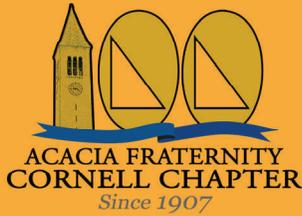


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**Cornell Chapter celebrates its many awards won at the 2008 Conclave with members of the International Council.**

## Cornell Receives Prestigious Awards at Conclave Elie Bilmes

Our ten brother delegation returned home from Conclave with a number of awards from the International Council, both for individual brothers and the chapter as a whole. The awards were presented at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky.

On August 8, the Cornell Chapter received awards for excellence in dining operations, excellence in alumni/chapter publication, and excellence in human service programming. This last award was mainly for our annual Santa's College Days philanthropy event, which raises money for a local Ithaca charity.

The following night, we received the Founders' Achievement Award for an outstanding level of chapter operations. This is the third-highest award given to a chapter of Acacia, and it reflects the hard work of the Cornell

brotherhood over the last two years.

In addition to these chapter honors, ten initiates of the Cornell Chapter were honored with prestigious individual awards. The Award of Merit, the highest honor bestowed upon an initiated brother of Acacia, is given for "the promotion and furtherance of Acacia, both nationally and locally," and also for achieving success in one's chosen field. Our own Thomas J. Balcerski '05 was given this honor for his limitless dedication to our fraternity.

Tom served as Junior Dean and Venerable Dean during his undergraduate years and spent two years researching and writing *Acacia Fraternity at Cornell: The First Century*, a comprehensive history of our chapter's hundred years of brotherhood. Tom was also a lead organizer for our enormously

successful Centennial celebration last year, is chairman of the Centennial Capital Campaign, and serves on the Alumni Corporation board.

Nine actives and alumni were awarded the Order of Pythagoras, which is the second highest award given to Acacians. Only thirty such awards were given out at Conclave. Preston Shimer '61, Jerry Kreider '68, and Robert (Bob) Merritt '75 received the Order of Pythagoras mainly for their generosity and assistance in organizing the Centennial Capital Campaign. Brothers Shimer and Kreider serve as class officers for the campaign, and both have also given valuable input for various campaign projects. David and Peter Rimschnick, both '05, also received the Order of Pythagoras to honor their contributions to the chapter both as actives and also as recent alumni. Dave was the only Acacian

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# Fall 2008 Chapter Roster

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## A Message From Our Corporation Board President

In just five months, Acacia's new sprinkler system was fully installed and inspected. The sprinkler system pipes were all cleaned and primed and can be painted (once we decide on the right colors and have resources to complete the project). Effective May 23, 2008, Acacia's fire insurance premium was reduced by 50% per year for the first two years (30% thereafter), saving us about \$10/day! However, we now have a \$1,200 annual expense for periodic maintenance and inspections of the system. It should go without saying that we couldn't have achieved this long-time goal of a fully covered sprinkler system without the generosity of everyone who has pledged or will pledge. Thanks to all of you! But, neither the Capital Campaign nor Acacia's list of capital improvements is over. We still need to replace the dining room and kitchen windows as well as eventually replace the steam heating system (we're in the early stages of planning this, but we'll probably replace it with a hot water system). Let's reach our \$345K Capital Campaign goal!

As usual, Acacia has been hit with more unexpected repairs, including replacing the refrigerator, replacing the Wing roof, replacing tubes in the steam boiler, etc. All the issues have been addressed (we're waiting for the roofing contractor to show up and it is already the 2nd week of October), but our available maintenance funds for 2008-2009 has already been exhausted. Although we are in the 2nd year of our 5-year Capital Campaign, please remember that we rely on everyone's payment of their annual dues to help keep our 100+ year-old home in good and safe condition.

Please email or call me if you have comments, concerns, suggestions, want to get involved, or simply want to say hello. It would be wonderful if I heard from some of you so I know you are as concerned, yet encouraged, as I am about the future of our beloved Acacia.

