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*Receiving our Superior Chapter Award at the 2006 Conclave*

## Gateway to Greatness: An Alumni Perspective

-Pete Rimshnick

Two years ago, I was lucky enough to have the privilege of attending our Centennial Conclave in Indianapolis. At the end of that Conclave, there was an almost palpable feeling of awe and wonder for us Cornell Acacians, partly because of our own accomplishments (most notably the Outstanding Chapter Award), but mainly because we had witnessed the coming together of something greater than ourselves – we saw that Acacia was more than just Cornell, and more than just current collegians. Acacia embodied with it a sense of history, its continuing existence only made possible by the efforts of utterly dedicated individuals.

Unfortunately, with the passing of the great George Patterson Jr. last year (Mr. Acacia – our last living connection to the founding fa-

thers), part of that wonder inevitably was lost forever. At first I could not pinpoint what the problem was, but it soon became clear that the lack of his presence alone made the Conclave feel quite different, as if we were all children leaving our parents for the first time, having to fend for ourselves without the security of an elder.

Fortunately however, Acacia still has tremendous leadership, whom George would be proud of. David Allen, our International President, was unanimously reelected, and Bill Utic (Cornell '77) still tirelessly serves as Acacia Fraternity Foundation President. I am completely convinced that Acacia survives only because of such men.

That being said, I think that the Cornell Acacia actives truly represent the spirit of these

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# Fall 2006 Chapter Roster

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# A Message From Our Corporation Board President

Brethren,

Greetings! Although I'm not trying to tempt fate, I'm happy to report that Cornell Acacia seems to be flourishing. Not only are there 26 Brothers living in this year, but we managed to get through 2005-2006 with no major maintenance surprises after the End Room Portico was rebuilt early last Fall. Over the summer, the former Cook's room (which, in recent years, was known as the Weight Room) was renovated and converted to a proper Laundry room (2 sets of stacking washers/dryers). The attached half-bath was also renovated and the area under the staircase was opened up and turned into a storage area. The back parking lot was expanded, graded, and improved. We again had no difficulty passing the Cayuga Heights annual fire/safety inspection in October. We had to do a mini-renovation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor dormer and purchase 7 new desks and 1 bedspring and mattress to accommodate the nearly full house, which are the kinds of problem I don't mind having. The Corporation spent over \$73,000 on maintenance and improvements (only ½ of which was budgeted), but 83 Alumni generously contributed almost \$10,000 – THANK YOU! This year, the window replacement on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor will continue (\$12,000) and we're planning other future repairs and improvements, including the long overdue automatic sprinkler system throughout Northcote (about \$100,000 expense). These challenges are going to be met, somehow. But, as I have disclosed in past Travelers, we will be hard pressed to complete our 5-year maintenance plan without additional income (spelled DUES, DONATIONS, and a Capital Campaign which will be formally announced soon).

For those of you who haven't fulfilled your financial obligation (which we ALL promised to do as part of our initiation) to Acacia this year, please open your checkbooks (or use PayPal!) soon. Also, contact some fellow classmates whose names don't appear on the honor roll and urge them to contribute. Help spread the word about our Centennial Celebration in August 2007.

Suggestions from Cornell Acacia Alumni for stimulating interest are always encouraged, so please email or call me if you have ideas and want to get involved.

Fraternally,

Steven L. Stein 1973 (787)

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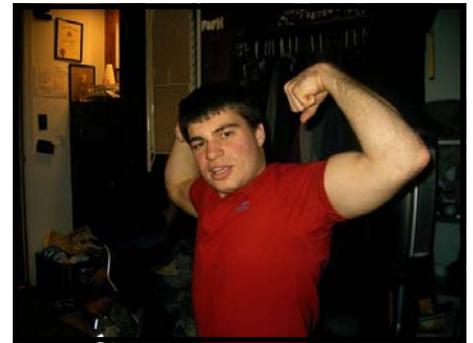
# Venerably Speaking

-Andy Cox

Wow! What a summer Cornell Acacia had! Finishing the spring semester with 15 new brothers was a rush, no pun intended, and all of us left Ithaca on a high note. Well, that's a lie, because not all of us left Ithaca. Northcote was inhabited by a handful of brothers throughout the summer months, and was home to the occasional social event for co-workers and friends. We were all having so much fun, Junior Dean Paul Junek and I barely noticed the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for the 2006 Conclave awards packet creeping up on us! We were able to split the duties in preparing the application for the various awards that would be handed out in St. Louis, and created a great application. August was a great

