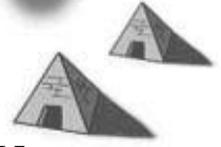




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Spring 2002 Rush Recap

by Mike Nasatka #1045,

Recruitment Chair

After experiencing the setbacks of smaller membership during my term as Venerable Dean, I knew it would be extremely beneficial to return our numbers to full strength. Participation in events, social opportunities, filling of offices, and the completion of cleaning duties were all lacking due to our need of members. I decided to become the Recruitment Chairman in order to tackle this very problem, which in my mind, has hindered the chapter in recent history. Before leaving for winter break, we secured a cool 4 G's for Rush Week's endeavors and made an excitement packed schedule. In addition, we notified all of our Freshmen contacts from the Fall, including those who applied to our Path of Pythagoras Freshmen Scholarship and those who attended our North Campus Billiards Nights. Heading into Rush our prospects looked somewhat promising, but we knew there was still a lot of work to be done.

This year, the Freshmen returned to Cornell on Jan 14th for Rush Week. There were no major changes to the university schedule. As usual, the Actives got back to Northcote a few days early in order to clean up and make final preparations. The major projects were cleaning and polishing



Actives and Pledges in the bar room

Our new cook, Sharon

by Yujin Chung #1048

The smell is unmistakable. And the sight nearly unbelievable. A plethora of stuffed chicken with stuffing, whipped potatoes, salad, chocolate chip cake, and best of all, soft and chewy brown-spread bread. Did someone order catering? Is this another rush event? A brother's birthday? No, this is just another Wednesday dinner at Acacia. With the dissolution of nearby Pi Kappa Phi, a wonderful cook found herself without work for only a short bit of time before Acacia had the great fortune of hiring her. True, it meant the loss of Dick

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A Message from our Corporation Board President

Brethren,

As I have been reporting in the past few Travelers, much maintenance has been taking place at 318 Highland Rd. Today (3/13/02), the contractors completed the long and difficult job of rewiring the old part of the house, and fixing many fire/safety hazards that have existed (but not detected) for many years. Unfortunately, the work far exceeded the original estimate (as there were many hidden electrical problems), so the Corporation now has to dig into our reserves to pay for the work. In the past few months, we've spent over \$4,000 on replacement windows for the Center Room and End Room, and over \$8,000 on a beautiful Pella sliding door for the Dining Room. Although the final invoice from the contractors hasn't been received, we expect that we'll have to shell out about \$10,000 more.

The good news is that Acacia has never looked better! The wall sconces in the Commons and Library, and the stained glass fixtures in the Living Room were all repaired and rewired by yours truly. And, with all the improvements made in the past few years, we don't expect a lot of problems with the physical plant. The dining room renovations (plaster repair, painting, etc.) still need to be completed so it can be officially dedicated (hopefully in the fall) as the Pearl Murray Memorial Dining Room. We still want to renovate the 3rd floor dorm (insulate, sheetrock, paint, carpet), and replace the 30-year old mattresses and box springs. We also need to run a new electrical service to the storage shed by the parking lot. And, there are a slew of old, drafty, energy inefficient windows to replace. And, there is the need (according to the Cayuga Heights Fire Inspector) to provide a 2nd means of egress (which requires two new windows and at least some sort of fire escape) from the two rooms on the 3rd floor. Of course, these all cost money that the Corporation does *not* have.

To all the Cornell Acacians (almost 50) who provided financial support during the current academic year, THANK YOU! We hope even more of you will find a way to assist in keeping our great Fraternity financially solvent during this academic year. If there were ever a time that Acacia needed your financial support, it is NOW. Please return the enclosed Dues form at your earliest convenience. Or, if you prefer, contribute to Acacia on-line using PayPal. Check out the details on the Acacia websites (Alumni and Actives, respectively): <http://memebers.aol.com/acaciacualums/> and <http://www.cornellacacia.org/>.

