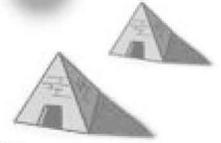




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OUTSTANDING CHAPTER

By Brian Kwoba #1056

The Cornell Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs (OFSA) named the Cornell chapter of Acacia as the "Outstanding Chapter" of the Interfraternity Council at the annual Greek Awards Ceremony. The ceremony was held Sunday, April 28th, 2002 in the Memorial Room of Willard Straight Hall. After sitting through all of the smaller, less significant awards, the arrival of ours at the end was most gratifying, as evidenced by Dave Klesh's (#1037) disruptive yet passionate outburst upon the announcement of our award. Being the most active senior member of the house, he did write most of the report, so I suppose he was justified in displaying our excitement.

The award was based on an annual report that each Fraternity and Sorority at Cornell must complete detailing their operations over the past year. Ours biggest points included the following: initiating eleven new brothers over the past school year, continuing our large philanthropy projects, such as "Books for Africa" and "7 Days of Service", and completing major house improvements like replacing



Brothers and AOPi guests at toga mixer.

the large sliging-glass doors in the dining room.

At last year's Greek Awards, Acacia took home "Most Improved Chapter," so being recognized as the "Outstanding Chapter" this year shows our commitment to continued excellence and improvement. Moreover, Mike Nasatka (#1045) also won an "Outstanding Chapter Leader" Award for his work as Acacia's President and Recruitment Chairman and his participation in the IFC Judicial Board and Fraternity and Sorority Advisory Council Anti-

Hazing Subcommittee. Under his guidance we were able to recruit 10 new members in a single pledge class (our largest in years). Congratulations to Mike and Dave for their outstanding hard work!

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A Message from our Corporation Board President

Greetings! For the most part, things are going quite well for Cornell Acacia. With the first double-digit pledge class in decades, the 2002-2003 Academic year is off to a great start. The Corporation purchased new furniture for the Wing rooms (ordered around the 1st of July, and delivered soon after the boys returned; I really had to scramble and pull some strings to pull that off). New bunk beds, desks, chairs, book cases (all oak, from Adden Furniture), and lamps now grace the Wing rooms. When more money is available, additional furniture will be purchased to replace some very old pieces in the rest of the house.

Other changes to Northcote include a new Anderson egress window in Room 469 (aka 41), which was required by the Village of Cayuga Heights inspector in order for Acacia to receive a Certificate of Compliance. Many replacement windows were installed on the 2nd and 3rd floors last year, and their super energy efficiency is quite noticeable. All of the old electrical wiring (knob-and-tube) has been replaced. We still need to install a new circuit to feed the parking lot lights, but that, too, must wait until we have funds.

The dining room now has a beautiful Pella sliding glass door unit (2 sliding, 2 fixed), with blinds embedded in the glass. The Actives did a wonderful job of patching the dining room walls and ceiling and painting it. We will be dedicating the Pearl Murray Memorial Dining Room in the spring (details forthcoming).

Acacia's insurance premiums have gone up dramatically (much of the increase attributed to the events of 9/11/01). In addition, we just had to repair a leaking End Room toilet (and the library ceiling, below). Just yesterday (10/21/02), we had our annual Fire/Safety Inspection, and we are required to install an additional Fire Exit/Emergency Light on the 1st floor landing as well as an Emergency Light by the main foyer. So, as always, we need your financial support.

I look forward to hearing from you, and especially would like to hear from my fellow Pledge Class ('70). Where are you guys?

Fraternally,

Steven L. Stein '73 (0787)

Acacia Fraternity Foundation Donations

Tax-deductible contributions to the Cornell Chapter Account of the Acacia Fraternity Foundation can be made at any time and should be mailed to the Acacia Fraternity Foundation at 8777 Purdue Road, Suite 130, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Checks should be made payable to "Acacia Fraternity Foundation".

Use of the chapter's Foundation account is limited to scholarships and qualified educational expenses.

