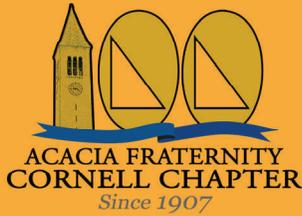


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The members of the Spring 2009 pledge class with their Big Brothers.

## New Perspectives on an Old Tradition Tyler Huth

Our new perspective on rush began to form this summer at Conclave in Louisville. We were fortunate enough to be able to attend a production of *Phired Up*, a presentation geared toward recruiting the best men on campus more effectively. Taking our initiative from the presentation, we focused on making early contact with freshmen by becoming Orientation Leaders and Peer Advisors for the incoming class and used clubs, classes, and various other activities in order to find men who best fit Acacia's ideals. In addition to earlier freshmen contacts, we also began our

efforts to make our house the most impressive on campus. Thanks to the generous contributions from the Capital Campaign and the help of Steve Stein '73, we were able to make Northcote stand out above the other Greek houses at Cornell.

During rush week, we saw all of our hard work pay off as we met a number of rushes at events like dinners, broomball, paintball, and even a trip to our Syracuse University chapter. Over the following weeks we recruited ten

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# Spring 2009 Chapter Roster

Editor: Eric Zatz

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# A Message From Our Corporation Board President

Just prior to the beginning of Rush in January, Acacia had new carpeting installed in the Wing hallway, Commons, Living Room, Main Staircase, and Chapter Room. The new piano (purchased with an AFF Grant) is located in the Living Room. The Main Staircase was structurally reinforced prior to carpet installation and Northcote creaks a lot less now. The new carpeting makes a huge improvement to Acacia's beauty, and the Actives had a successful (not to mention stressful) Rush, recruiting 10 Pledges.

The Wing roof has yet to be replaced (winter arrived too early and has stayed too long). Several squirrels that had gotten into the house by chewing through stucco and wood have been live-trapped. Their entry way has been permanently closed. Some plumbing was redone in the boiler room in preparation for the replacement of the steam boiler this summer. Part of this project includes heating the 3rd floor dorm, which is necessary because of the recently installed sprinkler system. All the cast iron steam radiators will have to be removed and replaced with hot water baseboard radiators. The kitchen window will be replaced soon. We hope to enlarge and pave the back parking lot this summer. The Corporation's maintenance budget has already been spent/allotted for the 2008-2009 Academic year. But, neither the Capital Campaign nor Acacia's list of capital improvements is over. Let's reach our \$345K Capital Campaign goal!

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.

All Cornell Acacias are invited to attend the Annual Corporation Meeting on Saturday, May 2, 2009 at 1:00 pm.

One final note – The Inglis family (the late Burton F. Inglis 1940 (385), Rexford J. Inglis 1967 (700), and Scott F. Inglis 1999 (1019)) is the first and only family with a 3-generation Cornell Acacia legacy. We will formally recognize the Inglis legacy at a brief ceremony on Saturday, June 6, 2009 during the Cornell Reunion Weekend. 2009 marks the 10-year Reunion of Scott Inglis.

Faternally,

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## Annual Corporation Board Meeting Saturday, May 2, 2009

The Annual Meeting of the Cornell Chapter of Acacia Fraternity, Inc. will be Saturday, May 2, 2009 at 1:00 pm, at Acacia Fraternity, 318 Highland Road, Ithaca, NY 14850 (607-257-7055)

Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

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## Venerably Speaking Tory Farney

It is hard to believe that the school year has progressed this far into the second semester already. It seems like just yesterday I was being initiated as the new Venerable Dean of Acacia and now almost four months later, I am looking back over this time and realizing how much was actually accomplished and how many challenges the chapter and I face as we continue.

When I took office in early November, the house was looking at a major issue; we were going to have twenty graduating seniors this year, which would cut our house size in more than half. This placed a great deal of concern in the eyes of many and emphasis on the upcoming Rush Week. In preparation for this pinnacle week for the future of the chapter, we completely repainted the dining room, bought a brand new television for the commons, and encouraged the Capital Campaign to speed up the installation of the new carpet in the commons,

chapter room, and wing hallway. These additions have our house looking amazing but things do not always go as scripted and Rush Week fell short of what we were hoping for. Therefore, for the following couple of weeks the fraternity pulled together with a goal of increasing our pledge class size. With the help of everyone we grew our pledge class from four to ten with arguably the hardest work any group of individuals has put into rush in a long time. Now the education process of pledging has begun and we have not forgot the amount of work we all had to put into the rush process to get the numbers we achieved and so work has already begun to insure that we get the first Fall pledge class that our chapter has seen in three years.