Special thanks again go to Hollister Moore '68 (0702) [1747 Bainbridge, Philadelphia, PA 19146, HoddyMoo@aol.com] for his generosity in printing/copying the Traveler (which he has done for the past few years). Holly owns Can Do! Copy Center in Philadelphia.

Have a great Spring and Summer. Keep those cards and letters coming!

Fraternally yours,

Steven L. Stein '73 (0787)

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Chapter Eternal

Ronald E. Stillman '42 (0397)
January 31, 2001

Robert E. Copeland '50 (0527)
September 20, 2001

State of the Chapter Address

by Tom Ricketts #1051, Venerable Dean

Since the last issue of the Traveler came out, a number of great things have happened here at Northcote. We had an outstanding rush, yielding 10 recruits. All of the pledges are still in the program, and are doing a truly excellent job. Since we will only be losing four brothers to graduation, and have several prospects for a fall pledge class, the number of actives will increase significantly in the coming year.

In addition, we are all pleased with the arrival of our new cook, Sharon. When one of the houses on campus disbanded, Sharon became available for hire. She has been cooking for fraternities for 13 years, and two of her four daughters also cook for Greek houses. The nightly attendance at dinner is now consistently very high, and we consider her to be a great asset and selling point for future rushees.

Thanks to the efforts of our Corporation Board, and an increase in alumni donations, we have been able to make a great number of capital improvements to the chapter house. All of the original wiring in the house has been updated, a new sliding door was installed in the dining room, and several other miscellaneous repairs were made to obtain the Certificate of Compliance.

As you may recall, the Cornell Chapter of Acacia won Most Improved Chapter from the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs last spring. Given the many things we have accomplished since then, it is now our goal to win Most Outstanding Chapter. With the continued dedication of the brotherhood, and continued alumni support (hint, hint), we certainly believe that this goal is within our reach.

One final note is that we will be having a Reunion Weekend Reception here at Northcote on June 8th, 2002, from 4-6 PM. We hope that you will come back to campus, revisit the chapter house, and share your experiences as Acacians before us.

House Improvements

by Ken Harris #1036 (yep, still here!)

in the world, and my parents bought it for me, and it was the happiest day of my life. Well, goodnight.” — Homer Simpson

As usual, there were many house improvements this semester. These included a new DVD player, an American flag flying proudly outside the front door, and attractive blue-dyed cushions for our bar room couches (thanks, Brad!). Yet all of these pale in comparison to the best house improvement we've made in many, many years: a foosball table.

It sees several games almost every day. Currently the strongest players seem to be Brian, me, and Byron, but there are several other up-and-coming foosers, especially among our current pledge class.

One day, tragedy struck: one of the defensive men was broken (by a certain somebody, but I won't mention names, for Byron's sake). I am pleased to report that not only has this man been replaced, we now have a few spare men, so if this ever happens again, we'll be back to normal in a few minutes.

When ordering the replacement men, I also happened to order some lube for the rods, which are now incredibly smooth, and some textured balls, which are easier to control. It's a whole new table.

While we were short one man, some of us got quite skilled at penalty killing. It's frightening how good

Annual Corporation Board Meeting Saturday, May 4, 2002

The Annual Meeting of the Cornell Chapter of Acacia Fraternity, Inc. will be Saturday, May 4, 2002 at 11:00 am, at Acacia Fraternity, 318 Highland Road, Ithaca, NY 14850 (607-257-7055)

Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Upcoming Alumni Events

by Jay Ayres #1052, Alumni Affairs

We have several events planned for the upcoming year that all alums are encouraged to attend. First, Alumni Reunion Weekend will be from June 6th-9th. There will be an open house at Northcote that Saturday the 8th from 4-6 PM, and feel free to stop by the house at any point that weekend. You'll have an opportunity to meet with several of us active members, and also see the recent improvements made to the house. On a side note, if you're looking for a place to stay during reunion weekend, please call us at (607)-257-7055 if you'd like to stay at Northcote. We're hoping for a big turnout this year for this event, so please stop by if you're here for reunion weekend! Homecoming 2002 is also coming up quickly; it falls early this year, on Saturday, Sept. 28th. We're going to hold a tailgate party, watch the football game together, and then go out for dinner afterwards. It should be lots of fun, so make plans now to come for the weekend! Please check our website, <http://www.cornellacacia.org> for details and updates regarding these events.

