seemed like all of the junior stewards had been hotel majors (I think they actually got credit for it). I decided that I would try it. Let me say this is my favorite office I have held. We are fortunate to have one of the best cooks on campus, Mr. Bert Starke. The food has never been better and most everyone is happy. I though for a change that I would include one of the brother's favorite new recipes which is healthy and easy to make.

Sally's Broccoli Salad:

1 large bunch broccoli
1/2 c. raisins
12 slices bacon (optional)
1 c. mayonnaise
1/4 c. sugar
2 tsp. vinegar
1 small onion, chopped (red preferred)

Mix mayonnaise, sugar, and vinegar together and let stand 10 minutes while preparing other ingredients. Mix all together and refrigerate.



John "Jack" Cooper '57 (584)

Carl C. Otto '50 (439)

HONOR ROLL (1995 - 1996)

*after name indicates Brother Tree leaf recognition

LANE J ABRAMS '84 (0915) PL'81

KENT A BELVIN '70 (0736) PL'67

CLARENCE F BENT DVM * '39 (0334) PL'33

ROBERT J BERGREN '50 (0443) PL'47

ANDREW S BRENNER * '90 (0953) PL'87

MICHAEL BUDRESKI * '94 (0978) PL'91

STEWART L BURGER * '70 (0738) PL'67

WILLIAM C BURNETT '53 (0490) PL'49

FREDRIC C BURTON * '42 (0380) PL'38

MARTIN S CARDINALI '84 (0918) PL'81

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SELLECK J CARPENTER * '50 (0459) PL'47

DAVID L CHAMPLIN '55 (0546) PL'52

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JOHN M CLARKSON * 'GR (0309) PL'29

ETHAN H COSGRIFF '82 (0889) PL'79

MICHAEL I CVIJANOVICH '94 (0981) PL'91

RICHARD H DAVIS * '53 (0533) PL'51

BRUCE W DEAN '57 (0576) PL'54

SCOTT H DULMAN '83 (0899) PL'80

BURTT D DUTCHER * '41 (0377) PL'38

JEFFREY A EARICKSON * '77 (0823) PL'74

PHILIP ENGLER '70 (0739) PL'67

ROBERT S FASH * '59 (0594) PL'54

JOHN F FELDSTED '77 (0824) PL'74

DAVID R FISHELL * '75 (0800) PL'72

DONALD C FISH '58 (0595) PL'55

CAREY W FLETCHER '58 (0596) PL'55

Stanley P. Grzywina '73 (0780) [2183 Main St., Three Rivers, MA 01080-1130] is a licensed MA attorney, but presently is a sports writer for a weekly newspaper covering local high school sports. Plans on becoming a high school math teacher.

Jeffrey A. Earickson '77 (0823) [22 N. Riverside Dr., Waterville, ME 04901-4734, jaearick@colby.edu] drafted plans and built a dark room in basement of new home. Once again, he'll be at the hobby he learned while working at the Cornell Daily Sun. Watch out for Jeff (and his camera) at future reunions.

William A. Utic. '77 (0836) [95 Viento Dr., Fremont, CA 94536-4456] was planning to attend Conclave in St. Louis during the summer as a member of the Acacia Educational Foundation Board of Directors.

David D. Nolte '81 (0881) [4155 Eisenhower Rd., Lafayette, IN 47905-8425] has written a second book, "Photorefractive Effects & Materials," published by Klumar Academic Publishers in 1995. Don't expect a best seller!"

David Rickerby '91 (0960) [623 Angell St., Providence, RI 02906, Drickerby@aol.com] has moved to Providence and was studying to take the RI bar exam in July.

William S. Cammuso '92 (0965) [1409 Roper Mountain Rd., Apt. 292, Greenville, SC 29615, wcammuso@cris.com] left the Johnson School in December to return to his career as a process engineer. Had the pleasure of spending time with Devin '90 (0962) and Julie Van Zandt at the start of his trip south.

Steven R. Horowitz '92 (0966) [753 Caroline Ave., Elmont, NY 11003, srh3@aol.com] writes "it was good to see everyone at Jon Lammers' '93 (0972) wedding. Congratulations to Jon and Noelle."