Getting away from Rush, things have been running smoothly at the house so far this semester. Personally, I am looking at spending much of my time on the newly re-

structured End of the Year Report, which now has ten parts to make it easier to fill out. Also coming up in April the Intrafraternity Council Executive Board is going to be paying a visit to our house for dinner one night to talk over ideas with us about the future of the Greek community. I met on a Sunday for about 45 minutes with the President of the IFC to discuss these topics with him and I believe his talk with the entire chapter will prove beneficial to us and the Greek system as a whole. To follow suit with what the Intrafraternity Council has been doing, I am planning to fully update our By-Laws and Constitution as well as beginning to look farther down the road and plan out the future of Acacia at Cornell.

I am looking forward to conquering the tasks at hand during the rest of my term and know that my brothers will be there to help me out when called upon.



Brothers Koltz, Cannon, Small-Davis, and Brownstein at a Brotherhood event in February.

## Pledge Class Unity Pledge Bill Zeligson

It seems like just yesterday I met my pledge class for the first time. Apprehension was the only word to describe my feelings. I had always heard horror stories about pledging: from hazing to long nights out in the cold but Acacia proved to be a cut above the rest. My pledge brothers and I have had many a fun time since agreeing to pledge ourselves to Acacia, and through these shared experiences we've grown closer together and more unified than any other group which I've had the honor to be a part of.

Just a few weeks ago, we partook in the annual Valentine's day tradition of visiting all of the sororities



The Acacia spring 2009 pledge class.

with gifts and songs of passion. We got responses that ranged from blank looks to some Sisters even joining in our merriment, but one thing held true. At each and every house, my pledge class became more and more comfortable making complete fools of our selves in public. No more did some pledges hide in the back row and mumble, but instead we all danced and swayed to the beat.

Whether by design or by providence, as a pledge-class, we are now inseparable.

With the inevitability of the pledge-party the weekend of the 27th, I have no doubt our newfound unity will be the cornerstone of making the festivities, and our pledge process as a whole, a success.



Brothers Cannon, Bilmes, Zatz, and Bostick at a party this spring.



## Socially Acceptable Thomas Kozakiewicz

The office of Junior Dean, for me, began with our annual "Red Hot Acacia" party, being held the night of the Cornell vs. Harvard hockey game. I even went to the hockey game and as it turned out, we won! The party then became the perfect ending to the perfect night; many people showed up to celebrate our victory, most wearing either a Cornell hockey jersey or something red to show their pride.



Brothers with their dates at the Valentine's Day formal.

After being red hot it was time to cool down with our winter formal to celebrate the end of the fall semester. It was held at Joe's Restaurant in downtown Ithaca and was a hit. As a result, Joe's has become one of my favorite places to eat and was the perfect atmosphere for our formal dinner event. As Junior Dean I am constantly on the hunt for restaurant's to hold formal and our valentine's formal added extra pressure to make the event just right.

It was pretty tough finding a place that wanted to host such a large crowd on the weekend of Valentine's Day. With the help of a few brothers I managed to get a restaurant called Pangea's to accept our group for dinner. It had really great reviews but everyone I had talked to up to that point never heard of it or never ate there which made me a little hesitant. The event, however, went off without a hitch; the atmosphere was perfect to celebrate the holiday and all of the brother's enjoyed the food as well as the singing styles of the spring pledge class.



Brothers Arrue, Rothman, Hoerter, and Jacoby at date night.

Also on the social agenda this semester are mixers with a couple sororities, the spring formal, and our annual Night on the Nile party. I'm looking forward to each of these events as they are all sure to be awesome!