**"I am an Acacian, and I am proud of it!"**

time for Paul, Pete Rimshnick, and myself, as we all went on a road trip through the Midwest, reaching as far as Montana, before coming back around to St. Louis. This year's conclave, the Gateway to Greatness, had a strong showing from Cornell Acacia with 6 delegates. It was a great time, with fun programming and important discussion sessions. We also got the chance to socialize with Acacia greats, such as Bill Utic, Darold Larson, and David Allen. And as it turned out, that awards packet Paul and I put together was a huge success! We received awards for Officer Organization, Alumni Publication, and House Management, but our Superior Chapter award trumped them all. It was a fitting end to a two-year



*President Andy Cox showing a little bit of Acacia's strength*

span that saw Cornell Acacia grow as a chapter and a brotherhood. My time as Venerable Dean is coming to a close, and I am very confident in the future leaders here in Ithaca. We have made a commitment to continue our growth, and not to become complacent. The future is so bright, and we can't wait to celebrate the Centennial next August. I know I will be back for it, and I hope everyone else can make it too. I am an Acacian, and I am proud of it!



*President Andy Cox addresses the Conclave in St. Louis*

## Letter From the Editor

-Robert Norback

The word around the Greek system these days is change. Fraternities across the country are experiencing a sharp decline in membership, and the National fraternity organizations are responding with strategic plans to increase interest in Greek life. However, with our pledge class of fifteen in the spring, and two more pledges this semester, this confirms in my mind that our chapter is something special. Our house is practically full to capacity. There are always brothers around, and our dinners are always lively and animated. As a newly inducted brother, this atmosphere is one of the greatest parts of being a member of this fraternity.

The presence of so many alumni at Homecoming reminded me how strong our chapter is too. In a soci-

ety where our future beyond college seems a bit uncertain, it is reassuring to have the advice of so many likeminded people who have already taken our journey and are able to help us find our own paths through life.

However cliched these observations may seem, these subtle things are what make our experience here worthwhile. Our improving strength in the face of a weakening overall Greek system says something about who we are.

We have great plans for this year, which include mixers with sororities (our first one with Alpha Xi Delta was a success!), running philanthropy events, and obtaining a greater presence on the campus itself. We are improving our chapter but can't do it alone; it falls upon all Cornell Acacians, both actives and alumni, to strengthen the ties of friendship that this fraternity provides.



*The Godfather Party,  
Good people, kickin' tunes, and no floor in sight*

## Centennial Chapter Campaign

-Bradley Ayres

With our Centennial approaching, it's great to think back on all that the Cornell chapter has accomplished. At the same time, we should begin looking forward to ensure that our success continues through the next 100 years.

The chapter recently began planning our Centennial Capital Campaign, through which we intend to raise the funds we need to refurbish our treasured house, Northcote, for the years to come. I am fortunate to be chairing the newly-formed Campaign committee, and hope that a few other brothers will aid in this endeavor that surely will benefit our chapter.

If you are interested in helping with the Campaign in any capacity, please contact me via email at [bj27@cornell.edu](mailto:bj27@cornell.edu) or on my cell phone at (607) 731-9338. Also, if you have any ideas for improvements we could make to the chapter house, I would be interested to hear from you.

I sincerely hope that the Campaign proves a success, so that future Acacias can continue to enjoy the fine fraternal experience we have had.



## Social Reflections

-Paul Junek

As my term as Junior Dean comes to an end I'd like to take a minute to reflect on my time organizing our social events. My tenure has the social chair has been marked by trying to maintain a balance between fun and popular event while complying with the ever constricting regulations placed on us by the Inter-Fraternity Council. Jared Davis, my big brother and social chair predecessor worked hard to gain Acacia fraternity the fine reputation on campus needed for continuing social success, as well as membership expansion. Brother Davis worked to create new, exciting party themes that attracted huge crowds. Starting in the fall of his term, the IFC created a new system for event planning with a new strict focus on safety. Jared and I worked together to transition our events into the new system and have really hit the ground running this semester.

With two solid parties under our belts this semester, both with guest numbers easily ranging into the two hundreds and above, the Acacia party reputation remains strong. The Godfather Party thrown in honor of Brother Alumnus Brad Schmidt brought beloved alums back to campus and combined them with a great new group of incoming freshmen. Our second party, the Stoplight party, brought out girls and guys adorned in red, yellow, and green as a display of their availability and filled the downstairs with party goers. Our next party, scheduled for late October will be our annual Oktoberfest party. We look forward to a new strong Junior Dean for the spring, a continued perfect safety record, and strong numbers of party goers to continue our growing reputation on campus. If you're coming to Ithaca and want to attend a party, the schedule will be posted on our Yahoo Acacia group website. See you there!

