

Santa's College Days

-Juan Ramirez

For several months, I had been thinking about a huge event that Acacia may run on campus. Acacia had not held a Service event on campus for many years, and I thought it would be a great idea to bring Acacia back into the Cornell community with an event. The idea for *Santa's College Days* came about after several meeting with Venerable Dean Noe Bautista. With my connections to the Cornell Store, I worked out an agreement, and they allowed me to use some space from their store. It was all then up to the fraternity to make this event work

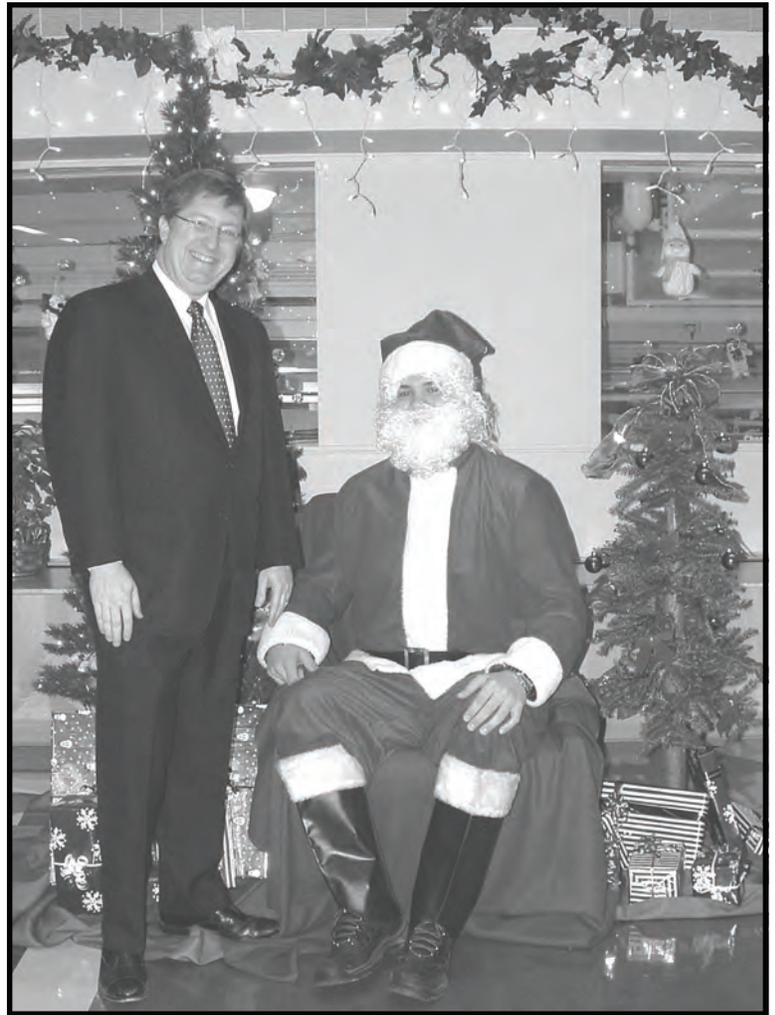
On November 29th, 2004, I got up at around 7:30 in the morning and met up with Noe Bautista, our Venerable Dean. After a quick bowl of cereal, both he and I drove to Cortland and picked up a costume at Grand Rental Station. We left our deposit and picked up the Santa suit complete with a belt, wig and cotton white beard. From there we drove back to the house and picked up the materials needed for the rest of the event.

Upon arriving at the Cornell Store on campus, I was left to set up the event with the managers inside the store. *Santa's College Days* was the first fraternity run philanthropy event inside the store in several years. In conjunction with the Cornell Store, I promoted the event on campus with my fellow Acacians. We handed out quarter cards and placed flyers on prominent loca-

tions of campus buildings. All the brothers were eager to work together and make the two days a complete success.

The event consisted of many things. I budgeted to purchase hot chocolate and worked with a sorority on campus, Sigma Alpha, to bake

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Brother Paul "Santa Clause" Junek with Cornell President Lehman

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A Message From Our Corporation Board President

Greetings! The 2004-2005 Academic year is nearly over and Northcote is still in relatively good physical condition for a 98 year-old house. As usual, we've had to deal with a few unanticipated maintenance expenses (leaking ceilings, broken toilets), and the flashing around the chimney still needs to be repaired (as soon as the snow and ice melt). Fortunately, we had no difficulty passing the Cayuga Heights annual inspection for our Certificate of Compliance. However, we will be hard pressed to complete our 5-year maintenance plan without significant additional income (spelled DUES and DONATIONS). On the horizon this spring and summer is replacing our aging hot water boiler (which was installed in 1960 when the Wing was built; \$18,270), replacing the rest of the original double-hung windows on the 1st and 2nd floors (at least 10 of the 30 windows estimated at \$700/window), converting cook's/weight room bathroom to laundry room (\$4,500), and replacing carport roof (\$2,400). Next year we'll need to expand/pave/illuminate the back parking lot and finish the window replacement project.

I am encouraged by the number of contributors (61 donors, \$6,225) so far for 2004-2005 and the continued words of encouragement I received from many of you that I should continue as Corporation Board President. I still haven't decided whether or not to "seek" another term as Corporation President (and nobody has stepped forward to take over the Treasurer's role, so I continue to do both plus I maintain the Alumni database).

The Active Brotherhood is a great group of young men, and I'm sure the new pledge class will continue to make Acacia an organization we are all proud of. I'll miss the graduating seniors, as they have all been a tremendous asset to Acacia and have helped me in my effort to provide a beautiful, safe, comfortable, and inviting facility.

Think about contacting some fellow classmates whose names don't appear on the honor roll and urging them to fulfill their financial obligation to our fraternity. If you haven't contributed, please consider showing your financial support today so Cornell Acacia can continue to flourish.