*"Acacia continues to have a great mixture of brotherhood events, date nights and formals, and social events with sororities. There is something going on every weekend."*  
-Elie Bilmes '10

## Preparing Future Acacians

Jose Arrue

I can still remember a year ago when last year's pledge class met for the first time. I got to know all of them and I frequently went to their meetings with Tommy, who was the Senior Dean at the time. After spending time with the pledges, I immediately knew that I wanted to be Senior Dean of Acacia. I was thankfully elected last November and I right away started to plan the pledge program. As a result, I was prepared at the beginning of this semester.

So far I have enjoyed every minute of preparing the future leaders of Acacia. Whether having dinner, getting to know their Big Brothers, or doing activities that embody pledge class unity, I have tried to spend as much time as I can with the pledges in order to make sure that they get to know our chapter's current brotherhood and about its rich history. This group of pledges is a diverse group of individuals who have shown both unity and passion for the house. I am very proud of them. As they continue on their path to become actives, I am convinced that the future of Acacia is in great hands.



Brothers Liguori, Gross, Santorello, and Song with their dates at the winter formal.

## Financially Sound

Adam Brownstein

Not only has my time as a brother living in house been great, but my time as Treasurer of Acacia has been great as well. Over the past four months, the finances of the active chapter have been in order, and they will continue to be for a long time. With the help of the former treasurer Brian Clapp '09 and the rest of the current executive board, my time as treasurer has been splendid. As Brian was able to do this past year, I hope that I will be able to save a total of \$50,000 for the future benefit of the house. I firmly believe that this is a feasible aspiration. I have already placed \$47,000 that he saved by the end of his term as treasurer into a high-interest savings account. I will continue to seek more options so we can get the most out of our money and be financially secure for years to come.

Moreover, We have been continually donating money to the Capital Campaign to ensure that our house is well maintained. Thanks to the instillation of the new sprinkler system, a new carpet for the commons, and alumni generously donating their time and money to purchase a new piano, our house is in great shape.

Finally, this past rush went very well for us because we were able to get a group of ten talented and motivated pledges who will definitely be a great addition to the brotherhood. Our current executive board has been phenomenal, and it is a pleasure being a part of it and giving something back to Acacia, which has already given me so much. I will be living in house again next year and am very excited about all of the great experiences to come as a brother of Acacia.



Brothers Bostick, Roth, Small-Davis, Norback, Gross, and Pledge Spanier relaxing and playing video games in the wing.

# As We Travel Along Life's Pathway

As this semester comes to a close, we bid farewell to seventeen awesome brothers who will go on to begin their careers, further their educations, and explore the world. Over the past four years, they have all left their mark on the Cornell chapter of Acacia and will be missed. Good luck class of '09!

-Eric Zatz

## **Chris "Lenny" Bostick**

I'm taking a year off. The plan is to find a temporary job and work while I study for pre-graduate school exams. I'll be taking the pcat and the gre before I apply to pharmacy graduate schools for next year. Unfortunately I'll most likely be at home studying rather than going around the world and traveling like some of my peers. If all goes well I'll be able to find a job in pharmaceuticals and hopefully make a real difference in the world. To all my brothers if your near the Jersey area feel free to call me and will get together sometime.

## **Brian "Boucher" Clapp**

I graduated last semester and am currently working on a second Cornell degree. I am pursuing a Master of Engineering in Financial Engineering and I will graduate this fall. The final semester is held in lower Manhattan. After

several weeks of interviewing, I have accepted an internship offer from Barclays Capital in their Sales & Trading division for this summer. I will always look back on my days living in Northcote with a smile. Acacia has given me many great memories and opportunities which I will not forget.

## **Andrew "Daywalker" Gross**

After graduating from Applied Engineering physics I am looking to continue my education. Currently I am looking at the Masters of Engineering program in Mechanical Engineering at Cornell. The program lasts two semesters but will provide opportunities for further education.

## **Nick "Skeletor" Hoerter**

After graduation, I plan to go backpacking in Europe with some friends for three weeks. When I get back to the states I will promptly begin my job as an Embedded Engineer for Lutron Electronics in Coopersburg, PA. Fellow Acacian Rich Rothman has accepted the same position, so we will be working and living together.

## **Ben "Perot" Jacoby**

After graduation, I plan on moving to New York City next year, and I am currently looking for Media, PR, Publishing, and Mar-

keting jobs there.