The State of the Chapter

By Venerable Dean Thomas Ricketts (#1051)

The beginning of this school year has been wonderful at Northcote. We have all 10 of our new initiates living in the house, bringing vigor to their offices and fraternity life. We have been actively involved in intramurals with other fraternities, had a mixer with a new sorority, and made many capital improvements to the house. At our last chapter meeting, we voted to extend a number of bids in an effort to get a fall pledge class together. We are in the middle of our Path of Pythagoras scholarship process, where we attempt to meet and find men we feel would be an asset to our chapter.

We were pleased to welcome our new advisor in the Greek office, Leo Pedraza. Leo is a Delta Chi, with a Bachelor's from Long Beach and a Master's from Oregon State University. He has replaced Adria Nobles, our former advisor, who moved on to Emory University. We had our goals meeting to discuss objectives and concerns for the upcoming year. We all look forward to a strong relationship with him.

Not all has been well in the Greek community, however. For a multitude of reasons, the nightlife at Cornell has out of hand this year. Incidents have included someone falling off a balcony, a keg being thrown through a window, and someone being hit in the head with a cement block. The situation has become so severe that the mayor of Ithaca, Alan Cohen, had to send a message to the entire Cornell community explaining the high number of incidents and the intention to crack down on violations. Meetings of the Inter Fraternity Council, including an emergency session, have been highly charged; with much debate over police tactics and the presence of the Alcohol Control Board.

Despite this blight on the Greek system, the Cornell Chapter of Acacia is flourishing. We will continue our efforts to better ourselves and our fraternity's record, with the ultimate goal of once again securing Cornell's Most Outstanding Chapter Award in 2002.

Acacia - Some of Lynah's Most Faithful

By Josh Roth '03 #1049

On Friday, September 13th, Charles Kalter, Peter Rimshnick, David Rimshnick, and Josh Roth joined hundreds of other Cornellians in what has become an annual ritual, waiting for days outside of Bartles Hall (formerly known as the Field House) for a chance to buy season tickets for the 2002/03 hockey season. After hurrying through dinner and throwing the bare essentials (sleeping bags, a change of clothes, a few problem sets and texts books, and a reasonably comfortable couch borrowed from Northcote's barroom) into the back of an SUV, the men from Acacia drove to Bartels Hall to join an already long and quickly growing line. Fortunately, the weather was nice (warm and surprisingly dry by Ithaca's standards) and the atmosphere was fun. A handful of brothers stopped by throughout the night to keep us company and to drop off some much appreciated food. After waiting in line for nearly 8 hours we were permitted to enter Bartels Hall and were given our line numbers (619, 620, 621, and 622). For the 30 or so hours to follow, we patiently waited in Bartels Hall (tickets would not go on sale until Sunday afternoon). While many of us attempted to take care of some neglected school work, few of us were successful. We spent the day wandering around the field house, napping, talking with friends, and sharing stories from the long wait the previous night. At 11pm, Saturday night, we were finally allowed to go home. We were told to return on Sunday afternoon to actually purchase our tickets. On Sunday afternoon, after a refreshing shower and a decent night's sleep, we returned to Bartels Hall to buy our tickets and say goodbye to a few friends we had made over the course of the weekend. After nearly three days of waiting, we had eight coveted season tickets to show for our persistence and willingness to put our academic work on hold for a weekend. I can't wait for the first face off of the season, scheduled for October, 27th. If any of our Alumni plan on visiting Ithaca this winter and would like to catch a game at Lynah Rink, just let us the active chapter know a little bit in advance.

Conclave 2002 – “Captains of Our Fate”

By Mike Nasatka #1045

Being the fine chapter that we are, we used our \$1000 award money from this year’s Greek Awards to pay our way to the Big Easy for Conclave 2002. (We were not able to draw from our Acacia Fraternity Foundation account due to lack of funding.) The Venerable Dean Ricketts and myself, Recruitment Chairman, left from Boston and flew in via Charlotte. We ran into a few other Acacians in transit and together made our way to the Fairmont Hotel, site of the Conclave. After viewing the run down slum that is New Orleans, we were surprised to find that we were actually staying in a classy hotel. As Acacians, the luxurious setting was quite fitting. We decided to start our New Orleans experience off on the right foot, so we ventured down to Bourbon Street for a midday refreshment. After sampling a Hurricane and some of the ‘lovely’ window candy along the strip, we made our way to the opening ceremony.