G. Martin Scutt '92 (0971) [610 Chestnut St., Kearny, NJ 07032-2912] graduated from podiatry school in May '96. Will practice in Quebec, Canada.

Andrew S. Regenbaum '93 (0973) [4120 Marble Ln., Fairfax, VA 22033-3107, aregenbaum@aol.com] often visits Jon Lammers and wife Noelle. Also saw Mike Cvijanovich '94 (0981) on his recent trip to Washington, D.C.

Kevin Slesinsky '95 (0987) [5 Peabody St. #2, Newton Corner, MA 02158, slesin@ptc.com] is having a pretty good time in the Boston area. Has been keeping in touch with Brother Eworonsky '92 (0977) who is in the area. Had a great time at Jon & Noelle Lammers' wedding in Buffalo. Stopped at Acacia on the way there. Helped Brother Banfield pack as he was leaving for CO.



eats first. I was motivated by an impulse, an impulse to eat. I didn't care about my usual spot at the second table, I thought I'd experiment. Well... my experiment failed, I spent the whole dinner listening to three of the brothers make political jokes, talk election politics and show off what little they know. I didn't say a word, which might be deemed unusual since I'm a government major. But frankly, politics sucks. These three talked the entire dinner, each trying to build himself up through political discourse. They tried to be powerful, and they probably thought that they succeeded. Each one, adamant in his position, professed to know the truth and tried to disparage any other interpretation. Unfortunately, all that they showed was that we live in this world each striving for a control we cannot have in a race we are forced to race to unhappiness. The more they competed the more they lost. In "the survival of the most mindless", politics managed to condition, normalize and brainwash these three perfectly.

Wait, what does this have to do with the fraternity? Well... nothing and everything. I'm sick of all the other brothers writing lame traveler's articles whining about the need for alumni support. That's obvious, all alumni at one time have been here. They know. My brothers (wait, good song) should stop looking at the speck of sand in the eyes of others and start examining the log in theirs. That's the nothing part; the completely random off topic conversation to break the monotony of anal retardedness. But what I've said in many ways is everything. I cannot, but I will try to, explain the extent of the

internal rivalry, status seeking power and socially confirmed identity that arises in this house from repetition over repetition of related conversation. But, of course, it's not very different from the rest of society for that matter. Whether we realize it or not, everyone in the house is consumed by this obsession. So I ask, when will the brothers stop being objectifying exclusive escapist drones of the system, of the fraternity system, of the mega-machine? I am a perfectionist, I'm an idealist, I seek good. So I don't make the excuse that we are more "enlightened" than our forty or so Cornell fraternal counterparts. I don't dispute that we live on a step yet to be reached by the other fraternities on campus, but it's only a step. We are far from the top, a journey that we have yet to travel.

Now, as for the rest of my melancholy, there's much more to be written. Perhaps a majority that still remains unexplained. And I will continue, assuming that you've already come this far. Many people have turned back long ago when they realized that I have meaning in my thoughts. So many people have tuned out just when they should tune in. So many people want to ignore the world around them, even their own self-constructed safe and secure internalized world. (another good song) So many people don't believe. Reality hurts them everyday, but they treat it like a favor. We've been told what we want. We've been told what we don't want. And what do we do but nod in agreement. We submit. We settle. We become what it wants us to be. We become it. We are the machines that I hate so much. But how can this be? How can you hate

what you know so much about? Don't you have tolerance? I know what it does, I know where it comes from, I know where it's going and I hate it. I have it and I hate it. If there's one thing that I can hate, it is the machine. Hate makes me strong against it. It is everywhere at once and nowhere in particular. It is living inside us; it is living inside you. It is living inside me; it is retreating inside me. The machine makes us stay up at night to finish its demands. The machine makes us treat each other like dirt, ever competing to best each other. The machine makes us toil harder for more worthless "stuff". The machine even makes some of us mad, creating the compulsive few, the neurotic few, the insane. I will tell you that it makes me cry. Emotion, the greater capacity of humans, takes hold of my body, my mind and my soul.