# A Human Service Upgrade

-Neela Sandal

The buzzword around Cornell Acacia these days is growth. With our rapidly increasing membership we're dealing with changes in every aspect of our fraternity. Regardless, we keep the same ideals, and our motto "Human Service" remains strong. To better utilize our large numbers, we're making some changes in the way we approach Philanthropy, while keeping what has worked well in the past.

The organization of the Philanthropy Chair has been reworked this semester to better serve the fraternity – the process of volunteering and eliciting volunteers has been streamlined to maximize the enjoyment that the brothers get out of philanthropy. The method behind this is to make volunteering fit into their

schedule and interests, and not the other way around. A quick survey of everyone's interests provided a great starting point for this goal, and the Brothers are responding with enthusiasm about philanthropy this semester. As Philanthropy Chair, one of my major goals was to revitalize our attitude towards Human Service, and I'm happy to the number of brothers already getting involved in service this year is astounding.

Our annual Fall semester event – "Santa's College Days" – is looking better than ever. In addition to generating funds through our usual sale of photos taken with Ol' Saint Nick himself, the plan is to expand the program to bring in a larger amount of donations. Two ideas that we're looking to incorporate into the program are the sales of Christmas themed snacks, like hot

chocolate and candy canes, and the sale of greeting cards signed by Santa. Better yet, the cards that people send to their friends enter the recipients into a raffle for some Christmas gifts. We're still soliciting donations of prizes, but hopefully people will have the opportunity to win anything from a sweatshirt to an iPod Shuffle. If everything goes as planned, we should be able to generate an unprecedented volume of funds for charity this Winter.

In addition to our annual Fall semester event, we're hoping to organize a Spring semester annual event. The event is still in the early planning stages, but it is likely to be something that catches the attention of the campus press and something that unites the Greeks on campus for the greater good.

A big push this semester in Philanthropy is to increase our interactions with the other Greek organizations on campus. A big goal for this semester is to bring Acacia back into the Intra-Greek Philanthropy scene, both for philanthropy reasons and as a way to socially connect with the other Greeks on campus. I'm only finding more and more Greek Philanthropy Chairs that are interested in having Acacian volunteers and organizers to help with their charity events. The agreement is of course mutual, and other Philanthropy Chairs have agreed to send some helping hands to our philanthropic events. Overall, this should make for the most capable Acacia Philanthropy in recent history.

The semester's off to a good start. Already we've had Acacians volunteering for charities for local children reading advocacy groups, breast cancer research, summer camps for terminally ill children, and local community service! At this rate, we'll have no problem making Acacia's commitment to Human Service well known.



*Brothers Joe Kovacs and Chris Bostick competing in the annual AXiD twister tournament proudly brandishing the Acacia colors*



*Brothers Robert Norback and Kyle Small-Davis on a mission to bring fall pledges to Acacia under the guidance of Rush Chair Seth Jacobson.*

## Fall Rush

-Seth Jacobson

Rush this fall got off to a late start—IFC pulled back the official rush weekend two times. However, this gave Acacia time to pull together and scout out amongst friends and acquaintances for good brotherhood material. Some brothers went with me down to west campus and quarter-carded and talked with the transfer students. The rushees were invited to a dinner of fine Italian food at the recently reopened Joe’s Restaurant during which the Brothers had the opportunity to meet the rushees and enjoy each others company. The rushees were invited back to the house throughout the weekend to receive tours and meet the rest of the brotherhood. In the end, two rushees met our expectations and signed bids with the house. I am very pleased to introduce Tommy Roth and Bob Christ. Both show promise in becoming great brothers.