Syracuse Acacia Recolonization

by Dave Klesh #1037

On Saturday, February 2, four Cornell Acacias made the short trip to Syracuse to help with an important project for our fraternity. After a seventeen year absence, Acacia is returning to the Syracuse University campus. We here at Cornell know how important it will be to have active brethren here in upstate New York, so we pitched in to help out. Josh Roth, Ken Harris, Byron Hing and I made the trip, not quite knowing what to expect.

When we arrived, we were impressed with what we saw. Leadership consultants from Acacia International Headquarters, Phil Gushulak of Carleton and Chad Demik of Central Oklahoma, were on hand to facilitate the process. Brothers from many chapters around the Northeast, including Carleton, Penn State, California University of Pennsylvania, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Millersville and East Stroudsburg, showed up to help rush. Essentially, this was a rush event; the Syracuse freshmen were led around in groups of twenty, evaluating each fraternity. Syracuse Acacia was faced with the challenge of attempting to recruit without a house

However, Acacia's strengths more than made up for any shortcomings. Phil and Chad had been working since last semester to lay the groundwork for the recolonization. There is strong alumni support for the project. The recolonization effort grew out of Syracuse Acacia alumni reunions, which have been happening for a number of years. The alumni are committed to restarting the chapter, and have donated money, including funds for scholarships and initiation fees. The alumni are also actively searching for a house, to be purchased with funds from the sale of the chapter's old house.

This was certainly a rush event unlike any other I had ever attended. But there were still some themes that I recognized. Phil and Chad discussed fraternity traditions, including the fact that on every campus, Acacia is one of the leading chapters. I am happy to say, that with our recent record of awards and our current large pledge class, that statement is true on the Cornell campus. "We're a little bit different," Phil said, referring to Acacia's traditions of academic excellence and community leadership. As I looked around the room at my brothers from many different campuses, this distinction made me feel proud. The Syracuse recolonization effort reflects a number of positive trends for Acacia. This is the first year in quite awhile that we have had two leadership consultants, an executive director, and an assistant executive director. It is this manpower that has allowed International Headquarters to dedicate resources to this project. The alumni have also greatly supported the effort, not only with money but also with visits to the Syracuse campus and interactions with the administration. I enjoyed hearing the stories of the alumni visiting the Cornell chapter. This recolonization will re-establish the ties of friendship between Syracuse Acacia and Cornell Acacia, which, judging by our guest books, has existed at least since the 1920s. Having another chapter of Acacia just an hour away will greatly improve the sociability of Cornell Acacia in the future.

Each brother who helped that day received a t-shirt that read "Acacia Construction Crew." This was an important theme: the freshmen were not joining just any old fraternity, but an organization that they could re-found with some of their own traditions. It's an exciting time for our alumni, our International organization and our local chapter. We look forward to the initiation of the

Meet the Pledges

Tom Balcerski (Hoover)

Thomas J. Balcerski has been involved in a wide array of activities in his community and school. Hailing from Ramsey, in suburban Bergen County, Tom has been involved in Boy Scouts, reaching the rank of Eagle Scout, as well as Lodge Chief of Oratam Lodge. His most memorable experience was two weeks spent on the OA Trail Crew program at Philmont Scout Ranch. At Ramsey High School, Tom has been honored as the RPI Math and Science medal winner, as well as receiving awards for Writing, Spanish, Latin, and Physics. Tom has been published in his high school's magazine and newspaper, where he was Editor for both publications. A HOBY scholar and author of several Where to Go Camping publications, Tom is currently a freshman pledge at Cornell Acacia. At Cornell he participates on the Bowling Club, Mews Judicial Board, intramural bowling and soccer, and the Quad literary magazine.