I hope to see some of you at our annual meeting in May.

Fraternally,

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Annual Corporation Board Meeting
Saturday, May 7, 2005

The Annual Meeting of the Cornell Chapter of Acacia Fraternity, Inc. will be Saturday, May 7, 2005 at 11:00 am, at Acacia Fraternity, 318 Highland Road, Ithaca, NY 14850 (607-257-7055)

Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Venerably Speaking

-Noe Bautista

Our fraternity's momentous strides towards greatness are bearing fruits, and it is because of the groundwork that was laid down by those that came before us that we have been able to achieve so much. As this fraternity of ours is ever a work in progress both alumni and actives must continuously give their honest share of effort. A recent visit by Brother Alumnus Charlie Hong really put how far Cornell Acacia has come into perspective. He was most impressed by how well we are doing socially nowadays. But what, in my eyes, is truly impressive is the fact that we have maintained and improved in every aspect that our fraternity prides itself in excelling.

We have focused on our service projects more by making sure that all of our events are not only beneficial to the community, but that our service events are also the most unique on campus. Our fundraiser, "Santa's College Days," was a complete success, as we managed to raise over \$350 in two days by getting Cornellians to take pictures with Santa. We were recognized for our efforts in *The Cornell Daily Sun*, and by the American Cancer Society whose re-

gional coordinator called it the most creative event that she had ever heard in her many years of coordinating such events. We have also continued our work with "On-Site Volunteering Service" and many other small projects. These truly remarkable projects have certainly helped with our name recognition on campus, which is much since improved.

It was this name recognition along with a very well planned out Rush that we were able to get 7 very good pledges into our recruitment efforts. This pledge class has already showed a great deal of initiative, a quality that we are all pleased to see in all the men that hope to become brothers of Acacia. The group of men that we have gathered in this pledge class truly makes us rest easy as to what we can expect them to achieve in the name of this fraternity, and for themselves.

Our many achievements could not have come into fruit without the

great leadership that has emerged from the new officers that have performed at a level beyond their job description. The new incoming brothers have settled into much more active roles, and have enabled all of these projects to go through successfully. While the upper classmen have come through as true and tried Acacians should, by leading through example and by providing their experience. With so many good brothers doing their part there are always some who go above and beyond and that is why the executive board has revived the "Brother of the Month Program." Through this program brothers who are non-executive officers are recognized for their efforts at our chapter meetings.

The challenges remain the same but this house will be ready to reach its centennial in 2007, as it should, at the top of its game. As an active I have seen this house grow and change for the better. I can honestly say that I am confident in the brothers that I will, upon graduation, hand the house over to. However, I will most certainly keep my duties as an alum ever in mind. I invite every alumni that gets a chance comes to visit and see how far Acacia has come.

**"Our fraternity...
strides towards
greatness...
because of the
groundwork that
was laid down by
those that came
before us"**

Letter From the Editor

-Roman Markh

There's both an honor and a burden in dealing with a legacy. The *Traveler* has been published almost as long as our chapter at Cornell has been around. Though it's form of publication varied, from hardcover books to 4 page pamphlets, the content has been tirelessly true to its intent: provide accurate information to our fellow alumni so as to narrow the gaps that form after graduation.

Having served as Dean of Alumni Affairs and editor of the *Traveler* twice in the past three semesters, I have come to appreciate the overwhelming difficulty for both actives, to stay in

touch with alumni, and for alumni, to stay involved with the active chapter. But if there is one thing that winning the 'Best Publication Award' at last summer's Conclave has revealed is that at the very least, we're doing our best.

This year, following my initial project from two semester's ago, I am continuing to build on our big brother tree. Having finally found the roots around World War II, I feel a little bit more confident in its completion; knowing that I won't have to somehow contact our founding members. Since the projects revival, I have been successful enough to bring our total number of connections to 136 (up from about 30 when the project began). With the hopes of

completing this project by our centennial, I would like to encourage all alumni who have not already done so, to send an email to acacia@cornell.edu with your big/little brother (s). You can always add that information to the "additional information" portion of the Dues Notices. A lot of the branches are still missing and a few discrepancies exist; your help could mean the difference in completing this project.

As the dawn of the century draws to a close, remember those words you uttered upon graduating and get in touch with the chapter; or at the very least, pay your dues.

On Santa's Lap

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some cookies for people who stopped by. I convinced Paul Junek to dress as Santa for one day, and I would be Santa for the second day. People could pay \$1 to have their picture taken with Santa Claus. We coordinated with the sisters of Lambda Theta Alpha and Omega Phi Beta. Everyone rotated shifts as Paul and I remained constantly to watch over the proceedings.

It was a very hectic and strenuous two days totaling ten hours of work inside the Cornell Store. We had many visitors who stopped by such as President Jeffrey Lehman '79 and Vice President of Communication Thomas Bruce. By the end of the two days of working within the walls of the Cornell Store, everyone was tired but content with the work we had done. The event raised \$360.00 for the American Cancer Society to help their fight against cancer. After the success of this past year's event, *Santa's College Days*, we hope the this coming year, we hope to hold a more successful and fulfilling event.



Brothers Pete Rimshnick, Dave Rimshnick, Zach Samuels, Mark Elliot, and dates enjoy a fancy dinner at LaTourelle restaurant at this year's Valentine's Day Formal.

The Facebook Phenomenon

-Peter Rimshnick

Over the past year, a phenomenon has swept through the Cornell campus and hundreds of other college campuses nationwide. Known simply as "The Facebook", it's a website at which Cornellians and other collegians can put up pictures and profiles of themselves for others at their college to see. Students can indicate who their friends are, and the website allows you to visualize your "social network", as well as see how many "degrees of separation" are between you and someone you may have just met. The Facebook can also act as a birthday reminder. You can even send a virtual "poke" to someone who you'd like to meet.