The business of the Conclave was very good indeed. Some of the highlights were a moving speech by Colonel George E. “Bud” Day, a candid talk by Brother Levesque on life’s hard times, the “hypnotist”, the live jazz at the Awards Banquet, and, of course, the lines of Confucian wisdom from Brother Patterson. As our disease-ridden VD Ricketts likes to mention, the roundtable discussions moderated by alumni seemed to be most effective in learning how other chapters operate and for hearing recommendations for improvement. For those who read my ALA article, Conclave 2002 was yet another all-in-all great event put together by the Larson – Bushey –Gretchen trio from National.

Brother Utic (pronounced big ‘U’ – little ‘tic’ for all you simpletons), from Cornell, was our Alumni Representative. Being the Fraternity Foundation President, he was tied up in affairs separate from the general meeting, but it was nice to be represented by an alumnus nonetheless. For me, Conclave was not about the business, but about the brothers I met while I was there. I got to know some fine brothers, alumni and active alike, from our Syracuse and RPI Chapters up the road, and the Indiana and Purdue Chapters, as well as many others..

One notable piece of business, which I would like to touch on, is the formation of an International Expansion Committee. The Conclave’s Good of the Fraternity Committee, of which I was a part, drafted a resolution to form a group to investigate expansion of our fraternity into new campuses. Having no formal expansion task force for the past 100 years, it’s a wonder why we’re only 40 chapters ‘small’. So, the resolution was passed without hesitation, and we are in the process of forming the committee and its guidelines. Some of the contributors that I’d like to acknowledge are Alumnus Brothers Flagg and Howe from the Syracuse Chapter (both from my hometown area in Central MA I might add) and the committee’s chairman, Brother Morris of the Purdue Chapter.

So, that’s Conclave 2002 in a nutshell.. If only you were there. I’d recommend at least 1 trip to Conclave for every Acacian. I’m not sure it’s possible to grasp the full extent of our organization until you’ve had the opportunity to attend an International event. I challenge the Cornell chapter to have greater representation at these events in the future. We might

Donations to Acacia’s Cornell Endowment

Donations to the Cornell University Endowment can be directed to the Cornell Acacia Fraternity portion of the endowment through specifying the “Arthur Lee Thompson III Memorial Scholarship Endowment” when donating.

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

be the smartest and best looking chapter, but brains and beauty aren’t everything.. let me assure you.. Until next time.

Brotherhood in Thailand

By John Abrehamson #1048

The Acacia Circle of Life spins once more. Three summers ago, The Traveler carried the front-page story of brother Barclay Hershey, who visited Thailand with the expert guidance of brothers Brice Wu and Patara Youngnovich. Barclay was understandably smitten, and catapulting through an amazing sequence of events, three years later he lives in Thailand with a Thai fiancée. Barclay is one of the few Acacians who has ever had to negotiate a dowry.

And last summer, everything came full circle. I had the honor of visiting Barclay's Thailand home for a week, August 15-22, 2001 (Note: this article didn't make it into the last issue of the Traveler due to procedural difficulties). Barclay provided housing the entire time, despite only living in a one room apartment, he took care of my whole itinerary, he translated for me, and he even took days off work to be tour guide. He saw my face nonstop for 7 days straight, and quite honestly the lack of a mental breakdown was impressive.

Barclay navigated me adeptly around tourist traps and towards genuinely spellbinding areas. Vendors and guides would wait to nab insecure Americans as they passed through the gates of The Grand Palace and other places; Barclay would whip out some Thai phrase and they would walk away, stunned. Barclay & his fiancée took me by train to the amazing ruins of Ayudthaya, by boat to the (now tourist-dedicated) floating markets of

Damnoen Saduak, and in some of the most surreal moments just Bangkok pizza parlors. On a surreal fraternity-related note there actually was an "Acacia Club" - and it was a combination karaoke lounge and brothel. This is not really something I had pictured carrying the fraternity name, but I suppose if we have our own calling card then anything's possible.