Tarek Banaja (Splinter)

Hey! My name is Tarek and I'm from San Diego, California. I actually only lived there for a couple of weeks before coming to Ithaca. I had previously lived in the Middle East (Bahrain and Saudi Arabia) and North Africa (Egypt). I'm in the College of Engineering at Cornell, currently majoring in Applied & Engineering Physics. Right now I'm involved with Cornell's Model United Nations program, a simulation of various UN committees. I'm also

trying to regularly attend the Cornell Martial Arts Club meetings so I can one day proclaim: "I know kung-fu."

Greg Chulsky (Rainman)

My name is Greg—at least, while I'm in the US and not around my family. Otherwise, I've got all kinds of different names that you don't want to hear nor try to pronounce. How did I end up here? I was imported from Italy, to which I had been imported from Austria, to which I had been imported from Russia, where I was born. My major is astrophysics (physics with a concentration in astronomy, for the pedants out there), and my job is my idea of relaxing fun—stellar bow shocks, accretion disks, and other phenomena of neutron stars in the ISM. I like piano, too—if you're ever in the basement of Lincoln hall and hear music coming from a room without the lights on, that's me; I like pitch darkness. It's also one of the reasons I enjoy photography (other than the chemistry and the optics and the art of it). So I'm not exactly... normal. But hey, it happens.

Mike Coyle (Bolton)

Hey, I'm Mike. I'm from Syracuse, NY, so Cornell is not too huge a change in scenery. I'm a pre-med bio major (either biochem or genetics) in Ag and Life Sciences. In my spare time I'm interested in a lot of things. I was a swimmer and cross country runner throughout high school and I enjoy training and staying in shape whenever I can. At some point, I would like to

compete in a triathlon. I also play the trumpet in the Cornell Pep Band. I have a wide range of musical tastes (jazz, classical, Beatles, rap, or pretty much anything) and especially enjoy jazz (like Miles Davis, Clifford Brown, Coltrane, and Charlie Parker). I look forward to being a brother at Acacia and hope that it will bring up many fond memories in the future.

Igor Dolgalev (Dorfman)

Hello! My name is Igor and I am a freshman at the College of Arts and Sciences. I am a pre-med biology major, or at least considering it. My home now is in Norfolk, VA, but my parents moved there at the same time I came to Cornell, so I never actually lived there. Before that, I lived in Provo, UT; before that Albany, NY; before that Syracuse, NY; before that St. Petersburg, Russia, where I was born. I suppose all this traveling around the country makes me All-American. As you can tell, writing is not my strong point, but I like art, technology, and the combination of two. These interests helped get my name in the New York Times. I am glad I can take advantage of Cornell's large Greek system by being a part of Acacia. I am sure this will leave me with many fond memories after I graduate.

Charles Kalter (Shaft)

Hey, I'm Charles, a freshman pledge here at Cornell Acacia. I'm an all-time New Yorker, as I was born in and have lived in Manhattan for my entire life. I am majoring in



Clockwise from top left: Igor Dolgalev, Mike Coyle, Greg Chulsky, Charles Kalter, Tom Balcerski, Dave Rimshnick, Tarek Banaja, Zack Weinstein, Pete Rimshnick. Not pictured: Anthony

so that I can build cool robots and machines. When I am not studying, my favorite hobbies are Roller Hockey, Flag-Football, and chess. Now, I call Cornell and Ithaca my home, and it has just been the best. The education and the opportunities that are offered here are first class. The great friends and people that I have met come from so many places and backgrounds. I look forward to my time with Acacia, as it offers another great opportunity for me to grow and become a man during my undergraduate years here at Cornell. The friendship and camaraderie that the Brothers have offered me will only help me go further here.