## **Max "Cobra" Kashdan**

After graduation, I have the summer off and I'll most likely do some traveling or volunteering abroad. In September, I'm going to move to New York City to start work at Novantas, a small management consulting firm specializing in the financial industry. I'm also planning to go to business school in a few years.

## **Joe "Crazy Stairs" Kovacs**

Next year I hope to be working in a research lab under the study of genetics while applying to med school for the year after.

## **Rob "Diamond" Norback**

I have had a wonderful experience at Cornell, but alas it is time to move on. I will be living in Phoenix, AZ for the next two years doing Teach For America! I'll be teaching high school physics and earning my Masters in Education from the University of Arizona. After that I plan to get my MBA or work in business, and, with any luck, starting my own company soon thereafter.

# The Senior Class of 2009

## Tommy “Bubble Boy” Roth

Next year, I will be staying at Cornell to complete my masters of engineering in aerospace. I should finally be living in Collegetown, with John Koltz and several other friends, although we are not really sure where as of yet. Also, there is a large possibility that I will be the new Chapter Advisor and am looking forward to the opportunity. It is going to be strange being one of the few current seniors staying next year, but I am glad that I will be able to see the house continue to grow.

## Richard “Cosmo” Rothman

Next year I will be working for Lutron Electronics in Coopersburg, PA doing embedded electrical design. I'll most likely be living with Nick Hoerter as we're working the same job and love each other's company. Our joint plans for next year include taking singing lessons, getting a dog, and playing rock band together.

## John “Newman” Ryan

I am currently awaiting responses both from the law schools I applied to, which mostly lie in the DC area, and from the Obama administration. Either way, it seems that when I graduate I'll be heading back home after a great four years at Cornell.

## Noah “Ernie” Santorello

I've been fortunate enough to land a job at Infusion Development, a Toronto-based software consulting

company. On July 6, I'll begin working at their New York City office in downtown Manhattan. I'll get a chance to leverage new, emerging technologies to solve some tough and challenging problems. If all goes well, eventually I'll get to do development for the Microsoft Surface!

## Kyle “Ernest” Small-Davis

Standing tall through 4 years at Cornell, I will be graduating with a major in Government, minors in International Relations and Chinese, and finally a focus in finance. After graduation, my ideal job would be in financial services even amidst the current turmoil. Hopefully, I will be located in the Northeast more specifically Manhattan. I am happy to be able to look fondly on my past years in Acacia.

## Shu “Bert” Song

I will be working for a marketing technology company called MTS in Jersey City next year. Though I'm sad that I have to close this chapter of my life, I'm looking forward to what the future holds. I wish everyone in '09 the best of luck in the future.

## Jason “Chi-O” Turer

My post-Cornell plans are still up in the air. I hope to get a job in the film industry, either in New York or California, but can't say which for sure just yet. Hopefully I'll have a better idea before graduation...

## Andy “Paul Wall” Yi

I am greatly looking forward to next year after graduation. Unlike the majority of seniors who will be leaving Cornell, the place of many memories and experiences for the past five years, I will be staying an extra year here. Thanks to my research principal investigator, I would be continuing my research project. Hopefully I would be able to expand upon my honors thesis with the hope of getting published. In addition to productive days of research, I am excited to spend one more year in Acacia with fellow brothers, especially to spend time with our awesome pledge class this year. In addition, I will be spending most of my weekends with my newfound love Melissa who is going to be a senior next year. One more year with the girl of my dreams sounds pretty fun. In addition, if I am able to raise enough money, I would like to go to Honduras for volunteer work and to meet with a Mexican girl named Abril - my first serious crush. Lastly, I would like to continue some of my hobbies such as hip hop dancing, lifting weights, running, playing piano, singing, going to church, eating, watching Korean shows, and snowboarding.

# Meet the Members of the Spring 2009 Pledge Class

## Justin "McCallister" Burden

Hey, my name is Justin Burden and am from Fairfield, a suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio. I currently plan to major in Economics, and concentrations in Information Science and Finance. I have a wide

range of interests, but my main hobbies are baseball, bowling, electric guitar, and I used to play violin.