While this may seem at first like a very nerdy or unexciting idea, the success of the website has proven otherwise. Many have postulated about why it has had so much success, especially at the Ivy's, where it began. Some say it is

a response to the difficulty in meeting new people in social situations other than frat parties. Others think people like it because they can show off how many friends they have. Whatever the reason, The Facebook has grown rapidly from a small curiosity to a thriving social portal.

Another great thing about The Facebook is that it allows alumni to register as well. All that is required is that you have an "@cornell.edu" email address, which alumni can sign up for with the university. You then, simply log on to www.thefacebook.com and register. You can then search for, say, "Acacia", and then by adding fellow Acacians to your friends list you can stay in touch electronically.

Thus, I'd encourage any interested alumni to go ahead and sign up. In just a few clicks you too can count yourself among the many around the country who enjoy what The Facebook has to offer.



Senior Steward Evan Helmsorig reporting for duty during Rush Week.
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We're All Good Pledges

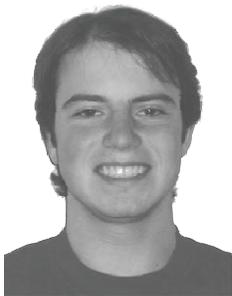
Here are brief biographies of this semester's pledge class. They have been hand-picked as a mature group of guys who will make a great addition to this fraternity. Maintaining our reputation as a diverse group of men, the active chapter, is excited for the day when these men can join our ranks as Acacians.

Chris Danicic (Pigpen)



Hello my name is Christopher Danicic and I was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I enjoy watching and playing sports like soccer, hockey, football and ultimate. I like computer games, exercise, reading and painting (though I haven't touched a brush in almost a year). Although I plan to major in Mechanical Engineering, I also have interest in materials/electronics, physics, math, business and philosophy. I hope that the years ahead, with Acacia, will be as fun and fulfilling as this one.

Drew Eisenberg (McCracken)



Hello, I come from Woodcliff Lake, NJ (exit 172 to calibrate those from Jersey).

I went to Horace Mann High School and am now in the College of Engineering at the oh-so-sunny Cornell!

I love snow and enjoy building stuff, which brings me to my majors: Meteorology and Mechanical Engineering. When I am not working, I am skiing or playing Frisbee or both at the same time and/or napping. I am only a pledge now, but so far have found Acacia to be wonderful and look forward to three years of living at Acacia and forming great friendships.

Eric Fish (Penguin)



Hi! My name is Eric Fish and I'm a freshman "aggie" majoring in Animal Science. My hometown is Lockport, NY, a three-hour car ride west of Ithaca. Unlike some here, I love Ithaca year-round — rain/snow or shine. Here at Cornell I study a lot of biology and chemistry as I hope to go to Veterinary School after graduation. In my free time I play the drums for the Big Red Marching Band, snowboard with the Cornell Ski Club, work at the Appel Service Center, and slack off playing poker with my friends.

I've had a lot of fun pledging Acacia this year and look forward to becoming a full brother. Between the Red Hot pledge party, being dubbed 'Penguin,' and simply meeting the brothers at quiet dinners, I have found a place on campus I can call a home away from home. To summarize how I feel about Cornell Acacia, I can't wait to be able to quote the most poignant (and easy to remember) part of Acacia's preamble, "I am an Acacian. I am proud of it."

Seth Jacobson (Bam Bam)



Hello, my name is Seth Jacobson. Originally from Rochester, Minnesota, I decided to come to Cornell to experience another part of the country and get the best education offered. Little did I know that I would start playing rugby and join a fraternity. Both decisions are leading me to great things. At school, I study Applied and Engineering Physics (AEP) with a very heavy interest in astronomy. Such projects as the Cassini space voyager or the Martian rovers inspire me, and I would love to be a part of future missions. But science isn't everything in my life; I enjoy reading and discussing everything from mythology to current events. Becoming a brother at Acacia has become an important part of my second semester and as a brother, in the future, I hope that I can help Acacia as much as it helps me achieve my goals.

Mathew Meister (Jaws)



Hey all, I am Matt Meister. I am currently an Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) major here at Cornell, but am considering switching to Applied and Engineering Physics. However, I have absolutely no clue what I want to do with myself when I leave here; but I have time to worry about that

later. I have lived in New York my whole life; hailing from New City, in little Rockland County, north-west of the city and next to Westchester County.

For fun, I enjoy a wide variety of things, though most of my time is spent just hanging out with friends. I enjoy skiing and snowboarding, basketball, soccer, computer and video games, reading, drawing, and listening to music, even though I can't play an instrument for my life. I have a very wide sense of humor and am a relatively easy-going guy. On top of all this, I am a Disney junkie, and have been to Disney World more times than I can remember. I look forward to my time here at Cornell and Acacia, and hope for the remainder to be as fun and rewarding as it has so far been.

Neela Sandal (Waldo)



Hey, my name is Neelakamala Wynn Sandal; Neela for short. I've been living in the Midwest for most of my life, so coming up to the Northeast is a pretty exciting change. I'm a freshman majoring in Music, but I still want to become doctor, so I'm pre-med as well! I've also got a penchant for religion, so I'm considering philosophy as well.

I'm currently involved in the Mary Donlon Hall Council, in which I'm both the president and the representative to the Residence Hall Association. Usually I'm studying, planning an event, or trying to finish up some odd-job or another. When I've got free time I enjoy socializing, composing, and playing video/computer games. I'm looking forward to all the good times I'll have as an Acacian, and to all that I know we can accomplish as a brotherhood.