Anthony Nemoto (Komodo)

Anthony Nemoto is from Port Washington, NY in Long Island. Although he is CS, he wants to be an investment banker when he grows up. He plays bass guitar, golf, and when back home (since there seems to be lack of a drum and bass crew up here) likes to go out with his high school friends to raves. His favorite dj is Reid Speed. He listens to rock music. His current favorite music is by Default, Puddle of Mudd, Incubus, System of a Down, and .. you get the picture, nothing mainstream, but nothing too underground. Acacia represents what I am looking for in my life right now - brotherhood.

Dave Rimshnick (VicViper)

“I thought I was a poor man because I had no shoes, but then I saw a man who had no feet.” The necessity of optimism conveyed by this quote communicates the essence of my, freshman David Rimshnick’s, character. As a freshman in the College of Engineering, I’ve offered up my knocks as boosts, boosts which hopefully will propel me in a career of Operations Research. I hail from the beautiful town of Sandyston, NJ, and thus am pleased by the peaceful subtleties of the Ithaca landscape. My time is spread in all directions, but while I have some spare of it I enjoy reading, watching

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playing golf, and watching West Wing reruns. Right now the focus of my life outside my academic pursuit is with Cornell Acacia, the pledging of which has been one of the most inspirational and unique experiences of my life. Acacia's values are my own, and thus I look forward to the strong ties of brotherhood and friendship due to grace my path down the icy streets of Cornell and enlighten my journey upon the road of life.

Pete Rimshnick (Snarf)

Howdy y'all. Pete Rimshnick here, hailing from the small but not too southern town of Sandyston, NJ. I guess you could say we have our share of rednecks, but the views are nice and the air is fresh, so it's a swell place. I went to Kittatinny Regional High School (a hardy walk of 16 miles from "Sandyrock"), which is more known for its homegrown wrestlers than anything else. Anyways, I lied; At the moment I'm not really hailing from Sandyston, but rather from sunny Ithaca with all its gorgeous gorges or something. Here at Cornell I am in the College of Engineering and plan to major in Operations Research, as I hear they are the engineers that have the most fun, get hired first, fired last, and make the most money. Plus, even if that isn't true it at least sounds cool. Right now I am looking forward to having a great time pledging Acacia this semester with my twin brother Dave and the cordial brothers of this, the best of all fraternities. In my spare time I enjoy playing golf,

Zach Weinstein (Flash)

Wazzup! My name is Zach Weinstein and I am representing NYC! I enjoy playing some hardcore volleyball, ping-pong and tennis. I am a freshman in Arts and Sciences and will probably pursue a major in Psychology. I am very psyched to be pledging Acacia and am looking forward to getting to know everyone in the house. One of my biggest accomplishments has been being named a 2001 Intel semifinalist. I hope to accomplish many more great things at Cornell. I miss NYC a great deal while I am away at Cornell. The city is the greatest place in the world. I miss the culture, diversity and tradition that is ever present. I am looking forward to many new and positive experiences by joining Acacia.

(Rush Recap, continued from pg. 1) room and rewaxing the bar room floor. As Monday the 14th rolled around, everything was in tip-top shape and the brothers were excited to get the ball rolling on Rush. Some of our events included parties at the house, go-karting, and a trip to Turning Stone Casino where we gave rushees \$30 each to gamble. Of course you can't forget the smoke-free Smokers (open houses) where we pigged out on the delicacies of KFC, Wegmans, and DP Dough. Our events were consistently attended by all of the rushees who later pledged. Through our efforts we were able to nab 10 high-quality Freshmen.. That's right, count em 10. Our first double digit pledge class in years!