So will the cycle repeat itself? I am concerned in this regard. I'm too busy trying to turn Japanese to put effort into Thai, and our house contains 1 Japanese brother, 2 Koreans, 1 Hispanic, & 2 African-Americans, but no Thai people. This is quite possibly the end. It's prudent to remember, though, that Acacia has a history of The End being anything but.

Senior NIB

By Tony Nemoto #1059

When I came back to school in Spring 2002, I never thought that I would be sitting here right now, writing this column. I had taken the previous semester off to work in the city, and was ready to start a new chapter in my life. In my four Cornell semesters prior to Fall '01, I had pledged and quit another house, went through a rollercoaster of a relationship, and balanced a life of school, friends, and work like someone who didn't know what he was doing (something all Cornell students can relate to, I hope) - a fresh start was exactly what I was looking for. The decision to pledge again entered my mind early in my fall off, and despite the odds of a Junior getting a bid being against me, I decided that I didn't want to leave Cornell with any regrets. As soon as I came back from working, my friend had told me about Acacia being a prospective house, as he had heard many accolades of it from his friend Ben Wood Fierce. The two of us decided to have dinner at the house, and the rest is history.

Having such a unique situation, I really feel privileged that I was given a bid to pledge the house last semester. I know that I am the type of person to benefit from the Greek System, as I have always valued organizations where a bonding is formed between many people. What the house did was offer me a chance to be a part of this, and for this I am grateful. The pledging period was a great experience, as I got to meet a lot of great people, and learn what it means to be part of a brotherhood. The feeling at the Initiation was one of exhaustion and accomplishment.

In my first two years at Cornell, I had a lot of good times hanging out with friends, and forming bonds with people, but if someone asked me where my "home" was, my mind would register Long Island. As a NIB this semester, I feel like my concept of a "home" is being replaced by Northcote - I think this is one of the key points of the fraternal life. Most importantly, are the experiences at Acacia. Where else can I get mooned multiple times a night and see a log in a urinal.

I firmly believe that this is the best house on campus. The brothers here are all cool, and we are on a rising trend as a house. I feel that the parties, the poker nights, the recognition, and the respect are all getting better, and it is exciting being a member at this time. I hope to have many more experiences in my remaining time here, which will most likely extend till May 2004. Thanks guys for guiding me to seek the truth, to give the light.

'Round the House

By Peter Rimshnick #1060

Northcote has seen a good deal of improvement in the first half of the fall semester. In terms of maintenance, the house has undergone a few major projects, including the repainting of the dining room, repairs to the chapter room ceiling, the addition of a larger window into room 469 to serve as a path of egress, and the beginning of our next major project, renovation of the dormer. We also are planning a number of other improvements in the upcoming year, including re-graveling of our parking lot, repairing the patio outside the dining room, rejuvenation of the Acacia Triangle area in the front lawn, and the planting of new shrubs and bushes in the spring to replace those that have died or that have grown unsightly.

In addition, we have purchased numerous items to improve the quality of life in the house. Our most prized possession has been a brand new 51" Panasonic High Definition Projection Television, and a DVD player/surround sound system to go with it. We have repaired our large DJ speakers to allow for bigger and better parties. Also, this semester we will be getting the beloved



pool table refelted and recushioned. We are in the process of replacing much of the furniture in the bar room, including old sofas and stools. In the next few months, we hope to add a new stackable washer-dryer combo to the wing to accommodate the increased number of brothers living in the house. As you can see, Northcote is in better shape than ever, and we actives look to improve it even further in the coming year.

Athletic Report

By Charles Kalter #1066

The house has made a strong showing in the Fraternity Intramural Leagues. The actives are participating in several individual and team sports, including Volleyball, Soccer, and Golf. Play on the athletic field has helped bring the house closer together and has become a valuable source of bonding and teamwork. Even more house sporting events are being planned for the Spring Semester.