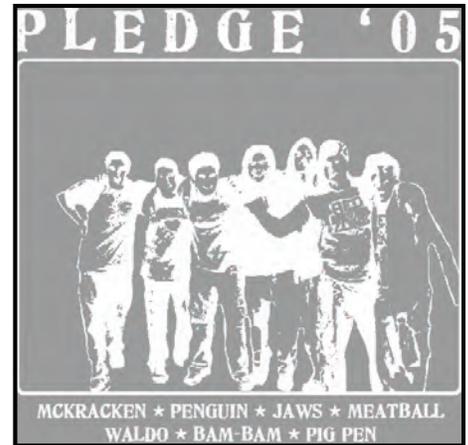
Yuri Sylvester (Meatball)



My name is Yuri Sylvester, and I am a freshman majoring in Materials Science and Engineering. The answer to your question is yes: my name is pronounced "Yuddi," and not anything else. I am originally from Chile, but, before coming to Cornell, I lived 3 years in the Sunshine state of Florida. In my spare time, I like to read about organic semi-conductors (since they are the ones that drive me everyday), play tennis, throw the shot put, go to church, and play chess. I have found most of the fun here

at Cornell at 318 Highland Road: ACA-CIA. Oh. Yeah! Smashing, baby!

This fraternity has welcomed me like no other organization on campus has. I am looking forward to partying and sharing great stories with every single one of the brothers. By the way, pledge class of 2005 = best pledge class party ever! I look forward to creating bonds with all of you guys and to be there for each other at all times.



Pledge class shirt



Brothers (from right, clockwise) Charles Kalter, Zach Weinstein, Roman Markh, Tarek Banaja, Evan Helmsorig, and Mark Hartman celebrate a festive Halloween at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania.

CORNELL ACACIA: THE FIRST ONE HUNDRED YEARS



Brethren, the Cornell Chapter's centennial is rapidly approaching! To commemorate the occasion, Thomas Balcerski (#1063), with the help of other active brothers, is authoring an account of the Cornell Chapter's history. While no volume can encapsulate the meaning our fraternity has held for so many Cornell Acacians, we hope to catalog the major events of our past and explore how our history impacts us as we enter our second century. For our centennial celebration, we will publish hardbound copies of the work, which will make a valuable addition to any Cornell Acacian's library.

Although we have many resources detailing our Chapter's history, including our chapter's collection in the archives at Cornell's Kroch Library, we realize many alumni possess additional information that will enhance our book's content. We hope you can mail any old pictures or written documents to Northcote, addressed to our Alumni Affairs chairman. Or, if you know any good stories or anecdotes, please bring them to our attention, either by letter or by e-mailing us at Acacia@cornell.edu.

Due to the costs of printing, we need the generosity of alumni to contribute to the project. If you can provide financial support to the project, please include your contribution with your regular dues payment, and indicate on the enclosed dues notice the amount you wish to designate for the project. While we will sell the books once we have printed them, brothers donating \$100 or more to the project will receive a complementary copy, and the book will list the names of all benefactors. Already Brother Alumnus Juneyoung Andrew Hur has contributed our first \$100 donation. Thank you! Finally, if any alumni can assist with the printing or binding of the books, we would sincerely appreciate hearing from you, again either in a letter or via e-mail.

The active chapter is excited about our centennial, and we hope that with your support, we will produce a volume that does justice to our rich heritage and serves as a memento for the years to come.

Stewards of Northcote - The Fellowship of Acacia

-Evan Helmsorig

The weekend before this year's rush week was witness to a flurry of activity at Northcote as brothers of Cornell Acacia undertook one of the most ambitious house repair projects in recent memory. As Senior Steward, I assessed the house's condition, and began some of the major planned repainting. One by one, the downstairs rooms were tackled: furniture was moved out, dusted, and polished. Floors were swept and mopped, walls were scrubbed, and the dreadful mess behind the bar was reorganized.

After only a few hours of shut-eye, I planned more tasks for everyone to accomplish during the second day of cleanup. The wing bathroom underwent several hours of intense scrubbing. The Acacia flags were put up, 17 burnt-out light bulbs were replaced, a light fixture was installed in the second floor hall, the dormer was cleaned out and organized, all windows were cleaned, and the Commons wood trim was given a fresh coat of lemon-scented polish. In fact, Brother Evan Lowenstein went a little crazy with the polish; liberally coating every square centimeter of wood in the house, much to the chagrin of those whose hands were covered with the "Olde English" polish from the stairwell hand railings. As if painting all day was not enough, Northcote saw yet another hardworking overnight shift: plugging away at the second floor and Commons. Having some experience with drywall, I took Saturday night to tackle some rather extensive wall repair that was necessary in many places. Two walls in the commons had badly peeling finishes, the area behind the dartboard was littered with holes and cracks, and many other isolated areas throughout the house had minor damage. A few scraps of sheetrock and some spackle helped get those areas back into shape.

It was an early Sunday morning for the brothers as the effort entered the homestretch. It had been a tiring past 36 hours, though there was still much work to be done. With the mailroom, stairwells, entire second floor, and half the Commons sporting a fresh coat of white

paint, the attention was moved to the other half of the Commons and the service entrance hallway. Meanwhile, several brothers rented a steam cleaner and gave all the carpets in the house a treatment. Sunday also witnessed the stripping and waxing of every tiled floor in the house. With nearly every project wrapped up, it was time to get all the cleaning supplies put away and furniture moved back into place.

As midnight rang in and the last

pieces of masking tape were removed, I looked back on the long weekend and all the work that the brotherhood put in with great admiration. With everyone working together and putting in a great effort, an astounding amount of work was completed. My sanity was questioned more than once during the week; some thought it an impossible amount of work, but I knew all along this great brotherhood would come together and pull it off.