As you may be aware, this year was the first year that all Freshmen lived

a significant impact on the pledge numbers for those houses on North. Numbers across the board did increase due to the closing of two of Cornell's largest chapters, Delta Upsilon and Pi Kappa Phi. There was also an overall increase in total bids signed from 460 to 560, and the men's numbers were larger than the women's. Through this year's Rush Week, we learned that: 1) having out-of-house residential advisors as members is a great way to meet Freshmen and to get them interested in Acacia, 2) having killer events and dishing out lots of cash does not equate to a good rush, 3) having a successful Spring rush means that the chapter must perform its recruitment in the Fall. If Freshmen have never heard

What's New at www.cornellacacia.org

by Jay Ayres #1052, Webmaster

Over the past couple of months we've made several changes to the website to better serve alumni, actives, and potential members of the house. First, there is now a link on the site by which alumni can pay their dues and make donations via the PayPal service.

Right now very few alums are taking advantage of this method of payment, but by all means feel free to pay your dues this way in the future!

We've also used the website to help us with rush. Our rush week schedule was posted online before winter break started, so prospective rushees could see all of the fun things going

Freshman Scholarship program, we included the option of applying for the scholarship online. As a result, we received many more applications this year than in years past, plus we got the word out on our website through advertisements around campus for the program.

Several of the brothers in the house now have digital cameras, and we have been posting pictures online from many of our events. Currently we have pictures online of our pledges, from our Valentine's Day semi-formal, and from our Car Bash rush event. All pictures from older events are stored in the archive section of the site.

If you have any comments or questions regarding the site, please just send us email at acacia@cornell.edu. We hope you'll visit the site soon!

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Stark, long time cook and friend of the house, and we wish him well. But we welcome the efforts of our new cook. What makes Sharon so special? Certainly the quality of her handiwork beats any restaurant in Ithaca, hands-down. Dinner isn't a meal – it's a feast.

But what we really love about Sharon is the true devotion and passion she puts into her meal preparations. Sharon is an artist – whether it's the painstaking detail of her straight-from-scratch bread to the meticulous grilling of her sirloins, every dinner exemplifies the Dionysian fulfillment of her Platonic ideal of the perfect

regularly have at least twenty brothers or pledges, and though there are more dishes to clean, there are more faces to see, more stories to hear, more laughs to be bellowed. A brother never ate so well.

One final note is that we are currently in the process of upgrading the equipment in our kitchen for Sharon to use. We are currently looking to purchase an industrial-grade mixing bowl, and if any of our alumni have a connection that would allow us to purchase this, or any other kitchen equipment, at a discounted price or as a donation, then please let us know! Having great equipment in our kitchen will help us keep Acacia as one of the fraternities with the best dining operations on campus.

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Upcoming Alumni Events

Alumni Reunion Weekend is Thursday, June 6th, 2002 through Sunday, June 9th. There will be an Alumni Reunion Reception at Northcote on Saturday, June 8th, from 4-6 PM.

Homecoming 2002 is on Saturday, September 28th. We will be holding a tailgating party, watching the football game, and then going out for dinner afterwards.

Be sure to check <http://www.cornellacacia.org> for updates!

The Mailbag - Alumni News

Clarence F. Bent, DVM '39 (0334) [16416 US-19 N, Lot 1704, Clearwater, FL 33764-6735] contacted Bob Snowdon '39 (0364). They both lived together at 318 Highland Rd. (although Clarence first lived at Acacia at 614 E. Buffalo St. with a handful of others) and in a private home on Overlook Rd. Clarence (nearing 87) and Ruth have been married over 65 years.

Robert C. Bradley '40 (0365) [18680 Augusta Dr., Monument, CO 80132; rbradley@divide.net] reports that they are now proud great grandparents of their 1st great grandson, Reece Bradley Nilsen.

Robert D. Flickinger '47 (0434) [161 Hidden Ridge Common, Williamsville, NY 14221-5765; rdf7324@aol.com] sends his congratulations to Cornell Acacia on being most improved fraternity 2001 and says "Keep up the good work!"