One final note-Hollister Moore 1968 (702) recently sold his CanDo! company and thus our many years of "free" *Travelers* has come to an end. I and all of Cornell Acacia thank Holly for his generosity and wish him the very best in his next endeavor. As of right now, we're still exploring how we will print this *Traveler*. We're counting on each of you to support Cornell Acacia with a donation so we can afford to print this and future *Travelers*.

Fraternally,

Steven L. Stein 1973 (787)

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*Hollister Moore '68 receives the Order of Pythagoras from International President David Allen at the 2007 Centennial Celebration.*

## Venerably Speaking Elie Bilmes

I will begin my second-and last-report as VD with a simple observation: it's not easy being Greek!

Fraternity life everywhere, including at Cornell, has come under attack from multiple angles. Increasingly, fraternities are viewed as vestiges of a bygone era, an era of sexism, hazing, and substance abuse. If you were to ask an unaffiliated student what the Greek system stands for, his/her answer would likely center around alcohol abuse or hazing.

Even Cornell, a university with one of the largest and most respected Greek systems in the country, has started to take aim at its fraternities and sororities. The board of trustees has asked the Greek community to take steps to remedy problems dealing with academic performance and social responsibility. The board was especially troubled by recent survey data indicating higher levels of substance abuse and lower GPAs than the student body as a whole.

Trouble comes from other sides as well. Cornell's West Campus Initiative boasts luxurious new dorms that provide a strong alternative to Greek life, while College-town landlords increasingly pressure first-semester freshmen to sign leases for the following academic year before they have a chance to rush. Popular internet discussion boards have given rise to damaging, anonymous rumors about the Greek system that drive down numbers.

As you know, there is much more to fraternity life than our critics would recognize. Acacia brotherhood provides lasting friendships, real world leadership experience, and a support network beyond anything experienced outside of the Greek system. The task of explaining our values to the Cornell community is the next great challenge for our fraternity.

Thankfully, we're going to have a lot of help for this. The ten of us

who made the trip to Louisville came back with many great ideas for improving fraternity operations and improving our image in the community. The highly successful capital campaign has helped make Northcote a better and safer place in which to live, study and have fun. Our house continues to be a major selling point for the fraternity.

On the interfraternity level, I have been working with the other chapter presidents to increase the visibility of good parts of Greek life, such as our philanthropic activities and leadership development programs, which will help improve the image of Cornell Greeks in the broader community.

The fraternity system continues to be challenged at Cornell and elsewhere, but I believe Acacia is well-positioned to meet these challenges. Thanks to the generosity of our alumni and the enthusiasm of the active brotherhood, I am confident that we are solidly on the path to continued success. I am proud to be an Acacian!

**Members of the Cornell Chapter delegation celebrate chapter and individual awards at the 2008 Conclave.**



## The Annex Joseph Kovacs

Every day during my years as a sophomore and a junior, when classes ended I would always turn right at the Arts Quad, make my way down past the suspension bridge, up Highland Road, and end my journey at the house with a giant stone triangle outside it: Acacia. For the past two years it has been the place where I slept, ate, did homework and partied. It was home.

However, since senior year began, my route home has been slightly different. Now I go left off of the Arts Quad, walk over the College Avenue Bridge and finally end at 102 Highland Place. People around here call it “The Annex”, and rightfully so, as the house holds eleven tenants, ten of whom are Acacians.

The Annex is divided into four levels, and everyone has his own room. Because I live right next to the main entrance, I get to observe everyone that walks in and out. Nick coming back from class, Max coming back from an interview, almost everyone coming

back from trivia at the bars on Sunday night. Something’s always going on at the Annex, whether it is a few people watching a movie, going down in the basement and playing video games, having deep conversations about everything and nothing, or gathering around to watch the presidential debates. There’s never a dull moment (except for maybe when we’re all doing homework!)

This isn’t to say that nobody treks back up to Acacia—quite the opposite, in fact. People are always going up for a good home-cooked meal during the week, and nobody would ever miss a party up at the house. Apart from that, I still find myself going back to Acacia just to hang out with everyone.