Kitchen Steward's Report

By Gregory Chulsky #1064

When I was first elected as junior steward, I received some terrible news — Sharon, our amazing cook, was leaving. Very shortly thereafter, I received *great* news — Sharon's daughter Connie was coming to cook for us. That allowed me not to worry over the summer. And when we came back and the new year started, we found that Connie was a *great* cook. Everyone looks forward to Connie's dinners five times a week. But the favorite meal is the tradition Connie's mother started — Sunday brunch.

From Left, Brothers Josh Roth, Scott McQuade, and Venerable Dean Ricketts enjoying soft drinks at the bar.

A New Coat on Northcote

By Mike Coyle #1061

At the end of last year, the Acacia dining room walls were showing wear and tear after many years. The plaster had started cracking and the paint was chipping in many places. Even the beloved crest was in danger. Seeing this, the brotherhood and the corporation board sprang into action to fix the dining room up like new.

The corporation board took care of repairing the plaster damage in the wall over the summer and the brothers were charged with painting the walls upon their return from summer break. The newly initiated brothers from the spring pledge class decided to make this undertaking their pledge project. Many hours were spent prepping and painting the dining room during the week before classes started and a substantial amount of progress was made on the job. Even now that classes have started, the painting has not been forgotten; several brothers have been working at finishing the painting on a weekly basis. Sadly, the only casualty of the dining room repaint was the large Acacia crest, which may be added back on as the finishing touch of the job.

The Man from Millersville

By Ilya Cherepakhin #1058

For everyone at Northcote, Frank Rinkevich requires no introduction. Since the beginning of the semester he has stopped by the house on a regular basis quickly getting to know all of the actives and the resident recent alumni. Having a strong interest in entomology, Frank came to Cornell for the M.S./Ph.D. program which should keep him here for at least six more years. His research focuses on the biochemistry and molecular biology of insecticide resistance in house flies. This is actually an important field for insecticide resistance in medically important insect vectors is one of the most important problems facing the control of arboviruses like malaria and yellow.

So, of all places why chose Cornell and “sunny Ithaca”? As an undergrad, Frank noticed that Cornell professors, mostly in the Entomology department, authored a good proportion of papers that he has read. Studying here, presented an exciting opportunity to work with scientists

that, until now, I’ve only read about. The work in Dr. Jeff Scott’s lab that I am performing is very practical and has many, far reaching implications. As Frank also adds, “this fine university is also very close to my hometown of Wilkes-Barre, PA. It’s only a short 2-hour drive to home.”

One thing that Frank immediately noticed at the chapter is that nearly every brother lives at Northcote. “This makes for a great fraternal environment. The daily dinners are another thing that makes the ties of brotherhood run deep. Also, the number of fraternities here is outstanding.” Coming from a university of 8,000 students with seven fraternities and a Greek community composed of only 5 % of students, the size of Cornell’s Greek community seems impressive.

Before attending Cornell, Frank was most familiar with the Chapter as a satellite in the Books for Africa project that I helped coordinate with James Cosentino, a professor from Millersville. The Cornell chapter has been most helpful in collecting and donating books to our cause. Well, in the past weeks we all got to know Frank a lot better. As he put, “every weekend presents an opportunity for a good time with the brothers. Hanging out with Ricketts is always a great time. When my friends from Millersville came up for a weekend, we had a blast in Collegetown. So far, every weekend seems to outdo the previous one so this is a great thing.”

For this semester, my goals are primarily academic. As a graduate student I have one class and teach another. He will be involved in creating transgenic insect cells for the expression of the P450 gene which will be cloned from house flies. Lastly, Frank has agreed to act as the chapter’s new advisor. At Millersville, he held the positions of Senior Dean, Junior Dean and Human Service Chair while serving on the committees for rush, treasury, and Alumni relations. Having, I attended the Pittsburgh conclave in 2000, he has much experience the many facets of ACACIA, and we look forwards to working with him.