Above: It's getting harder and harder each year to take a picture of the entire brotherhood during Pledge Induction. Below: Actives and pledges amidst dust after demolishing a house for On-Site Community Service



Recruitment — Changing Yet Remaining the Same

-Andy Cox

This year, Cornell Acacia entered Rush week with a sense of confidence and hope for the future. After a large pledge class last spring, every brother looked to equal if not improve upon the successes of the past year. As the current Recruitment Chairman, I am proud of the strong pledge class we have this semester. Our pledges are all high caliber men who will surely become strong leaders of this house. But how did we get to where we are now? The key to a successful rush, as I learned after the stress filled week, is strong participation by the actives. As Thomas Merton once famously said, "No man is an island," and certainly the rush chairman is not alone during that hectic week.

Our rush events remained similar to those of the past. We kept some of the more traditional events such as the Car Bash, in which we brought in a junk car and let rushees beat the car with sledgehammers, baseball bats, pick-axes, and other assorted weapons of destruction. Other events that went over well included Go-Karting, Bowling, and our open meals, which included brunch and a few dinners. Once again our cook Connie Krause provided us with excellent food for every day during rush week, which enabled us to save some money to be put towards the events themselves.

But as I said, the key to our successful rush was not the events alone, but the enthusiasm with which all the brothers approached the events. Strong participation was an oft stressed point by Venerable Dean Noe Bautista and myself. Before the week even began, everyone pitched in to make the house look cleaner than it normally is. Several rooms were repainted, floors received new coats of wax, and carpets were cleaned thoroughly, destroying at least three or four vacuums in the process. Credit should be given all around, but especially to our senior steward, Evan Helmsorig, who went above and beyond the call of duty to make Northcote one of the finest looking houses on campus.

The golden spirit of all the Cor-

-Bradley Ayres

Our pledge program will always have the same underlying goal: To develop men into active brothers who will contribute to our chapter's success. But before the current semester, we examined our existing program and explored ways to enhance the education it provides our pledges. While we would never consider altering our time-honored rituals, as a result of our discussion we have modified certain aspects of the pledge program in hopes of improving its quality.

All of our pledges must still learn the basic history of both our International Fraternity and the Cornell Chapter, but in this semester's pledge program we have chosen to emphasize chapter operations and unity, both within the pledge class and among all pledges and brothers. By moving our "Lock-In" event, at which all actives and pledges gather to pass on stories and local traditions to the pledge class, to an earlier part of the semester, we aimed to hasten the process in which pledges come to feel like they are truly part of our brotherhood. We also spent a significant amount of time thinking of meaningful pledge names that will prove a source of fond memories in the years to come.

nell Acacians, however, really shined as the week progressed. Whether it was handing out flyers for our events, driving freshmen from Donlon Circle, or just being patient and tolerant of 10am wakeup calls to clean the house; everyone put forth more effort than was asked of them to make this rush a successful one. This spirit of pride and enthusiasm has manifested itself in our current pledges, as well. I am proud that our labor was not in vain, and we were able to get seven men who are all natural leaders and show the same fine qualities as the Acacians who came before them. As we look to the future, I am sure that Northcote will remain in good hands, as long as we always remember the brotherhood that we are a part of.

Additionally, this year the pledge class will participate in a day of service with the active brothers, strengthening the ties of friendship we share with one another as we further the ideal of our motto, "Human Service." As the pledge program evolves, we hope that it will continue to produce leaders who will allow our chapter to flourish.

While the content of the pledge program is undoubtedly important, the effort and attitude of the men who comprise the pledge class ultimately determine how successful the program will be. This spring's pledge class has been no disappointment, and the strong enthusiasm with which they have approached every activity has allowed the pledge program to achieve its goal. Whether conducting the pledge party, visiting the sororities on Valentine's Day, planning the pledge class house improvement project and even completing a pledge class prank, our new members have demonstrated their desire to contribute their honest share of effort to the chapter's life. As their Senior Dean, I can honestly say that I am excited about the pledge class's potential, and will feel comfortable leaving the chapter in their hands when I pass into the ranks of alumni membership.

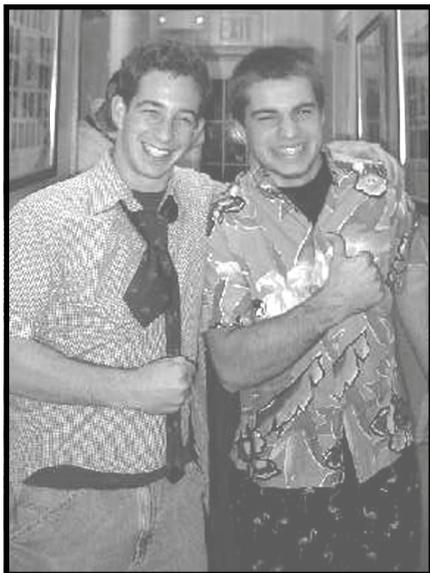


Pledge Chris Danicic demolishing a segment of wall for our philanthropy event.

A Time to Remember - Where Memories Are Born

-Jared Davis

Social events have many purposes, but which is the most important one? While social events can be a helpful recruitment tool and make the name ACA-CIA well known in the Cornell community, I believe that their most important role is to create memories. Every so often, when visiting other brothers in the house, I run into a group of guys laughing and joking to themselves in someone's room. Often times, it is the collective memory that has caused this gathering. Maybe the group is perusing through photos from past events, or maybe they are just recalling something funny that occurred at the time. Either way, it is clear that, long after the guests have left and the event is over, we are all able to



Brothers Evan Loewenstein and Andy Cox at one of our social events.

draw on our collective memory of what happened. This is the case for formals, parties, and sorority mixers. These stories also often get passed down to future pledges or brother who may have missed the occasion.

Events always create memories that we all share, and this semester has been no exception. If anything, the memories that have been created are stronger than they have been in the recent past. This is due to stronger participation by everyone. For example, brother attendance at our most recent formal, the annual Valentine's Day formal, was the highest most of us have seen since we've joined the house. In addition, while the number of brothers in attendance increased, the number

who went stag was the lowest ever. Without a doubt, everyone who went had a good time and will remember the occasion for some time. Hopefully, the successful creation of memories will continue throughout the rest of the semester with our few remaining events. On our schedule, we have a mixer with the Kappa Delta Sorority, the spring formal, and two more parties, one being Night on the Nile, which we all look forward to. For the seniors, these will be some of their last memories as Acacians, and hopefully some of the best.