It’s a new experience living somewhere other than Acacia this year, and while it is extremely fun living in Collegetown, there are some chapter house experiences that cannot be replaced.

*“It’s a new experience living somewhere other than Acacia”*

*The Annex at 102 Highland Place*



## Prayer Group Josiah Pothén

Over the last few months at Acacia, I’ve had the honor of organizing weekly Bible studies at the house with a handful of brothers. Last year those attending included myself, Mike Miller (a campus chaplain), and Seth Jacobson. The size of the group has allowed for some very intimate and deep discussions about spirituality, Mike usually comes by for dinner before our meeting, and there have been times when we’ve had spiritual discussions while we are eating. Once in a while those discussions have even eclipsed our planned study!

Last year, we had the opportunity of having a cigar night, where the three regulars, joined by Eric Fish, sat outside, smoked some wonderful cigars, and talked about our own personal spiritual and church experiences. That night demonstrated what is so special about having the study at Acacia: we can talk about spiritual issues without the formality or pressure of attending a religious service.

I’ve really enjoyed these meetings, which have delved into such varied topics as the Sermon on the Mount, the “big picture” of the Bible, and the Gospel of John. Learning about these issues has enriched my own faith, and hopefully allowed my fellow brothers to grow in their own spiritual lives. That is one of the things I love most about Cornell Acacia: the openness and willingness to host people of various religious backgrounds and convictions. All too often at Cornell, our spiritual aspect of ourselves gets lost in the busyness of homework, classes and prelims. I have found that those nights of earnest discussion have allowed me to refocus my priorities and my thoughts around what truly matters, which has benefited my academic and personal life tremendously. All this because of Acacia’s attitude of respect and diversity. I am an Acacian, and I am proud of it!

*“While collecting all of these accounts of people’s summer experiences, I have found myself longing for the opportunity to do some of the things others did this summer.”*

## Acacia Summers Brian Clapp

This past summer, many of us left Ithaca and lived outside the halls of Acacia for a few months. Others remained at Northcote, and a group of rising seniors lived in an Acacia Annex in Collegetown. Most of the brothers kept very busy over the summer, and those that did not have great stories to tell of time spent relaxing with brothers and enjoying a last summer before launching into a full-time job. Overall, the summer of 2008 was a lot of fun and concluded with ten brothers attending Conclave in Kentucky in mid-August.

Brother John Koltz spent the summer in Costa Rica studying Banded Wrens and how they communicate with each other. He enjoyed spending time away from textbooks and prelims so much that he is spending a semester in North Carolina as a forest ranger.

Brother Tyler Huth spent the summer in Ithaca working as a lab assistant to a professor in the Atmospheric Sciences department. He spent last spring in Hawaii studying volcanoes and other geological phenomena. He had a great time at Conclave and enjoyed his time hanging out at Northcote in the evenings.

Brother Jason Turer kept busy and on the move this summer. He attended the Cannes Film Festival as part of his internship. Jason is a film major and is always going around the house trying to round up people to act in the films that he writes and produces. He spent June and July in Los Angeles interning for Sidney Kimmel Entertainment, where he read and covered movie scripts. He

had a second, concurrent internship at Sprint EMX and he later worked at the New York Independent Film & Video Festival which was held, ironically, in Hollywood. In August, he spent two weeks visiting British Columbia and Alberta with his family.

Brother Kyle-Small Davis and I spent our summers in New York City working on Wall Street. Kyle worked for Citigroup, and I was employed by JPMorgan. Kyle worked for the Prime Brokerage arm of Citi and commuted from New Jersey. I lived at the NYU dorm in Lower Manhattan, so I didn’t have to get up quite as early as Kyle, who had to be at work by 6:30 a.m. I spent my summer working on Park Avenue for the Credit Markets division of the Investment Bank, supporting credit traders. Kyle and I got the chance to meet many of the New York City alumni from the 2004 to 2008 classes.