Editorial Note: We’d like to extend our deepest appreciation to Scott Inglis, who served as our Chapter Advisor for the last few years. He will be missed as part of our chapter. The best of luck to him and his family.

Summer in Ithaca: Life in a Paradox

By Juneyoung Andrew Hur #1053

Summer at Northcote was just like the typical summer you would expect in rural area. Everything seemed to be moving much slower pace than regular school year, not only because weather was very hot and humid, but also because campus was just empty.

Along with Brother Matthew Harris, the Summer House Manager, six brothers stayed over the summer with few borders moving in and out. These borders included, Dave the Australian, Steve Lim the Alumni, Cathy the Alaskan, and many others. Brother Ayres was taking classes for his co-op summer program getting ready for his co-op position at Autodesk in the fall. Brother Chulsky and Brother Clark were working as research assistant in their respective fields. Lastly, Brother Hur was participating in FALCON program.

The President's Room went through a major renovation thanks to Brother Clark and Brother Schmidt. They had ripped out all the walls and added a fresh coat of paint. Brother Matthew Harris also completed many different house improvement tasks that can be noticed throughout the house. Despite not having a set house clean-up schedule, Northcote stayed in a very good condition throughout the summer.

Summer in Ithaca definitely is not the most exciting thing you can do. Nevertheless, I was very pleasantly surprised by how much I enjoyed staying along with other brothers over the summer, and, of course, Jay's parents installing an air conditioner in 'Center Room' definitely was a plus.

Path of Pythagoras Freshman Scholarship

Jay Ayres #1052, Scholarship Chairman

Recently our chapter has come up with several ways to meet incoming freshmen during the fall semester, well before they are able to rush fraternities in the spring. One such initiative is our Path of Pythagoras freshman scholarship, which has helped greatly to spread our name around campus and bolster our recruitment numbers.

The scholarship is awarded to the freshman male who best exemplifies the teachings of Pythagoras: strong academics,

a commitment to community service, and leadership in extracurricular activities are all qualities that we look for in applicants. The winner each year receives \$1000, while \$500 is given to a runner-up and several \$100 honorable mentions are given out. Applicants submit an application on our website, along with an essay, and later on are each interviewed by actives from our chapter.

Last year we had about 30 freshmen apply for the scholarship, and gave out 10 awards in the end. That spring, four of the scholarship applicants ended up pledging our house.

This year it looks like the scholarship will once again be extremely successful. During the first week of classes we sent letters about the scholarship to every male freshman, and have had over 50 applications come in. We plan to have each applicant come over to the house and speak with the brothers for their scholarship interviews, and this process will really help us get to know potential pledges for the spring rush period.

Overall, our freshman scholarship has really helped us out with rush over the past few years, and hopefully with its continued success we can remain one of the

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The Social Scene

By Tom Balcerski #1063

Hello fellow brothers! I was recently elected Junior Dean of our chapter and in the midst of a busy fall semester and an active social program. You all might be interested to know that so far we have held four social events in the house: two bar night type parties, one toga party mixer with Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, and the mac daddy of them all, Oktoberfest! For the German celebration, we ordered paper steins, beer mugs, t-shirts, and even funny green hats. It was the most well-attended party in recent memory, so say senior members Josh Roth (roll #) and Scott McQuade (roll #).

What's more important right now is that the strength of the brotherhood is strong and the social scene reflects that new found strength. In the upcoming months we have more bar nights, another mixer with a sorority, and to cap it off in December, our annual Black and Gold Formal. Acacia Fraternity is a social fraternity, now more than ever.



Brother Michael Coyle enjoying a stein of warm milk and spectating a game of pool.

The Mailbag – Alumni News

Perry Slocum '35 (0342) [245 Gibson Aquatic Farm Rd., Franklin, NC 28734] married Louise Mason on 10/20/2001. This is Perry's 3rd marriage (having been widowed twice) and her 2nd. They took a 10-day honeymoon cruise to Hawaii via the Crown Princess.