Some times I curse the thing called thought. If only I could trade it for happiness. If I could be happy as much as I think, I would be stupid this second. Of course the world won't let me make this trade. I'm a productive body of great human capital. It can't let me make this trade. In a world of political Darwinism, happiness is a concept unheard of; it is a mythical species. Reality would never be the same; consciousness forever changed. But you dismiss me for dreaming. Most have. You say that it can't be done. Most have. You claim we are the way we are because we are. Naturally, you are correct. I have erred in thinking that humans have erred. I know not what I say, or do I? I have an



explanation, and I live for the future. What do you live for? Maybe immediate things, maybe not. But do you live for something meaningful, or just as someone else? Please tell me that you don't live by someone else's meaning?

I don't want to revolt, I don't want to cause trouble, and I don't want to have to fight. But when it is needed, when it calls, I will. I will. When will you join me? I write to stop my mind from anger. I write to calm my frustration. But the fire inside me hasn't died. In the past, humans fought to be free. Maybe it is time once again. The world is as dark and as grim as any a place.

But be not afraid, it is yet perplexingly bright. There is much to live for; there is much to die for. But we sit on our asses. We sit in front of our televisions at night to try to forget about our problems. We seek sex when we can to send off our stress. We wash down alcohol to escape reality. We play sports to show

off our strength. We submit. We crave the drugs that we call life. But what life is that? We are tired, we are bored, we are lusty, we are intoxicated, and we are competitive. We aren't happy. To live in unhappiness is not to live at all.

Do we live to live? Do we live to die? Each day is only one day closer to death. Then, do we live to breed? Do we live to make others live? Another child is another unhappy soul. So, do we live to be remembered? Do we live to enframe a name? History will have forgotten all in time. Well, do we live to be moral? Do we live to be good? Morality is the very thing that makes us

Richard H. Davis '54 (0533) [1006 Manor Ln., Langhorne, PA 19053-3529] is enjoying retirement while his wife is still working. Five grand children are growing up, with the oldest entering junior year of high school. Usually hears from Dave Hower '51 (0526), Bill Burnett '53 (0490), and Joe Wilford '52 (0497), but not lately.

James M. Symons '54 (0534) [6315 Sanford Rd., Houston, TX 77096-5730, jsymons@uh.edu] was fortunate to be awarded the top faculty honor (esther Farfel Award) on the University of Houston campus this year. It was quite an honor, and even got to make a short speech at graduation.

Hans P. Schonenberg '52 (0535) [750 Melody Ln., Edmonds, WA 98020] is enjoying retirement from the Navy and tug/base freight business to Alaska. Now has time for sailing, skiing, and traveling, making frequent trips to Palo Alto to visit grandson Alexander and his parents, Mike and Tracy. Has seen Walt Cox '52 (0491) and S. Earl Brink '52 (0541) in recent years.

Norbert H. Roehl, MD '64 (0669) [1928 SW Winners Dr., Palm City, FL 34990] had great times running the Disneyworld and Boston marathons last year. Was also planning on entering the 100th Boston marathon (4/15/96) and Berlin marathon (9/96). Twenty-one fine years of radiology practice at Martin Memorial Medical Center in Stuart, FL have kept him gainfully employed.

Ray Bracaliello '67 (0698) [Box A, Prattsville, NY 12468] reminisced that Paris Reidhead '68 (0721) first introduced him to the woman (Claudia) who would become his wife. Ray served as Paris' best man when he married Sue. Regards to Laddie Amatulli '68 (0741).

Jerry Kreider '68 (0720) [9 Narbrook Park, Narberth, PA 19072] sent a letter in March to his entire pledge class to try to get increased group support. Thanks to those who responded with new or renewed support for '95-'96.

Daniel P. Smith '68 (0723) [485 Sweetman Rd., Ballston Spa, NY 12020-3121, smithdps@aol.com] hasn't seen any of his pledge brothers in many years. He does get together with Dave DeYoung '66 (0699), Ed Piorun '67 (0704), and Ray Bracaliello '67 (0698) a couple times a year for dinner. He and his wife, Julie have lived in Ballston Spa since leaving Cornell in '69. They live in an old (1830) farmhouse on 20 acres of woods and fields, perfect for hiking, skiing, and just enjoying the country side. Oldest son Geoffrey, got hi BS at Penn State and formed many great friends among his Brothers as a member of the Penn State Chapter of Acacia. Dan is still at GE's R&D Center in Schenectady where he manages development of equipment diagnostic systems and research in advanced gas turbines for electric power generation and aircraft propulsion.