It’s always said that you should spend at least one summer in Ithaca before you graduate and a lot of the brothers checked that item off the to-do list this summer. Brothers Max Kashdan, Tommy Roth and Rich Rothman spent the summer living at the Acacia Annex in Collegetown, along with brothers Ben Jacoby and Bob Christ. Max worked at a local chemical engineering firm called Novomer doing product and business development. Tommy maintained the webpage [Entrepreneurship@Cornell](mailto:Entrepreneurship@Cornell), an organiza-

tion on campus with a self-explanatory purpose. Rich did research in the Lab of Ornithology and played lots of Halo. Ben spent his summer writing stories and articles for magazines and finishing the novel that he has been working on for the past two years.

Brother TJ Kozakiewicz helped his grandparents run their farm stand when strawberry season started. Brother Oleks Billyk spent the summer on the beaches of Boston and studying ancient Greek in Ithaca (sadly, Ithaca, NY, not Ithaca, Greece). Brother Josiah Pothen had an interesting summer working as a tester for CME Associates. He tested complete samples and did tests using nuclear gauges. Brother John Ryan spent his summer in Washington working for the lobbying firm of Mehlman Vogel Castagnetti after being accepted as a Tisdale fellow.

Overall, the brothers had a great summer, as usual. While collecting all of these accounts of people’s summer experiences, I have found myself longing for the opportunity to do some of the things others did this summer. I was not able to detail everyone’s summer here. We all had a good time, but we were excited to return to the halls of Acacia in late August and share stories of our summer escapades.

**Brothers from the  
pledge class of 2007  
working on a table  
cover for the  
pool table.**



## Socially Acceptable Erik Burkhalter

Although I am nearing the end of my term as Junior Dean, things certainly have not wound down around here. We started the semester by taking a trip back in time to the 90s. Many brothers had suggested the idea, and I completely agreed with it. Everyone had a great time as they danced to the music they grew up with; I even saw a few people dress up in their best 90s clothes. I couldn't pull that off, but it was cool to see some people really getting into character.

We also hosted our annual Oktoberfest party and dinner, and what a weekend that was! It started with a party on Saturday night. There were a good number of people in attendance, including visitors from Syracuse Acacia. They enjoyed their visit and hopefully some of us will make it to Syracuse for one of their upcoming events.

Sunday was also a busy day; we had to clean up everything from the night before and make the house presentable. Then, the preparation of dinner began, which took a lot of time and effort from the brotherhood, especially our chef Tommy Roth, but in the end turned out really well and was a great meal.

In terms of future planning, we have a semi-formal on the horizon that I know the brotherhood eagerly awaits. It's a great way to diversify our social calendar. This semester, my pledge class also decided to finish the project we started during pledging: building a table cover for the pool table. There was a lot of work to be done and for the first couple weeks of school we were quite busy. We had to plan the dimensions of the table, create a

design that fit the table, buy the wood, cut the wood, put it all together, and then paint it.

While we were making it, we were not sure how it would look when we were done. Now that it's all completed I can honestly say I'm glad we did it. Great job, guys-I know it will be a part of the house for years to come. Since we're on a path of fixing up the house, a project like this seems fitting and I hope there are similar house projects to follow.

*(Conclave continued from page 1)*

in recent memory to win election to the Interfraternity Council executive board, and Pete continues to serve on the Corporation board while assisting with the Capital Campaign.

The four active brothers to receive the Order of Pythagoras were Brian Clapp, Kyle Small-Davis, John Koltz (all '09) and myself. Brian has excelled in every office he has held, from Senior Steward to Treasurer. Kyle served as Venerable Dean during a year (2006-2007) in which we initiated 13 new brothers, and he also presided over the Centennial Celebration. John has done a commendable job as Junior Steward and Recruitment Chairman, and was nominated for this award by International President Dave Allen!

I congratulate all award recipients on receiving these lofty honors, and these achievements should serve as a source of pride for the chapter. Let's keep up the good work!

### 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:

Acacia Fraternity Foundation  
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Indianapolis, IN 46268

Checks should be made payable to "Acacia Fraternity Foundation." Use of the chapter's Foundation is limited to scholarships and qualified educational expenses.