John P. Woodford '47 (0435) [4364 Greenwood Dr., Okemos, MI 48864] attended brother Albert's retirement as chief engineer of the Philadelphia Port Authority. He was toasted for 37 years as the best chief engineer ever to grace the banks of the port of Philadelphia for his skills in the field of engineering.

L. W. Pete Knapp, Jr. '51 (0509) [402 Linder Rd. NE, Iowa City, IA 52240-9112] suffered a severe stroke while working with indigenous people in Hounduras in Jan. '02. He is in a local health center receiving therapy for his paralyzed left side. Fortunately, his speech and mind are clear.

Wallace M. Rich '51 (0523) [12904 County Highway 18, Hobart, NY 13788; DWRich@localnet.com] is still in Hobart, taking it easy on the farm. Wife, Doris, is from the area. They have 3 daughters (the youngest graduated from Cornell in '84). Went back to Cornell for 50th Reunion (where he saw Chet Pohl and Bill Wickham) and visited Acacia. Wallace tries to do some traveling each year.

Dick Powell '58 (0608) [1052 Brookhaven Walk, Atlanta, GA 30319; BPowell@usp.br] lives in Brazil, and recently visited one of his two daughters in the States. At her house, he found an edition of The Traveler in which there was news from two other Class of '58 brothers that he enjoyed reading, so thought he would update his address and provide some news. He got his Ph. D in physics at Johns Hopkins and worked at their Applied Physics Lab for almost 30 years. For most of that time, he was married to a Norwegian, and they have two children. One works for Delta Airlines and the other is a Cornell Hotel School '93 graduate. Dick retired at the end of '93 and has been living with a beautiful Brazilian woman (also with Ph D) for the past 8 years. They met when both were

vacationing in Mexico. Dick took a big step when he sold everything and pulled up his American roots and bought a farm (and 55 head of cattle) in the mountains between Sao Paulo and Rio. He lives in her city apartment, and things are great – he only goes to the farm once/month to check up and pay the workers.

John L. Krakauer '62 (0642) [1027 South Rainbow Blvd. #274, Las Vegas, NV 89145] retired to Las Vegas and spends about 8 months there. Still goes back to Colorado for the summer. Serves on the board of directors of a public company and serves as part-time President and CEO of a small company that produces videotapes for patient rehabilitation. He also serves on several non-profit boards. John leads a busy life that doesn't allow enough time for golf. Daughter Laura (who lives in Seward, AK) will be married in October in Flagstaff, AZ.

Douglas C. Eberhart '63 (0652) [202 Union St., Clayton, NY 13624; douglas_e_13624@yahoo.com] is active in volunteer work – Lions Club. They are setting up 501(C)(3) not for profit corporation. Opened a 2nd hand store to serve senior citizens and low income working families. Doug is also active with the Salvation Army (Syracuse, NY region). In his free time, he went back to school as a substitute teacher (any subject, grades K-12), which is both a change and a challenge.

Jerry Kreider '68 (0720) [9 Narbrook Park, Narberth, PA 19072-2123; jerrys2k@comcast.net] enjoyed seeing many of the Active Brothers in May and participating in the ceremony of 3 brothers becoming alums. Jerry also attended (and enjoyed) the Annual Corporation Meeting. Had lunch with Rich Ahlfeld '68 (0713) in late August in the Poconos, en route to vacationing in Maine.

Bruce Schneider '78 (0842) [bruce.schneider@snet.net] paid his Alumni Dues via PayPal. He left Citibank after 22 years and has joined the American International Group as Global Director of Information Technology Financial Management.

Paul C. Herrington '81 (0882) [P.O. Box 307, 31 Elm St., Niverville, NY 12130] and wife, Lisa, are adopting a baby from Korea. Over the summer, they got together

with John '81 (0877) and Lisa '83 (L015) Friedlander and family, John '81 (0883) and Tanya '82 (L007) Graham and family, and Al '84 (0916) and Mary '85 (L024) Myers Pasquino. They had a fun day at the beach near Mystic, CT. In March, they hooked up with Al, Lisa (and 4 of her kids) to see Cornell beat Quinnipiac in the hockey playoffs at Worcester, MA. In addition, in March, he got to see Cornell beat RPI (in Troy), and went to Lake Placid for the ECAS's. It was tough to see Cornell lose to "Hah-vahd" in double OT, but had a great time otherwise. Sounds like the Actives are doing a great job – keep up the good work. Also, kudos to Steve Stein and the rest of the Corporation Board – you guys are doing a great job.