In what is left of my free time I enjoy listening to music, hanging out with friends, watching TV, and working out occasionally. I don't know what to expect for the remainder of my life at Cornell and with Acacia, but I plan to enjoy it and have some of the best times of my life.



that has a good beat. I am ecstatic to join the Acacia Fraternity and am currently Pledge Class Secretary, looking to continue making great contributions to Acacia in the future!

## Winston "Gecko" Feng

Hi, I'm a bachelor of science candidate in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University, a Meinig Family Cornell National Scholar, and a graduate of the International

Baccalaureate Diploma degree. Among my professional pursuits include a life-long career in financial economics and service in macroeconomic leadership offices of government. My non-academic interests involve tennis, golf, community service, saxophone, and debating.



I'm sure there's plenty of fun to find even for an engineer.

## Jared "Mr. Rogers" Leventhal

Hey I am Jared Leventhal and I hail from Long Island, New York. My favorite things to do include hanging out with my girlfriend,

bikeriding, swimming, hanging out with friends, watching movies, and just recently got into bowling. I am majoring in Biology and Society and am

pre-med, which is a lot of work but I am very ambitious and have always wanted to become a doctor. I am proud to be pledging Acacia and cannot wait to live at the house!



## Richard "Tiny Dancer" Corrales

My name is Richard Corrales, and I am a freshman in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CAL S), currently as an

Animal Science major, but wishing to transfer into Communication Media Studies. I am from the one square mile village of Ardsley, NY, in Westchester (yes

Westchester) County, but now have a second home in Ithaca. In my free time I enjoy playing tennis, basketball, and volleyball, and most importantly dancing. My friends refer to me as "Tiny Dancer" and I guess the statement is valid for you will see me dancing to any song I like or



## Charles "Alabama" Hernandez

I'm currently a freshman in the College of Engineering.

I'm planning on getting a Material Science major as well as Applied Mathematics and Computer Science minors.

I'm from southern NH, a town called Atkinson. I love everything having to do with soccer (Barcelona), but I also enjoy playing a lot of other sports like volleyball, skiing, tennis, ping pong, badminton and whatever else I can play with friends. I also enjoy videogames, working out and just generally staying active. I hope to have a lot of great experiences at Acacia and



## Theodore (Teddy) "Data" Ni

According to CNN, my hometown of Parsippany, New Jersey is the 17th best place to live in the country. It's not. As such, I have escaped to Cornell to pursue my interests in mathematics, economics, and computer science. Outside (and inside) of the classroom, I enjoy playing computer games, reading manga, and sleeping.

Above all, however, I am open to trying new things. I look forward to being a future brother of Acacia. On a parting note, I am an avid reader of fantasy and sci-fi, so feel free to talk to me about either at any time.



**Chikyu “Scooby Doo” Sim**

My name is Chikyu (Kyu) Sim. I am an international student from South Korea, but I lived in Maryland for two years when I was 12. Currently I am pursuing a major in Industrial and Labor Relations. I am not sure what I exactly want to do later on, but I hope to get involved with some sort of business or international organization. Outside of classroom, I enjoy traveling and immersing myself in different cultures. So far, I've been to Europe, China, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, Thailand, and etc. For the next stop, I would like to visit South America. But right now, I really appreciate this opportunity of studying in the United States because it is a totally new and awesome experience for me. Besides traveling, I like playing sports, watching movies, just hanging out with friends, and trying out many different things. I am excited for the great experience that Acacia has to offer.



**David “Mr. Tumnus” Skiff**

Hey, my name is David Skiff, although most people just call me "Skiff" to avoid confusion with the ridiculous number of other Davids. I spent the last 10 years of my life in Iowa City, Iowa, and I'm attending Cornell to pursue a major in Computer Science in the College of Engineering, most likely with a focus in Algorithm Design. I try to keep busy with classes, and participating in the various project teams that Cornell offers, but in my free time I enjoy the classic pastimes of reading, listening to music, watching movies and throwing around a Frisbee. I'm currently a Freshmen, so I'm looking forward to the next three years at Acacia.



**Michael “Turerannosaurus Rex” Spanier”**

I came to Cornell from Linwood, New Jersey, which is just next to Atlantic City, and I'm currently majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering. This is mostly a result of the love I have for all things electronic or technological

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new pledges, all of whom I am proud to welcome to Acacia fraternity.