### 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 \$460,000. Our money grows based on the performance of the endowment portfolio. The amount that brothers receive is roughly equivalent to the gain on the 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 sound judgment. This past year, all Active brothers on financial aid received \$1,100 in grants each semester.

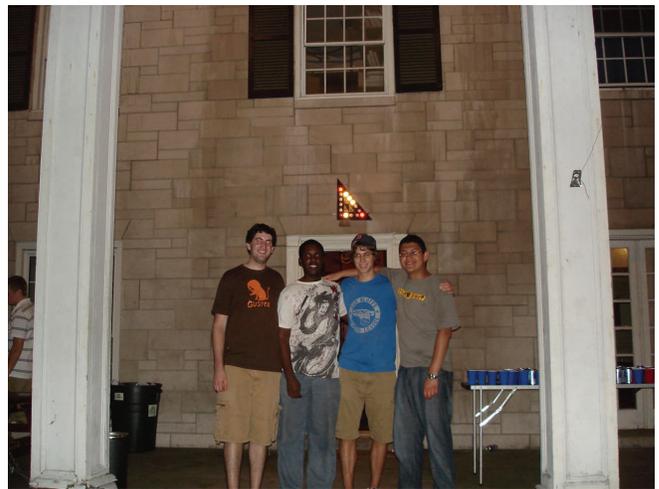
# Conclave: A National Brotherhood Revealed Chris Bostick

One thing that I've been asked during the course of my brotherhood in Acacia Fraternity is, "How do you define brotherhood?" We live it everyday, especially those of us who are experiencing it for our first glorious four years. Never has the concept of brotherhood been more clear to me than when I attended the 2008 Conclave in Louisville, Kentucky. Here is one definition I learned: meeting hundreds of people from all across the United States for the first time and being able to call them brother because you know about their high ideals. It was a great experience that reminded me why it is that I love this fraternity so much.

Conclave was a way to see Acacia in different places from different people than the brothers we already knew. Three other brothers and I had the experience of road-tripping to Conclave and staying at two Acacia chapters. We were greeted by our brothers with open arms both times, of course. At Conclave, we were able to attend seminars on improving our chapter by employing the successful strategies of other chapters. Of course, during the night, being of legal age, I was able to get to know many of my Acacia brothers even better at some of the fine establishments that Louisville had to offer. It was a time to meet new brothers and to have a great time with the ones I already knew. Before Conclave was over, I learned that brotherhood doesn't just end at Cornell Chapter, but ex-

tends nation-wide to every brother and every chapter. I am an Acacian, and I am proud of it.

**Brothers Bilmes, Bostick, Huth and Arrue stop at the Ohio State Chapter house on the way to Conclave.**



**At the Homecoming dinner held at Rogue's Harbor on Saturday, September 27, Brother Bilmes presents Brother alumnus Balcerski with the Award of Merit.**



**Brothers Ligouri, Bostick, Huth, Bilmes and Brother alumnus Cox at Conclave.**



## Your Official Second Home Tory Farney

Last semester, when I joined Acacia and realized that I would be living in a fraternity house the following year, I was not entirely sure what to expect. My friends and family plagued me with questions about what it would be like: would Acacia live up to the stereotypical Hollywood perception of fraternity life, or would it be like the math frat reputation that Acacia holds in some quarters? Since arriving at Northcote this semester, my experience has been very different from last year. The previous year I was put into a dorm with a bunch of people and no lounges, and was displaced from my family and friends. The advantages of living in Acacia became apparent immediately.

There have been very few, if any, dull moments since I arrived here this semester. The many stories from the different brothers, the almost constant sound of Halo being blasted throughout the Wing from Tommy's surround sound theatre,

and the ability to watch television again without having to leave my house has set a mood that a dorm could never accomplish. Not to mention the home-cooked meals and the ability to make your own meals whenever you want, which in my opinion makes Acacia a superior alternative to the dining halls of Cornell. The atmosphere of having brothers that are always willing to help

and the ability to know you can make a difference in the house creates a strong bond between everyone.