John R. Ogden '70 (0744) [1410 SE Washington Blvd., Bartelsville, OK 74006-4521, JOHN03759@aol.com] and wife, Dolores, own and run the Holiday Inn in Bartlesville.

A. Lee Knight '71 (0757) [5175 Diamond Heights Blvd., #121, San Francisco, CA 94131-1750, a.lee.knight@backdoor.com] planned to return to Ithaca for his 25th Reunion this past summer.



Charles O. Willets '25 (0261) [558 Medford Leas, Medford, NJ 08055-2216] will be 95 in November, is doing well - no medication!

Perry Slocum '35 (0342) [950 Avenue S SE, Winter Haven, FL 33880-4618] offers this advice: when you get old, keep active! You will live longer!

Allan V. Forbes '37 (0348) [631 SW 6th St. N, LSGV-701, Polpano Beach, FL 33060] writes, "It's about time I should try to help. You are deserving."

Robert T. Snowdon '39 (0364) [33 Gladstone House, 775 John Ringling Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34236] is taking a cruise to the face of Europe in October, sponsored by the Cornell Alumni Federation.

Fredric C. Burton '42 (0380) [6134 16th St., Zephyrhills, FL 33540-2654] was taking his granddaughter to Belgium and Germany to visit her cousins.

R. Stephen Hawley '43 (0403) [8249 Bank St. Rd., Batavia, NY 14020] resides 6 months in Batavia and winters in Green Valley, AZ. Met long time fraternity brother Bob Reid '39 (0346), who is very active and healthy.

Fay McClelland '44 (0416) [505 Covered Bridge Rd. Holland, PA 18966] moved after 29 years to Twining Village, a retirement facility close by, and enjoying it very much. Might even play pool again for the first time since Acacia in the early 1940's. Spent 2-1/2 months in Europe, and never spent a single night in hotel/motel.. It's great to have friends who invite us back, even after we've stayed a week or more. That was Freeload II (sequel to 1994).

John P. Woodford '47 (0435) [4364 Greenwood Dr., Okemos, MI 48864] has 7 children and 17 grandchildren, and he and his wife have become Babysitters USA.

Selleck J. Carpenter '50 (0459) [274 Maynard Dr., Buffalo, NY 14226-2933] is enjoying retirement and spending much time with his grand children. Sees Charles '50 (0446) & Jane Deakne and Bob '50 (0443) & Joan Bergren at weddings and Cornell Reunions.

Robert E. Strong '50 (0467) [556 S. Quinn, Mesa, AZ 85206-5029] saw Jim Showacre '50 (0447) at Ithaca High School reunion in 1995.

Dwight S. Miller '51 (0472) [Schultzville Rd., RR 2, Box 207, Clinton Corners, NY 12514-9619] writes that his heart isn't what it used to be, but it is still pumping.

Traveler Article

(Marco Cabassi #1.003x103)

Hi, I'm a traveler article. Feel free to read me, but under no circumstances, draw anything meaningful from me. It would be demeaning to the both of us. Enough of that- let us move on to the cool stuff.

An Elmira man, accused of killing two cheerleaders committed suicide in jail. He hung himself using his shoelaces and a clothes hanger. Evidently we were dealing with a really smart psycho. Give me some shoe-strings and a clothes hanger and I'll (maybe) be able to kill myself with them by jumping off the bridge after having carefully stowed these items in my pocket. Anyway some locals seem to think that the man was killed by jail guards. I thought I'd report that so that when the new Nike commercials (those that encourage you to, like, just do it or something) featuring the Elmira killer air, you will have the inside scoop. Our sincere condolences go to the families of the girls.

a slave. Do we live for a god? Do we live for eternity? Death comes to us all and nothing more. So what then, shall we live to be happy? Happiness is true. Happiness means living matters not tomorrow or the next day. Happiness is immediately unaware of mortality.