Overall, I am excited by my brothers' enthusiasm and commitment toward rush and believe we can continue to watch the Cornell Chapter of Acacia grow into something bigger and better with the help of our new pledge class.



in nature. I also love to listen to, play, sing and occasionally write music, but the rest of my very little free time usually goes towards hanging with friends. I'm planning to go on to grad school and get my PhD, but I haven't really thought about anything past that, and I'm not worried to admit it. Hopefully, as an Acacian, I will get a chance to gain valuable leadership and



communication skills, as well as make many quality friendships.

**Bill “Truffles” Zeligson**

Hi, I am Bill Zeligson and I am a freshman in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. I am from Cleveland, Ohio and am studying Biology with the goal of attending medical school. I like swimming, eating, sleeping, and a bit of everything in between.



**A New Athletics System** Rob Norback

This past semester I revamped the athletics system at Acacia with the use of Sports Sign-Ups and Team Captains. I passed around a Sports Sign-Up early on in the semester, and by putting people who signed up into teams I made them responsible to their other team members. Additionally, I make the Acacian who is most enthusiastic about the sport Team Captain. It is their job to collect all their team members each week and make sure we show up to each event ready to compete. This process has worked very well thus far and has turned a hard job into one of relative ease.

So far this spring, our house has participated in just about every sport from basketball to water polo. This impressive amount of activity is thanks to our well-rounded brotherhood and the new pledge class. At this point we are among the league leaders in events like bowling, badminton, and we anticipate being at the top of the upcoming softball league.

## Philanthropy Joe Kovacs



*Brother Small-Davis as Santa with Karah Speidel and Deborah Feld of Alpha Omicron Pi at Santa's College Days.*

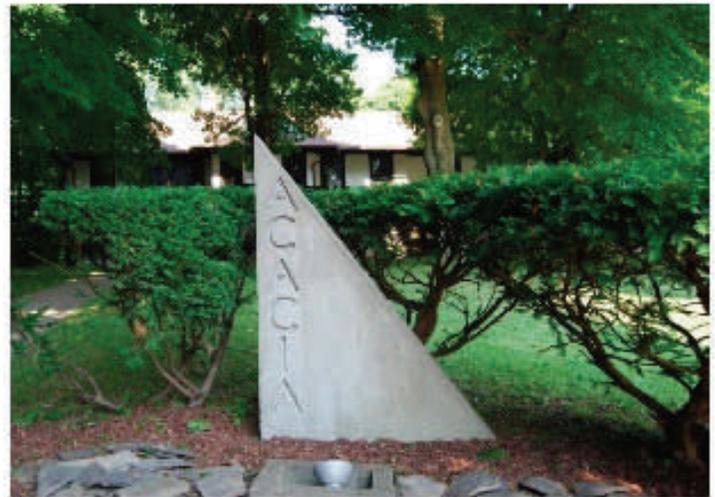
As returning Philanthropy Chairman for a second semester this year at Acacia, I'm looking to continue the success of my first semester. Our fraternity has already had the chance to participate in the FreeRice fundraiser, an event organized several brothers through the FreeRice Initiative. The group is primarily composed of Acacians and provided a wonderful opportunity to bring together interests fellow brothers have outside the house with all of our brethren.

Looking forward at the rest of the semester, we will hopefully have a few other large events planned. In strengthening our Big / Little relations, I

am currently in the process of having a philanthropic event geared towards our new Bigs and Littles, increasing the bond between them while also helping to serve the community. Here's looking to the future with great expectations and having a blast while doing it!

## Acacia's FreeRice Initiative Rob Norback

Never underestimate the power of a few good men. This year four Acacians banded together to form the group known as The FreeRice Initiative. This year, we ran our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fraternity FreeRice Tournament and raised a total of 2,210,230 grains of rice and donated \$200 to Push America. It was another staggering success for world hunger. What's more, the group flew Bettina Luescher in from the United Nations World Food Programme to speak about the Global Food Crisis. She gave an illuminating talk about her personal experiences in Darfur, Afghanistan and the Tsunami Region and what's more, her talk was well received by the Cornell Community and was covered by a full length article in the Daily Sun (The Cornell Newspaper). The group now poises itself for its next big endeavor: a Fill The Cup campaign to help support the World Food Programme's effort to feed hungry school children.