The top selling points for a house are location, location and location. Acacia's location seems to be exactly what is needed after a stressful day on campus. The walk home is a beautiful time to relax and enjoy the ever-changing climate and the wildlife of Ithaca. If there is anything I have taken out of living at the house so far, it has been a sense of pride, the pride to be able to call Acacia my home away from home.



## The Grand Experiment Noah Santorello

Northcote, even after 101 years, is still going strong. Our fall cleanup went extremely well. We only needed a day and a half to return the house to pristine condition, and we were done three days before classes began. It is also remaining clean thanks to the hard work of the in-house actives.

As senior steward, I'm continuing my trend of coming up with new ideas. Back when I was a technologist, I wrote software that automated the junior steward crew assignment sheets; it proved to be a perfect solution for scheduling brothers appropriately for crew, and has already saved our current junior steward several hours of work in Excel.

My current line of thinking regarding the cleanup organization in place is that its system is flawed. It is intrinsically

based on the assumption that brothers are lazy, don't care about the state of the house, and need someone (the senior steward) to tell them what and when to clean. Additionally, it gives the senior steward complete responsibility for the cleanliness of the house, so that anything that isn't clean is automatically laid at the feet of the senior steward.

Why, in a community of brothers, should *one* person be responsible for the house's cleanliness? The senior steward should provide direction for cleanliness, but the brotherhood as a whole should be accountable for the condition of the house.

***"I will soon be implementing a new system that I feel is more sustainable and continuous."***

I will soon be trying out a new system that I feel is more sustainable and continuous. The new system will, for a period of a month, place a brother in charge of a certain area of the house. It will be this brother's responsibility to keep the area clean for the entire month. This system will result in a cleaner house since the system promotes continuous cleaning; brothers are more directly accountable for their messes and their cleaning area, and the brotherhood is, on the whole, more accountable for the condition of the house. I believe that my brothers care about Northcote's condition, and I feel that everyone will find the newer system to be an easier, more sustainable, and more successful approach to house cleanliness. Read in the spring *Traveler* about the results of this experiment!



## Alumni Mailbag

William B. Gibson 1948 (437) [20 Grandview Ct., Danville, CA 94506-6100; [wbgibson2@yahoo.com](mailto:wbgibson2@yahoo.com)] is really enjoying great-granddaughter who is nearly 2. Was looking forward to his 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion in June.

Robert B. Squires 1952 (496) [41 Churchill Ave., Massena, NY 13662] informed us that his wife, Mary, passed away on 5/27/2008. Robert enjoyed the Centennial Celebration and complimented all those who did such a fine job.

Ernest F. Schaufler 1948 (500) [337 Bella Vista Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850-5789; [efs4@lightlink.com](mailto:efs4@lightlink.com)] had to miss his 60<sup>th</sup> Cornell Reunion because of grandchildren graduating high school in PA.

William (Dick) R. Powell 1958 (608) [R Dos Franceses 498 Bl F, Apt 142, Sao Paulo, Brazil 01329-010; [DarkVisitor@yahoo.com](mailto:DarkVisitor@yahoo.com)] has had an email or two from Bill Easton 1960 (620), Robert Fash 1958 (594), and Donald Fish 1958 (595). Dick's first wife was Norwegian and the mother of 2 daughters who provided 4 grandchildren. One daughter is a Hotel School Grad whose 15<sup>th</sup> Reunion was Dick's 60<sup>th</sup>. They were unfortunately unable to attend. His 2<sup>nd</sup> wife is Brazilian and a University Professor.

Warren E. Walker 1963 (681) [Gerrit Kasteinweg 2, 2597 NZ Den Haag, Netherlands; [w.e.walker@tudelft.nl](mailto:w.e.walker@tudelft.nl)] retired from the RAND Corp. in May 2007. He is now a Professor of Policy Analysis at the Delft University of Technology, focusing on transport policy, dealing with uncertainty in making public policy, and designing decision support systems. He travels to Los Angeles frequently to see his 2 year-old grandson.