Brother Paul Junek playing pool in the bar room.

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Senior Biographies

-Roman Markh

As abruptly as college begins, so it must end. For some, this marks just the first leg in what may turn into a marathon. For others, however, their years of academia are over and they must move out into the real world; that scary place that was dreaded all through high school and college.

But the step forward, a step away from being a student and an active member of acacia, should not be taken alone. That being in mind, I offer you the biographies of our graduating seniors. My hope is that their struggle for full-time employment may be somehow aided by someone from our brilliant, diverse group of alumni.

Tom Balcerski

Tom will be graduating with two degrees this spring: Honors in American Studies and Economics. His prospects for next year are wide open but is really interested in working full-time in the field of publishing, literary and otherwise. Any advice about or connections to the publishing world would be greatly appreciated.

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Zachary Weinstein

Zach will be graduating in May with a dual degree in Psychology and French. He is in the process of searching for a research position in a Clinical Psychology lab. He hopes to pursue a PhD in Clinical Psychology after obtaining 1-2 years of clinical research experience. If anyone has any contacts at any of the major hospitals in the New York City area, he would be much obliged.

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Gregory Chulsky

Greg will be graduating in May with a degree in Astrophysics. He is fluent in eight languages and hopes to find anything that an astrophysicist can do in the private sector.

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Chapter Eternal

Fay McClelland '44 (0416) - 9/2004
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Charles Kalter

Charlie is a senior Mechanical and Aerospace Engineer looking to work in the aerospace industry. System dynamics and fluid mechanics are just a few of the subjects he is interested in and has studied here at Cornell.

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Igor Dolgalev

Igor will be graduating in May majoring in Biological Sciences with a concentration in Computational Biology. He is still looking for any exciting opportunities for the upcoming year. He would be interested in hearing about any opportunities in the field of life sciences.

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Daniel Scharfman

Dan will be graduating in May with a major in Operations Research (OR). He is totally flexible with his job options but ideally is looking for something in the real estate business. Jobs involving loans, management, or investment banking are all potential options.

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Tarek Banaja

Tarek is majoring in Engineering Physics. He hopes to find an entry level position in a physics oriented engineering or oil-industry related job. He also has been taking courses in biomedical engineering.

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Alumni Mailbag

Robert T. Reid '39 (0346) [750 S. La Posada Circle, Apt. 62, Green Valley, AZ 85614-5104; rtrbbr@yahoo.com] and wife, Becky have recently moved into Assisted Living at La Pasada, but are still active at 94 and 84 years young. Water aerobics is their latest form of exercise. Daughter Janet and her two sons, Andrew (8) and Ian (1) visited from Bangkok, Thailand for the holidays but her husband, Deryl was unable to come (but fortunately was unaffected by the earthquake and tsunami).

Robert D. Flickinger '47 (0434) [161 Hidden Ridge Common, Williamsville, NY 14221-5765; rd7324@aol.com] congratulates Cornell Acacia on a great year as outlined in the Fall 2004 Traveler. He is especially impressed with the news that Northcote is once again a house we can be proud of. His last visit (1997) was a great disappointment. Keep up the good work! And, he is glad to hear that Steve Stein '73 (0787) is continuing on as Corporation Board President for another year.

William Pendarvis Jr. '47 (0440) [11781 SE 162 Ave., Clackamas, OR 97015-8770] is busy with the Pendarvine Vineyard and Eugene Wine Cellars winery.

Charles W. Deakyne '50 (0446) [16 Severn River Rd., Severna Park, MD 21146-4658] had annual phone chat around Christmas with Selleck "Jack" Carpenter '50 (0459) and Bob Bergren '50 (0443). Enjoys reading Alumni News section in The Traveler. Wants to let Bill Gibson '48 (0437) that he still has his sailboat and does about a dozen races per year (winning some). Still keeps busy with choral group, ASCE, teaching sailing at the Naval Academy, trying to play gold, and seeing a bunch of doctors! Congratulations to Cornell Acacia for outstanding performance.

Ernest F. Schaufler '48 (0500) [101 Turkey Hill Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850-2938; efs4@lightlink.com] still on Turkey Hill Road (53 years). Great to hear Acacia doing so well.

L. W. Pete Knapp Jr. '51 (0509) [Cambridge Place Apt 114, 1851 Melrose Ave., Iowa City, IA 52246-1754] congratulates Cornell Acacia on the Conclave awards. Pete was a past National President back in the 60's and was among those honored at the Centennial Conclave.

David J. Hower '51 (0526) [187 Lookout Lane, Willow Grove, PA 19090-1633] is still involved with YMCA, Rotary, Library, clowning, and rocking babies in a local hospital. He and his wife took their two teenage granddaughters to Niagara Falls last summer. They visited Cornell and Acacia (but nobody was home).

James M. Symons '54 (0534) [Rosedale Golf & Country Club, 4942 88th St. East, Brandenton, FL 34211-3730; dr.water@alum.mit.edu] reports that son, Andy, is operations manager of The Lodge Recording Studios in Indianapolis that is located in a building that was a Masonic Lodge until 1994. Andy was approached in January 2004 by Darold Larson, Acacia Na-

tional President, to produce a CD of Acacia songs for the Acacia Centennial celebration.

Neil F. Sharp '55 (0560) [4 Highfield Dr., Dix Hills, NY 11746-5705] sends congratulations on the excellent Traveler publication. He and wife, Greta, are looking forward to their 50th Reunion in June, and hopes to see many of his long lost Brothers from Acacia, some of whom he hasn't seen since 1955! Had a nice visit with Paul James '56 (0606) at the Connecticut Jazz Festival. Most of their time is spent golfing and on the lake at their second home at Lake Waramaug, CT. Also travel to see their "doctors" (two sons) in Denver and Bethesda, and their first granddaughter in Bethesda.