## Intramurals Bring Brothers Together

-Carlos Mendoza

We, Acacians, pride ourselves in having a strong and tight brotherhood. The strong bond that we hold as brothers is evident every time we take the intramural fields and courts of Cornell University. There are over 30 intramural activities offered by Cornell University annually, each being unique, offering the opportunity for brothers to participate in activities which they find enjoyment. Intramurals are one of the few times that we get to work together as a unit, supporting and encouraging each other to achieve our best. In addition, intramurals are an opportunity to interact with other fraternities on campus, to represent our fraternity, Acacia, with pride, and to additionally expose our name to the Cornell community. In hopes of displaying our immense pride of being Acacians during intramurals, new t-shirts display-

ing the Acacia name on the front and customized on the back to display each brother’s preferred number and last name/nickname were ordered. As brothers of Acacia, we enjoy the opportunity to participate in every event that Cornell Intramurals has to offer and do participate in most. So far this year, we have participated in outdoor soccer, flag football, tennis doubles, kickball, cross country, ice hockey, and volleyball. We are all enthusiastically looking forward to the remaining fall intramurals. Historically, among the intramurals offered by Cornell University, we have excelled in soccer, volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee, and bowling. However, intramurals are not all about winning – they are about providing Acacians the opportunity to participate in recreational activities and to bring us together to strengthen the bond that we hold as a brotherhood.

## Introducing the Fall Pledge Class

**Bob Christ**

Bob Christ is a sophomore in Engineering. He is currently transitioning from the Applied Engineering and Physics Program to the Mechanical Engineering Major. He plays ultimate Frisbee for Shake, one of the Club Ultimate teams on campus. When he has free time he likes to play the guitar and catch up on sleep. He thinks he will fit into a Acacia quite well and looks forward to brotherhood.



**Tommy Roth**

Hi, I’m Tommy Roth, and am a sophomore in Mechanical Engineering. Although I am new to Acacia this fall, I am looking forward to the many experiences that will follow in my remaining years at Cornell. Other than the enormous amount of work we Engineers receive, I enjoy playing golf, hanging out all over campus, video games, and anything else that might distract me.





## Coming Together At Homecoming

-Robert Norback

Homecoming this year was a great success. The turnout was phenomenal and the weather was excellent if maybe little cold. We started the day out as always with tailgating in the stadium parking-lot. Our social chair Paul Junek cooked dogs and burgers for all. It was pretty exciting to tell the truth because while we all ate, us actives got a chance to talk to the men that made our fraternity the way we know it to be now. So many of our alumni have done such amazing things with their start at Cornell that it really instills in you a sense of hope for the future. Perhaps making us believe that all the work we do at this

school is working towards a greater end. And of course with tailgating comes the exchange of college stories and talk of the good ole' days.

As actives we take all the stories that we hear from the alumni and pass them on to the next generation of pledges, so it is always nice to refresh the stories making sure that the ones we have been passing on are accurate.

After tailgating, everyone headed to the football game to watch Cornell dominate Colgate in the Homecoming game.

Now this year we wanted to do something a little different over Homecoming to add to the comradery that goes on between all the brothers. After

much debating we decided to rent out Helen Newman Lanes and add bowling to the Homecoming tradition at Acacia. The idea was a smash hit with alumni and actives alike. What was especially nice was that the stronger bowlers could bowl together if they wanted some healthy competition while those of us who were a bit less practiced could just relax and bowl however we wished.

To finish off the day we headed to Rouges Harbor for the Homecoming dinner. Unfortunately, Cornell decided to have the hockey ticket line on that night, but nonetheless, most of the actives made the effort to come to dinner making it a fitting end to a wonderful day.



## Gateway to Greatness

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past and present leaders. The “healthy disappointment” they felt when the chapter received Superior Chapter (second in line only to the Malcolm Award), demonstrates their commitment to their fraternity, and I was proud to call myself Chapter Advisor. Thus, while the 2006 Conclave lacked a certain spirit of wonder for me, it made up for it in the pride I felt to be connected with the fine group of men that now lead our chapter.



## Gateway to Greatness: An Active Perspective

-Yuri Sylvester

At the heart of my years as an undergraduate, I find myself trapped in a bubble of schoolwork and making important decisions that will shape the future of my life. I am not sure if the decisions that I have made so far have been the best. The big picture of things is no longer clear. It is hard to know whether I am influencing my fraternity the right way. I have lost *focus*.

This is exactly how I felt last August as I made my way to St. Louis for my first Acacia Fraternity Conclave. I wasn't completely sure what to expect from it, or how to best take advantage of

the opportunities given there. All I was hoping was that Conclave would help me regain trust and remind me of the wonderful reasons why I joined Acacia.