Robert H. Lightfoote 1969 (731) [9 Hillcrest Ave., Queensbury, NY 12804-1973; [boblighfoote@yahoo.com](mailto:boblighfoote@yahoo.com)] writes that son, Stephen, graduated from Cornell in 2007 and is now a research assistant in the Masters of Atmospheric Sciences program at Univ. of California at Davis.

Stuart S. Hantman MD 1971 (756) [28 Founders Green, Pittsford, NY 14534-2165; [StuHantman@aol.com](mailto:StuHantman@aol.com)] and wife, Carol (Hum. Ec. 1973) planned to attend the Cornell vs. Yale Homecoming Football Game and Tailgating Party. Daughter, Melissa (Arts & Sciences 2001) was appointed web coordinator at the Yale School of Public Health. Son, Marc, took the Florida bar exam and is practicing law in Ft. Lauderdale.

Lars A. Lundeen 1972 (772) [494 Crown Point Rd., Shrewsbury, VT 05738; [LL57@cornell.edu](mailto:LL57@cornell.edu)] recently emailed Dave Trost 1971 (764). Both have been looking forward to turkey season. Lars tried to encourage Dave to support Obama's Presidential Campaign. Lars congratulates all the fine philanthropic efforts at Acacia.

Steven L. Stein 1973 (787) [339 E. Miller Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850-9431; [sls8@cornell.edu](mailto:sls8@cornell.edu)] had a busy summer attending weddings. Together with wife, Mary, and daughters Amanda and Jenna, they made the 12 hour drive from Ithaca to Machias, Maine for the wedding of oldest son, Benjamin, to Amelia Frye. Josh, their other son, made the journey from Brooklyn. Steve and the girls recently returned from another wedding (only 10 hours away) in Chapel Hill, NC. Steve is extremely happy to be back in Ithaca so he can focus on keeping Acacia in good physical and fiscal shape.

Mark A. Schaten MD 1984 (923) [W4078 Parkview Ct., Fond Du Lac, WI 54937-7818; [mschatenmd@charter.net](mailto:mschatenmd@charter.net)] and wife are enjoying parenthood. Alexandria "Allie" Mae was adopted in June and is now 2 years old, having been with them as a foster child for most of her life. Her brother Alexander "Alex" Grant was born in August and is now their foster child. Mark enjoys reading about all the goings on at Cornell Acacia.

Charles W. Huffine III 1986 (931) [1510 S. Quebec Way, Apt. 43, Denver, CO 80231-5600; [chuffine@stantec.com](mailto:chuffine@stantec.com)] married Carol Flor on 8/31/2008 in Michigan.

David J. Klesh 2002 (1037) [3250 35<sup>th</sup> St., Astoria, NY 11106-1102; [davidklesh@hotmail.com](mailto:davidklesh@hotmail.com)] started working for McKinsey & Co. as a corporate recruiter in New York in October 2007. Dave thanks McKinsey consultant Brad Schmidt 2000 (1025) for his advice. Attended the wedding of Anthony Nemoto 2004 (1059) in April 2008 and sister's wedding in August.

Peter M. Rimshnick 2005 (1060) [4 Hiram's Grove Rd., Branchville, NJ 07826; [pmr29@cornell.edu](mailto:pmr29@cornell.edu)] is pursuing his PhD in Economics at Princeton but will still cheer for the Big Red when they come to town.

Thomas J. Balcerski 2005 (1063) [8 Brittany Ct., Ramsey, NJ 07446-1419; [tjb36@cornell.edu](mailto:tjb36@cornell.edu)] completed his first year of graduate school at SUNY Stony Brook, studying U.S. History. Tom is very pleased with the results so far of the Centennial Capital Campaign. Tom spent the summer at Floodwood, Boy Scouts of America, in the Adirondacks. He recently attended Homecoming at Acacia and received the Award of Merit that he was awarded at this year's Conclave.

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