Can we be happy? That is a question I ask every day. Answers are few and not that often. But I've found some responses. I've found some virtues. I've found some hopes. I know that there is good. I know this absolutely. I know that we are not there. And I know that I'm tired. I will close my notebook now, blow out the candle and fall asleep in a room perhaps many of you once did too. And I will stare into oblivion, hoping that maybe tonight is the night, the night that marks an end to this outrageous beginning, a night that realizes what so many have searched for through out time. The night that I can lose consciousness clear of mind, loving, in peace and free to be the animal that I am amongst animals. Good night.



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In other news, it has been brought to my attention that this year we have experienced no fires, earthquakes, second comings, or mysterious epidermal breakouts in happy Cayuga Heights. However, using my keen investigative skills & a whole bunch of yogurt, I have uncovered a horrible scam that has been eroding our little community at its very foundations. I would give you many gory details, but unfortunately I am still investigating and it would not be wise for me to reveal any information at this point for it might blow my cover. Suffice it to say we have extremely suspicious one-way signs in this neck of the woods. And some those DPDough's delivery guys are wired (and I suspect their calzones contain elements as yet unlisted in Mendeleev's table). Also, my theory regarding Pudgy's paying off our Junior Steward, our cook, and our treasurer has been disproved. Apparently we really do order Pudgy's for food, not for the financial benefit of a few clever bastards.

Many brothers have lately been encouraging me to reply to an article (appearing in this very publication as the attentive reader will surely recognize) because they mysteriously felt insulted by said piece... i encourage these brothers to take matters in their own hands and to stop bugging me. i personally find the article rather amusing (much like monkeys at the zoo are amusing), and am not offended at all-- but this is only secondary. we have scratched the surface of a deep rooted problem (click*s courtesy of years of mind numbing read-



ing) regarding house communication that i refuse to deal with because i can't talk to those guys except through quickly assembled traveler articles that seem to have been made with a dictionary and a blender set on frappe by a one legged pigmy ithaca college dropout with a knack for irony (and a bad taste in ties i might add)

I'm sure you alumni want to hear about our kicking parties & heavenly philanthropy events, and because we want you guys to give us money, I will provide the reader with information regarding how to go about getting the desired information.

- a) read Jack Kuo's article
- b) read Bill Feth's article

On a serious note (lets say la for example), the house is doing very well for the time being. Our social events are rather successful and all the brothers seem to get along, at least on the surface. That is all & feel free to come and visit.

I'm supposed to graduate next year, but I will probably stick around magical mystery Ithaca for another year, so that I might earn a Master of Engineering degree. Unfortunately for the reader, that means (barring any motivational lapses), three more traveler articles from me, and an investment on your part into three more barf-bags. (This article is funnier when read backwards.)



Call to Save Northcote!

by Dan Davidson (1012)

Just your friendly neighborhood Senior Dean writing off some of his opinions to date. Homecoming has already been discussed in another article in this issue so I won't get into it much. However, being the person who put it all together, I must echo the comments in Brother Turinsky's article TEN-FOLD+. I lost my sleep and health for that weekend and did the best job I could for about 3 or 4 alumni, all of whom were recent alumni of the '90's. The majority of the living alumni of this house seem to have forgotten their ties and obligations through the third stage of brotherhood. You are critical pieces to the Acacia puzzle and right now we're missing a bunch of middle pieces that would make us a whole. Unless we get the largest pledge class since before the '86 reorganization, we will be forced to bring borders into the house just to run the house at a moderate operating level. This is a result of the facts that our rent continues to

grow while our maintenance budget shinks and due to a threatened Greek system at Cornell our numbers are dwindling, and our location makes attention to our house on campus exceedingly difficult to attain. In the next year or two we will have to look at the option of selling Northcote and moving to a smaller house in a better location just to survive. If you still have any feelings or fond memories in your heart for Acacia and Northcote please take whatever steps you possibly can to save it. This can take shape in a financial donation or simply just calling up your old pledge brothers and trying to figure out ways you can contribute to the house. While I wish I had better news upon the year I depart from Cornell and my time as an active, I must say I'm truly concerned about this juncture we are at and whether there will be a house for me to come back to when I come back for Homecoming.