## Northcote's New Features Joe Beaudette

With the onset of spring rush came a few exciting changes for Northcote. A successful spring cleaning resulted in new carpeting in the Commons, Chapter Room, and Wing, a painting makeover for the Dining Room, and smaller details in the Bar Room such as "Acacia" written in sports script on the wall to serve as a backdrop to the pool table.

This year may mark the dawn of a new era for Northcote and Cornell Acacia. As mandated by the IFC's new "Greeks Go Green" committee, Acacia has recently added the title of Sustainability Chair to the responsibilities of the House Manager. This semester I have a few small things in mind. I am looking at expanding

our recycling program and will be implementing a composting system later in the semester when the wonderful Ithaca weather decides to cooperate. Future endeavors may include window replacements in the dining room, switching to CFLs, and other energy saving strategies. This is an exciting time to be an Acacian.



Brother Jacoby poses with the latest addition to the walls of the Bar Room.



Actives and pledges share dinner together in the newly-painted dining room.



## Alumni Mailbag

William Pendarvis Jr. 1947 (440) [11781 SE 162 Ave., Clackamas, OR 97086-6776] harvested 13 tons of Pinot Noir grapes last fall and his vineyard and winery is going full blast.

William C. Burnett 1953 (490) [11 South Helderberg Pkwy., Slingerlands, NY 12159-9742] keeps in contact with Dave Hower 1951 (526), Joe Wilford 1952 (497), Jim Symons 1954 (534), and Bob Squires 1952 (496). Bill recently had a phone conversation with former roommate Don Du Bois 1954 (528). In September, Bill attended his 5th High Speed Drivers School at Watkins Glen and they let him drive solo. Bill is proud of his 2 1986 Porsches.

Ernest F. Schaufler 1948 (500) [337 Bella Vista Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850-5789; efs4@lightlink.com] and wife, Bev, are doing well and living at Longview. Their granddaughter was married at Lower Enfield Falls Park last September.

Robert S. Fash 1958 (594) [1675 Ryder Cup Dr., Westlake Village, CA 91362-4325; bobfash@roadrunner.com] regularly talks to John Male 1958 (600) and Marty Offenberger 1956 (568). He has also spent a lot of time on the phone with Joann Beischer (widow of Bill Beischer 1956 (564)) who recently underwent open heart surgery.

John W. Carlson 1966 (689) [3921 Southport Springs Pkwy., Zephyrhills, FL 33541-5065; jacklynncarlson@msn.com] and wife are enjoying their third year of retirement. They spend 8 months in Florida and 4 summer months in Vermont. John has finally learned to hit a golf ball straight.

Jerry W. Kreider 1968 (720) [9 Narbrook Park, Narberth, PA 19072-2123; jerrys2k@comcast.net] is enjoying a year's sabbatical with volunteer work in Philadelphia (Habitat for Humanity) and Montana (Project Vote Smart). He drove his roadster to Montana and back (5,900 miles) and stopped to visit Stewart L. Burger 1970 (738) on the trip back.

Steven L. Stein 1973 (787) [339 E. Miller Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850-9431; sls8@cornell.edu] is considering taking the recently announced Cornell Early Retirement incentive and calling it quits after 21 years working at Cornell (in addition to 6 years following his graduation). In order to

retire, he will have to find other employment in Ithaca, so he won't exactly be living a life of leisure. Steve continues to hold the offices of Cornell Acacia Corporation Board President and Treasurer, neither of which seems to have a retirement option! Steve and wife, Mary, got together for dinner at Moosewood with Eden Slegre 1973 (788) and wife, Terry, to celebrate the Slegre's 30th anniversary when they were in Ithaca over the winter.

David J. Sangree 1984 (917) [1052 Maple Cliff Dr., Lakewood, OH 44107; dsangree@hladvisors.com] and his family are doing well. Dave's company, Hotel & Leisure Advisors, is working on a feasibility study concerning an expansion at Greek Peak Ski Resort and was in the Ithaca area last fall. The Sangree family was anticipating more family skiing this winter.