David J. Sangree '84 (0917) [1052 Maple Cliff Dr., Lakewood, OH 44107] has settled in new house in the Cleveland suburb of Lakewood and has opened a new office for US Realty Consultants. He talked to Mark Schaten '84 (0923) who recently got married.

Mark A. Schaten, MD '84 (0923) [W4078 Parkview Court, Fond Du Lac, WI 54935-7818; mschatenmd@charter.net] and Vicki were married on 4/27/2002. They are enjoying their new home overlooking Lake Winnegaga and are hoping to start a family soon. Mark is very happy in his new job as an internal medicine physician with Aurora Healthcare.

Charles W. Huffine III '86 (0931) [563 Bram Hall Dr., Rochester, NY 14626; chuck.huffine@searbrown.com] has been busy directing the Greece Jazz Band. They just cut their first CD.

Brian Klumpp '89 (0952) [106 Blanchard Heights, Groton, NY 13073; BrianKlumpp@att.net] lives in Groton with wife of 6 years, Liana, and their two sons, Jacob (3) and Logan (1). His day consists of work, trains, and dinosaurs.

John W. Carpenter III '91 (0959) [2446 Dover Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33907; JohnCarp@aol.com] is glad to see the current membership of Cornell Acacia bloom. After 4 years in the house, struggling to meet that "critical mass", he is so happy to see some succeed where they had failed.

Adam Goldstein '93 (0974) [856 W. Nelson St., Apt. 907, Chicago, IL 60657; dradam@drgoldstein.com] entered his final year of surgical residency. He is the father of twin boys (born in May 2001), and wife, Anna, was due to have their 3rd child in September 2002. Adam started an online business (egyptianartwork.com). He has been in touch with Kevin Slesinsky '95 (0987), James Fu '94 (0979), and Mike Budreski '94 (0978).

Jason Q. McKee '97 (1005) [96 East Manning St., Apt. 3D, Providence, RI 02906; JQMcKee@hotmail.com] is doing his surgical residency at Brown.

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Brothers and friends enjoying Oktoberfest Activities

Fraternally...

By Editor-in-Chief David Rimshnick #1062

Matthew Scott Harris stepped to the beat of his own drummer. The 25 year old alumni brother who left us last month after a 3 year stay pursuing his Ph.d. seemed to know no other way. Matthew was always the most upstanding of brothers around the house -- making sure to always do his house cleanup and kitchen crew duties, being courteous and respectful of others, astutely making sure security and safety around the house was always kept at a maximum level. But all this seemed to be second nature to Matthew, innate, if you will, in his very character. Matthew was never an active brother, but rather a once boarder who was rightfully given honorary membership into our fraternity. But because of this Matthew seemed to develop his tie to the brotherhood from the inside instead of from the out. He had his fair share of disputes

and quarrels with individual members of the brotherhood, but the vast majority of the time Matthew kept to himself, being the best brother he could be the only way he knew how. Indeed, the popular enigma of Matthew seemed to commonly outshadow the somber man he was.

Matthew left without much uproar on a busy Wednesday morning, starting himself and a few of his belongings on the cross country drive back home. But although he left our home, to this day the spirit of Matthew lives alive and well in our hearts. It will be a long time before the folklore of Matthew Harris dies away -- before we can forget about the whiteboard and the network security and the Napoleon poster and him collecting lent. But, now that he has beengone for a little while, we all find ourselves unable to forget the oft overlooked man of Matthew Harris, and missing the man who never missed a beat. ▲



From Top Left, Brothers David Rimshnick, Brian Kwoba, Scott McQuade, Thomas Balcerski, and Igor Dogalev (below) enjoying our Scholarship Barbeque



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