William Pendarvis Jr. '47 (0440) [11781 SE 162 Ave., Clackamas, OR 97015] received a Christmas card from John Woodford '47 (0435). William has been busy with their vineyard of Pinot Noir grapes.

James M. Symons '54 (0534) [Rosedale Golf & Country Club, 4942 88th St. East, Brandenton, FL 34211-3730; dr.water@alum.mit.edu] recently had the 4th edition of his book "Plain Talk About Drinking Water" published by the American Water Works Association. This book, written in factual, but non-technical question and answer format, has been popular, with nearly 110,000 copies sold since it was first published in 1992. The current edition has been updated and expanded, and is available by calling 1-800-926-7337 and asking for catalog number 20244. For more information, check out <http://www.egr.uh/CIVE/symons/PlainTalk.html?63,64>.

John S. Mallery Jr. '52 (0545) [PO Box 366, Long Lake, NY 12847-0366; twtamc@telenet.net] has endured a difficult year, losing his son-in-law in the World Trade Center on 9/11/01, and now giving up their tour business after 20 years of operation.

Donald C. Fish '58 (0595) [4405 Holter Ct., Jefferson, MD 21755-8633; threegems@hotmail.com] is enjoying retirement. He facets gemstones for jewelry and buys and sells pearls at wholesale prices. He can get diamonds at wholesale prices, so e-mail him with your needs and compare prices!

Carey W. Fletcher '58 (0596) [428 Kawaihae St., #304, Honolulu, HI 96825] and wife, Phyllis have moved into a retirement community with good food and lots to do.

William L. Keltz '61 (0632) [1403 Grand Oak La., West Chester, PA 19380-5908; wkkeltz1@aol.com] has exchanged e-mail with Bob Franson '61 (0636) [Please let us know Bob's address, as we have no valid address for him. Thanks!], Art Hart '61 (0629), Pres Shimer '61 (0635), Bob Pfahl '60 (0634), and Dick Heine '61 (0630). All seem to be healthy and happy.

Douglas C. Eberhart '63 (0652) [202 Union St., Clayton, NY 13624; douglas_e_13624@yahoo.com] commented on the nice Picture From The Past in the Fall 2001 Traveler (he's the handsome young man in 4th row, 3rd from right). Son, Paul, finally graduated in December from UNC at Chapel Hill, NC.

Dr. Norbert H. Roihl '64 (0669) [2524 SW Greenwich Way, Palm City, FL 34990-7503] received a special award for 25 years of service as staff radiologist at Martin Memorial Medical Center in Stuart, FL. He ran his 7th consecutive Boston Marathon last April (total of 12 marathons in last 7 years; personal record of 3:20). Son Daniel graduated from Harvard (magna cum laude & highest honors) and is attending Yale grad school. Daughter Maureen, a Tufts graduate (magna cum laude & honors), is a computer software engineer and married a fellow graduate last June.

Richard B. Ahlfeld '68 (0713) [PO Box 860, Branchville, NJ 07826-0860; r1175@aol.com] recently enjoyed a couple of visits with Jerry Kreider '68 (0720) and wife, Kathy. Rich retired (very early) last year and moved full-time to Culver Lake. Walked daughter Laura down the aisle in June. All Cornell Acacians welcome to visit the Ahlfelds at the lake.

Jerry Kreider '68 (0720) [9 Narbrook Park, Narberth, PA 19072-2123] has new e-mail address: jerrys2k@comcast.net

Howard S. Zwiefel '69 (0734) [328 Scottsdale Rd., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523; hzwiefel@yahoo.com] has been living in the San Francisco Bay Area for 2 years after 16 years in northern NJ. Has seen Dave Odegaard '70 (0743) several times for dinner, theater, and concerts.