As soon as I checked into the hotel and started seeing friendly faces from other Acacians across the United States and Canada, the word *brotherhood* kept popping out of my head. Everyone was very welcoming and seemed to irradiate this honest aura that invited me to get to know them. As it turned out, Acacians of all ages showed up to Conclave, and for many of us, this was our first time. It was a truly mind-opening experience: to get to see first hand how our fraternity runs at the na-

tional level and, on a greater scheme, how my elder brother's unconditional dedication is the key factor that keeps Acacia alive. The meetings and seminars also made me realize about the importance alumni play in bringing a chapter together and making it stand tall among the rest. During Conclave I notice that the chapters with the highest number of awards had a strong alumni and actives presence.

Winning the Superior Chapter Award had a bittersweet taste on my mouth. Cornell Acacia has come far from its ways and we are now perceived as one of the best chapters in the nation. I strongly believe that if the actives work closely together with the alumni we can take the Cornell chapter of Acacia to places where we've never been before. As we approach our centennial, now is the time to be more active, and remind ourselves of why we joined this unique fraternity. This doesn't have to be a painful process. Conclave attendance or supporting the active chapter is truly a symbiotic relationship, since the fraternity as a whole benefits from *your* attendance/contribution and *you* benefit from the satisfaction you get when you know that are making the difference in your brother's lives, but also by regaining focus, just like it happened to me during conclave. I am now more active than ever. My life has a structure and it revolves around something. I am an Acacian, and I am proud of it.



Brother Sylvester with Brother Alumnus William Utic at Conclave





## Alumni Mailbag

Dr. Henry L. Hood 1943 (407) [7 Riverwoods Dr., Apt. C231, Exeter, NH 03833-5302; [rw Hood231@comcast.net](mailto:rw Hood231@comcast.net)] sends congratulations on Acacia's success with last spring's Rush. "Keep up the good work!"

Charles W. Deakyné 1950 (446) [16 Severn River Rd., Severna Park, MD 21145-4658] informs us that they didn't have Big/Little Brothers in the late 1940's, and that most brothers were World War II vets.

David J. Hower 1951 (526) [187 Lookout Lane, Willow Grove, PA 19090-1633] got together in June with Joe Wilford 1952 (497), Bill Burnett 1953 (490), Dick Davis 1953 (533) and their respective wives for the first time in many years. They watched the Jim Symons 1954 (534) video taken while in college with Bill and Joe both in it. Bill was Dave's Big Brother and Dave was Dick's Big Brother (the three shared an apartment). They plan on reuniting at the Cornell Acacia Centennial Celebration in August 2007. Dave says "Your newsletters are fantastic! Keep up the good communications".

William L. Stevens 1955 (553) [3211 Moonshadow Lane, Garden City, SC 29576-8240; [stevensatgc@aol.com](mailto:stevensatgc@aol.com)] is enjoying retirement, still traveling, and spends summers at home in the NY Adirondacks.

Robert S. Fash 1958 (594) [1675 Ryder Cup Dr., Westlake Village, CA 91362-4325; [bobash@adelphia.net](mailto:bobash@adelphia.net)] celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday last April 22 and Marty Offenberger 1956 (568) and wife Jean attended.

Carey W. Fletcher 1958 (596) [428 Kawaihae St., Apt 304, Honolulu, HI 96825-1290] and wife, Phyllis, took a family cruise in July, sailing from Seattle to Alaska. Carey sends his congratulations on a fine pledge class and is thrilled that Acacia is alive and well.

Dr. David A. Gorelick 1968 (717) [2705 Moores Valley Dr., Baltimore, MD 21209-1050; [DGorelick@comcast.net](mailto:DGorelick@comcast.net)] writes that son, Benjamin and wife Malka gave him his 3<sup>rd</sup> grandson, Joseph, on 2/9/2006.

Jerry W. Kreider 1968 (720) [9 Narbrook Park., Narberth, PA 19072-2123; [jerrys2k@comcast.net](mailto:jerrys2k@comcast.net)] is helping with the Centennial Celebration planning as CACO for the Class of 1968 and will try to seek out CACOs for other classes.

Stuart S. Hantman 1971 (756) [28 Founders Green, Pittsford, NY 14534-2165; [StuHantman@aol.com](mailto:StuHantman@aol.com)] writes that daughter, Melissa (Arts & Sciences 2001) recently relocated to Rochester. She is a free lance reporter for both a Rochester newspaper and magazine. Son, Marc, 23, married high school sweetheart Samara Krauss over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend in south Florida. Marc attends St. Thomas Univ. Law School in Miami.

Eden Slegre 1973 (788) [P.O. Box 789, Sierra Madre, CA 91025; [eden@globalhospitality.com](mailto:eden@globalhospitality.com)] hopes to make it back for the Centennial Celebration and says to keep up the good work!