Paul G. Molnar 1998 (1014) [232E Springmeadow Dr., Holbrook, NY 11741; pgm1014@optonline.net] is in touch with Acacians regularly between the Brothers in the NYC area and the Elite Investment Club. Paul travelled to Shanghai, China in September for the wedding of Ilya Cherepakhin 2003 (1058) and Annie. He bowls in a competitive league with Tom Balcerski 2005 (1063) on Long Island.

Thomas J. Balcerski 2005 (1063) [8 Brittany Ct., Ramsey, NJ 07446-1419; tjb36@cornell.edu] received the Award of Merit at Conclave. On a visit to Princeton in November, he presented both Peter Rimshnick 2005 (1060) and David Rimshnick 2005 (1062) with their Orders of Pythagoras. Tom serves as Chairman of the Capital Campaign and continues researching the History of Cornell Acacia, discovering previously "lost" copies of the Traveler from the 1950's and 1960's.

Zachary A. Samuels 2004 (1069) [756 Washington St., Unit C, Canton, MA 02021; zsamuels@gmail.com] married his college sweetheart, Marissa, last August.

Dr. Linda Kane 1984 (L16) [711 Farmington Ave., Apt. B8, West Hartford, CT 06119-1739; lk2087@aol.com] recently divorced and is back to using her maiden name. She has been in contact with Paul Herrington 1981 (882), John Friedlander 1981 (877), and Lou Schwartz 1982 (891).

## Alumni Honor Roll

Donor	Roll	Class	Pledge Year
BRADLEY J AYRES *	(1070)	2006	PL 2003
KENNETH JAY AYRES JR.	(1052)	2004	PL 2001
THOMAS J BALCERSKI *	(1063)	2005	PL 2002
ROBERT J BERGREN	(443)	1950	PL 1947
STEWART L BURGER *	(738)	1970	PL 1967
WILLIAM C BURNETT *	(490)	1953	PL 1949
MARTIN S CARDINALI	(918)	1984	PL 1981
JOHN W CARLSON	(689)	1966	PL 1963
HANNY A CARP-MARTINOVICI	(1071)	2006	PL 2003
CHRISTOPHER E DANICIC	(1090)	2008	PL 2005
CHARLES W DEAKYNE *	(446)	1950	PL 1947
ROBERT S FASH *	(594)	1958	PL 1954
CAREY W FLETCHER	(596)	1958	PL 1955
PAUL B GOLDBERG *	(755)	1971	PL 1968
JAMES W GREIG II	(795)	1974	PL 1972
BYRON L HING *	(1040)	2002	PL 1999
HENRY L HOOD *	(407)	1943	PL 1940
SETH A JACOBSON	(1092)	2008	PL 2005
ALAN L JETTE	(895)	1982	PL 1979
WILLIAM L KELTZ	(632)	1961	PL 1958
LAFAYETTE W. 'PETE' KNAPP	(509)	1951	PL 1949
JOHN L KRAKAUER *	(642)	1962	PL 1959
JERRY W KREIDER *	(720)	1968	PL 1965
RICHARD S LYSLE	(732)	1969	PL 1966
MARK F MALTENFORT	(831)	1977	PL 1974
PAUL G MOLNAR *	(1014)	1998	PL 1995
DAVID A ODEGAARD *	(743)	1970	PL 1967
WILLIAM PENDARVIS JR.	(440)	1947	PL 1946
MICHAEL M PLISS *	(871)	1980	PL 1977
THOMAS L RICKETTS *	(1051)	2003	PL 2000
PETER M RIMSHNICK *	(1060)	2005	PL 2002
JOSHUA D ROTH	(1049)	2003	PL 2000
ROBERT C RUDOLPH	(804)	1975	PL 1972
ZACHARY A SAMUELS	(1069)	2004	PL 2002
DAVID J SANGREE	(917)	1984	PL 1981
ERNEST F SCHAUFLE	(500)	1948	PL 1949
BRUCE G SCHNEIDER *	(842)	1978	PL 1975
BRIAN SIVILLO *	(993)	1996	PL 1993
EDEN SLEGR	(788)	1973	PL 1971
WARREN E WALKER	(681)	1963	PL 1962
ZACHARY A WEINSTEIN	(1067)	2005	PL 2002
HOWARD S ZWIEFEL III *	(734)	1969	PL 1966

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 \* after name indicates Brother Tree leaf recognition

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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.





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