Frederick W. Tierney Jr. '71 (0763) [48740 Amarilla Ct., Fremont, CA 94539; fredtierney@attbl.com] reports that "challenging" best describes life in the Tierney family in 2001. Wife, Kay, is battling cancer, undergoing chemo and radiation. Fred, a basketball fanatic, submitted 17 applications in for the March Madness semi-finals being held in San Jose. Five of his applications were selected, so he has 20 tickets.

Steven L. Stein '73 (0787) [339 E. Miller Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850-9431; sls8@cornell.edu] and wife, Mary, celebrated their 25th anniversary on 2/20/02. At a surprise brunch honoring the occasion, Eric S. Birkland '72 (0766), who was an usher at the wedding, drove down from Gouverneur, NY with wife, Mary, and son, Eric S. Birkland II.

Eden Slegr '73 (0788) [250 Rancho Rd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024; eslegr@hcareers.com] was in Ithaca for a couple of days in August, but didn't get a chance to stop at Acacia. Eden did manage to meet Steve Stein '73 (0787) and wife, Mary, at Glenwood Pines for a burger. Eden says that it sounds like Steve has really put a lot of work into the house, and thinks we all owe him a big Thank You. Also, great Traveler!

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James Skiff '81 (0879) [660 McFall Rd., Apalachin, NY 13732-3742; jskiff@stny.rr.com] was the 1st (and so far, only) Cornell Acacian to have paid his dues using PayPal.

Philip M. Schuler '80 (0886) [719 Burritt Rd., Hilton, NY 14468-9765; phil71@myexcel.com] was recently named Worldwide Environmental Director for his company's (Johnson & Johnson) 3 sites in Rochester, NY, NJ, and England, so Phil has travelled more than usual in the past year. Hopes to get a chance to visit Cornell Acacia sometime in 2002.

Paul N. Hayre '91 (0970) [20 Glen Rd., Newton, MA 02459-2323; pnh4@cornell.edu] has been in touch with Dave Rickerby '91 (0960) and Andy Brenner '90 (0953), thanks to Jun Nakiri '90 (0957). Also, with 2nd child (who arrived 11/9/01), they have caught up with Devin '90 (0962) & Julia Van Zandt and John '91 (0959) & Margaret Carpenter, and now fully appreciate their chaos! Devin is still designing light bulbs at GE Power Systems, and John is the crack programmer who is taking names in Ft. Myers, FL.

Michael Budreski '94 (0978) [480 Commercial St., Apt. 5A, Boston, MA 02109-5528; mbudreski@sapient.com] is now married to a spectacular woman, and they recently moved to Boston's waterfront. Unfortunately, this has been a tough year, with two close family members passing away, combined with the events of 9/11.

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Our current Cornell University endowment share value is approximately \$450,000. Our money grows based on the performance of the endowment portfolio. The amount that brothers receive is roughly equivalent to the gain on investment for the year divided by the number of brothers on financial aid. The financial aid office administers the funds to brothers on financial aid based on the fraternity president's advisement, provided the dispersal is in sound judgement. This past year all Active brothers on financial

Pictures From the Past



In 1920 the Chapter sold the Seneca Street house and leased a frame-and-stucco building at 614 East Buffalo Street. This house could hold twenty-one members and thus facilitated the expansion of the fraternity, placing it in a better position to compete with the sixty fraternities that existed on campus. (Interestingly, there had been only twenty-two fraternities when the Nun Chapter at Cornell was established). Another advantage of the East Buffalo Street house was that the sorority Delta Zeta lived next door. Only the year before, 1919, Delta Zeta occupied Northcote. -Excerpt from Northcote, the Cornell Acacia pledge manual

This photograph was taken circa Spring, 1921, and is from the collection of A.W. Rittershausen '21 (#167). Our thanks go out to his daughter, Nancy McDowell, for sending us this great picture from the past! If alumni have any historic pictures that they would like to appear in a future issue of the Traveler, please send them to us!



Brothers eating dinner at Northcote



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