William A. Utic 1977 (836) [95 Viento Dr., Fremont, CA 94536-4456; [wau1@pge.com](mailto:wau1@pge.com)] sends his congratulations on a great spring Rush.

Bruce G. Schneider 1978 (842) [7 Hilly Field Ln., Westport, CT 06880-2916; [Bruce.Schneider@snet.net](mailto:Bruce.Schneider@snet.net)] is now CFO of the Information Services Group of American International Group. Bruce & Amy celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May. Their son, Michael is 15 and is a high school sophomore.

William S. Cammuso 1992 (965) [2596 Correll Dr., Lake Orion, MI 48360-2363; [wcammuso@worldnet.att.net](mailto:wcammuso@worldnet.att.net)] has been working on Delphi Corporation's bankruptcy process round-the-clock since October 2005. Although extremely educational, it's a school you don't want to attend if you can avoid it!

Steven R. Horowitz 1992 (966) [30 Avenue at Port Imperial, #415, West New York, NJ 07093-8375; [srh3@aol.com](mailto:srh3@aol.com)] and wife, Tracy, announce the birth of their 1<sup>st</sup> child, Logan on 5/19/2006. Steve started a new job in April as VP Business Planning at Medco Health Solutions, a Pharmacy Benefit Manager.

Nicholas Bunning 1992 (968) [2087 Fifth Ave., New York NY 10035; [nbunning1@nyc.rr.com](mailto:nbunning1@nyc.rr.com)] made the switch from architecture to NYC cop a few years ago. Officer Bunning says "having a gun just makes things so much easier than doing architecture!"

David M. Banfield 1995 (985) [301 Wrenn Ave, Mount Airy, NC 27030-2925] tells are there have been big changes for the Banfields recently. They have a new baby, new address, and he has a new job (Operations Supervisor for Pike Electric - his 1<sup>st</sup> real job complete with his first ever cell phone). To those who didn't learn to ski or snowboard under Dave's tutelage in Breckenridge, he's still available for lessons (but you'll need to pay his airfare!).

Jay Ayres 2004 (1052) [4707 Stearns Hill Rd., Waltham, MA 02451; [kja9@cornell.edu](mailto:kja9@cornell.edu)] recently moved to the Boston area after finishing his master's degree. Jay has been busy spending time with other Acacians in the area including Yujin Chung 2003 (1048), Josh Roth 2003 (1049), and Tom Ricketts 2003 (1051).

Thomas J. Balcerski 2005 (1063) [8 Brittany Ct., Ramsey, NJ 07446-1419; [tjb36@cornell.edu](mailto:tjb36@cornell.edu)] is making great progress on the History of Acacia project. Many interesting discoveries have been made, interviews conducted, and pages written. Tom has also been planning for the Centennial Celebration in August 2007 and working on the Centennial Horizon newsletter. And, Tom is looking forward to making a difference as he begins his term as a Director on the Cornell Acacia Corporation Board.

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-Robert Norback

This is my first year as the Traveler editor and I have to say the job is much easier when it has been streamlined for you by Brother Alumnus Roman Markh. My hope is to continue advancing the Traveler as a connection between actives and alumni as he did and above all, to make the Traveler a publication that excites everyone who receives it. This is quite a difficult undertaking, but I think with all of your

help and feedback it is in fact possible. The reason for including this article in the Traveler is to reach out to you, my fellow Acacian. What is it that you like about the Traveler that makes you want to read it? Are there other articles we could add that would catch more of your interest? If you have an opinion or suggestion please voice it! We *want* to hear from you because this publication is written for *you*. Just address you letters to Cornell Acacia Alumni Affairs or send me an email at [rsn7@cornell.edu](mailto:rsn7@cornell.edu) or you can email the fraternity at [acacia@cornell.edu](mailto:acacia@cornell.edu).

Frankly, it is my belief that the Traveler could be a much stronger connection between actives and alumni. For instance, one possibility is that we could include several adds for alumni-run companies. Additionally, we could add a page to the Traveler that includes a message from each of the actives de-

scribing the type of work experience they are trying to get for summer or winter break. And finally we could have miscellaneous page for active brothers who are trying to raise funds so that they can go on mission or service trips. For instance, I am currently trying to raise funds to do two weeks of community service in New Zealand to bring clean water to the less fortunate.

I just put these ideas out there for your consideration. Please let me know what you think.

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