Donald W. Payne '55 (0562) [125 Lake Rd., Dryden, NY 13053] spends summer in Dryden, does a little traveling, some "camping" (with motor home). But, when snow gets dirty (February), they go to Borrego Springs, CA until tulips bloom in Dryden.

Donald C. Fish '58 (0595) [4405 Holter Ct., Jefferson, MD 21755-8633; threegems@hotmail.com] visited daughter in September in Sarajevo where she is working as a lawyer for the European Union to prosecute drug traffickers. Went with youngest daughter to China to assist while she adopted a daughter (Don's 11th grandchild; has 3 great grandchildren).

Francis "Mike" Hugo '62 (0597) [36 Willow Grove Rd., Brunswick, ME 04011-2963; fmike@gwi.net] spent most of 2004 focusing on base closure issue. The process will conclude in 2005, and the anxiety in Brunswick over the future of the Naval Air Station is very real. Being a rather small community (21,000), Brunswick will be very hard hit if the base, with a work force of 3,000 closes. Mike remembers the first Red Sox game he heard on the radio in 1946 where Dave Ferris pitched and Ted Williams, of course, hit a home run.

Charles H. Field Jr. '59 (0614) [PO Box 600047, Paragonah, UT 84760-0047] clarified that, although he is a member of the Class of '59, he didn't actually graduate until 2/3/1960 due to a change in majors.

William L. Keltz '61 (0632) [1403 Grand Oak Lane, West Chester, PA 19380-5908; wkkeltz1@aol.com] saw Bob Pfahl '60 (0634) who now lives in Washington, DC, last summer. Keeps in touch with Pres Shimer '61 (0635), Bob Franson '61 (0636), Dick Heine '61 (0630), and Art Hart '61 (0629). Would like to hear from others, too, so drop him a line or email him.

Dr. David A. Gorelick '68 (0717) [2705 Moores Valley Dr., Baltimore, MD 21209-1050; dgorelick@comcast.net] reports that oldest son, Daniel (U. Penn '97) is a graduate student at Johns Hopkins and married fellow graduate student Kerry Lee on 10/17/2004.

Jerry W. Kreider '68 (0720) [9 Narbrook Park, Narberth, PA 19072-2123; jerrys2k@comcast.net] has visited with Holly Moore '68 (0702) and Rich Ahlfeld '68 (0713) in Philadelphia

and other times with Rich at his cozy lakefront house in Culver Lake, NJ. While Jerry's son, Ben, was spending spring semester in Berlin, Jerry and wife, Kathy, used that as an excuse to tour Germany, Austria, Czech Republic, and Switzerland for 24 days.

Daniel P. Smith '68 (0723) [485 Sweetman Rd., Ballston Spa, NY 12020-3121; smithdp@nycap.rr.com] retired on 12/1/2004 after 35 years with GE Research. He and wife, Julie, plan to spend time traveling, visiting their 3 kids and families in Denver, CO, Amherst, MA, and Saratoga, NY. Dan will now devote time to Habitat for Humanity locally and tend to their 20 acres of paradise in Charlton, NY. Had dinner with Ray Bracaliello '67 (0698) and his wife, Claudia, over the holidays and would love to hear from other "old Acacias".

Albert I. Berger '69 (0726) [3235 Royal Dr., Grand Forks, ND 58201; alberger@gra.midco.net] sends congratulations to Cornell Acacia on the many awards earned in the past year. The House's upswing has been encouraging to read about in *The Traveler* (a publication Al edited about 35 years ago). Al is now a history professor and teaches recent US history, military and foreign relations history, and business history. He has written numerous articles and essay for professional publications. Al and wife, Patricia (whom he met when she was executive director of the Ossining, NY Chamber of Commerce and he was a political consultant in Westchester County, NY) married in 1989. They visited the Cornell campus just after the end of the spring semester in 1998 and had a look at Acacia (which Al doesn't recall ever referring to as Northcote in his day). But, since school was out, nobody was home, but the house looked lovely from what they could see from the outside.

Howard S. Zwiefel III '69 (0734) [328 Scottsdale Rd., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523-5104; hzwiefel@yahoo.com] attended his 35th reunion last June. Howie and wife, Mary Kay traveled east to visit family and friends and were able to celebrate Howie's father's 80th birthday and see some of Mary Kay's relatives.

JoAnn Grubbs [52 Oakwood Ave., Mechanicsburg, PA 17044; JAGWalk60@pennstatefan.net] reported the passing of her husband, A. Richard Grubbs '72 (0770) on 5/21/2004 after battling a very rare peritoneal cancer for a year. Richard was a devoted husband for 30+ years, and father of two daughters, Jennifer (29) and Bethany (23). He was proud of his Cornell education, the Big Red Band, and his Acacia Fraternity. Richard spoke fondly of his Acacia Brothers and of Pearl, the cook. JoAnn visited Cornell just two weeks after her husband's death to pay tribute to his past. She would love to hear from any of his Acacia Brothers.

Stanley R. Niman '73 (07830) [6620 SW Preslynn Dr., Portland, OR 97225-2662; sniman@ipinc.net] visited Cornell over the 4th of July weekend with wife Linda and children Laura, Allen, and Paul. Also took time to visit Northcote where he was warmly greeted by Igor Dolgalev '05 (1068), Jared Davis '06 (1076), and Tarek Banaja '05 (1065). Stan can appreciate Steve Stein's message regarding maintenance expenses, and hopes his own contribution will help and will try to increase his financial support in future years.

Robert C. Merritt '75 (0807) [PO Box 279, Auburn, NY 13021-0279; bob@simplexco.com] is just getting older. Visit his web-sites at www.simplexco.com and www.simplexco.com/auto.

Mark F. Maltenfort '77 (0831) [12076 Mereview Dr., St. Louis, MO 63146-5168; mfm9@cornell.edu] is still in St. Louis. Their son is attending Purdue, and they are closing in on a college for their daughter and retirement for them (Mark can't wait).

William A. Utic '77 (0836) [95 Viento Dr., Fremont, CA 94536-4456; waul@pge.com] congratulates Acacia on being chosen an outstanding chapter at the Centennial Conclave. Bill enjoyed meeting the Cornell Brothers in attendance. Congratulations also to Steve Stein '73 (0787) on his well-deserved Award of Merit. Those of us who don't live in the Ithaca area owe a big debt of gratitude to Steve, Jim Showacre '50 (0447), and all of the Chapter's local alumni for their dedicated support of the chapter.

David J. Sangree '84 (0917) [1052 Maple Cliff Dr., Lakewood, OH 44107] was visited by Mark Schaten '84 (0923) and his wife, Vicki last August. Dave went to his 20th Reunion at Cornell and enjoyed the visit to Acacia. The Brothers were welcoming and the house looked clean. Enjoyed visiting with Al Pasquino '84 (0916) and wife Mary Myers Pasquino '85 (L024).

Mark A. Schaten MD '84 (0923) [W4078 Parkview Ct., Fond Du Lac, WI 54935-7818; mschatenmd@charter.net] and wife, Vicki stopped by Acacia in August. The house was virtually empty and the building looked great, they were surprised by how trashed out it was (and full of clutter, particularly in the dorm). Saw David J. Sangree '84 (0917) and his family in Cleveland on the way out.

Andrew Brenner '90 (0953) [861 University Ave. #3, Palo Alto, CA 94301; Andrew@scoopman.com or abrenner@adobe.com] was recently promoted at Adobe Systems to do its Strategic Alliances with companies in the mobility space. Has been traveling a lot for both business and fun to such places as Sweden, Finland, Germany, UK, and Japan. Andy was looking forward to ski season. And, congratulations to Steve Stein '73 (0787) on his Award of Merit.

John W. Carpenter III '91 (0959) [1123 NW 6th Ave., Delray Beach, FL 33444-2011; jwc35@cornell.edu] would love to have an Acacia alumni directory so he can look up some of my brethren who are not paying their dues and berate them heartily.

Christopher Hill '95 (0995) [PO Box 100, Chazy, NY 12921; Christopher.hill@uvm.edu] after 8 years as a dairy herdsman in VT has decided to go back to school for a Masters in Animal Science. One year down and one to go! Any hikers or skiers should feel free to give Chris a call, as he goes almost every weekend.

Patara Yongvanich '97 (1006) [664 W. Parr Ave., Campbell, CA 95008-6802; patara.yongvanich@sap.com] is enjoying life in California with wife Yayus and daughter Amanda. Attended wedding of Jason McKee '97 (1005) together with Tom Harp '97 (1007), Jason Wang '96 (0997), Bill Kelly '96 (1000), and Derek Deich '97 (1013).

Jarrett S. Taubman '00 (1035) [1200 N. Veitch St., Apt. 1605, Arlington, VA 22201-5838; Jarrett.taubman@shawpittman.com] just started full-time employment as a communications attorney in Washington, DC which has been great so far. Is also pursuing (part-time) a Ph.D. in International Relations. Jarrett would be happy to put up any Acacians ever in the D.C. area.

David J. Klesh '02 (1037) [1101 Adams St., Apt. 507, Hoboken, NJ 07030; djk26@cornell.edu] is working at Goldman Sachs. He sees fellow Cornell Acacians Ilya Cherepakhin '03 (1058), Ray Wang '97 (1009), Dan Davidson '97 (1012), Paul Molnar '98 (1014), Mike Nasatka '04 (1045), Anthony Nemoto '03 (1059), and Josh Roth '03 (1049) in NYS fairly often. Also attended Cornell's 1-0 hockey loss at Harvard with Josh Roth and journeyed to Ithaca to see the Big Red beat Union 4-1 (thanks to Matt Moulson's hat trick).

Byron Hing '02 (1040) [5510 Ridge Lane, Solon, OH 44139; blh16@cornell.edu] is spending his 3rd year of law school in Budapest, Hungary. It's been great! Will begin work at the law firm Clifford Chance in NYC in 10/2005. Byron looks forward to homecoming in the fall.

Michael T. Nasatka '04 (1045) [247 W. 63rd St., Apt. PE, New York NY 10023-6865] is roommate with Tony Nemoto '03 (1059) living in NYC's Upper West Side. Has been enjoying city night life with Ray Wang '97 (1009), Alfred (Gonzo) Pena '04 (1057), and Ilya Cherepakhin '03 (1058) and others. Scott McQuade '03 (1050) recently paid them a visit during which they made a trip to the Penthouse Executive Club, spending \$40 on water and \$20/each on lap shots. "If only we had donated that to Acacia!"

Joshua D. Roth '03 (1049) [14 Buswell St., Apt# 516, Boston, MA 02215; jdr34@cornell.edu] enjoyed visiting Acacia in late October for Oktoberfest. Northcote still feels like home and he was glad to see that the house is strong.

Thomas L. Ricketts '03 (1051) [223 Elm St., Halifax, MA 02338; tlr23@cornell.edu] thanks the Actives for their hospitality during Homecoming. It was great to see the brotherhood thriving. As always, let Tom know if there is anything he can do for the chapter.

June Young Andrew Hur '04 (1053) [921 Calle Simpatico, Glendale, CA 91208; jah79@cornell.edu] is a planning analyst with Samsung Electronics. "Thank you Steve Stein '73 (0787)!"

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