

# THE CENTENNIAL SPIRIT



*"An alumni newsletter dedicated to continuing the spirit of brotherhood created by the Centennial."*

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## CENTENNIAL+5 CELEBRATION PLANS UNDERWAY

Preston Shimer (#635) and Paul Molnar (#1014)

August 24, 2012, is coming quickly and is now less than a year away. This is the first day of the Cornell Chapter's Centennial+5 Celebration. There is much to celebrate and reflect on since our Centennial celebration of 2007.

We hope you, brothers of Cornell Chapter, will come back. We would like you to understand the significance of the investments you have made possible. Much of what you see will amaze you. We now heat the house with two boilers, each roughly 1 cubic foot in size. The new windows have made the house so air tight that running the kitchen exhaust fan pulled replacement air down the water heater vent and put out the pilot light. We had to create a system to provide make up air for the kitchen. There is so much to show you.

Our good works need to be celebrated and you should be there. Please mark your calendars for August 24-26, 2012 and begin to plan now. On Friday the 24th, we will gather in the new Physical Sciences Center for dinner and a complete review of the capital projects. Saturday morning, we will start with tours of Northcote so that you can see all the improvements made since the Centennial. We will then move to the Cornell Plantations for lunch and tours. Starting at 5 PM there will be a Brothers' Meeting, a reception at the Beck Center, and a banquet in the Statler Ballroom. Sunday morning, brunch will be served at Northcote. Throughout

the weekend, there will be much time for conversation to renew old friendships and to form new ones.

To be sure that we continue to contact you about the weekend and in order to assist our planning efforts, please complete the reservation form below. There is space on the form to donate toward the cost of the reunion. We have started a Facebook fan page. Search for the page "Cornell Acacia Centennial+5 Celebration August 24-26, 2012".

**SAVE THE DATE:**

***August 24—26, 2012***

***CENTENNIAL + 5***

Blocks of rooms have been reserved at the Statler Hotel (1-800-541-2501) and the Ramada Inn (1-607-257-3100) for the weekend of August 24-26<sup>th</sup>. We have negotiated special rates: \$189 for the Statler and \$125 for the Ramada Inn. Just mention Acacia Fraternity when calling for reservations to receive these special rates.

We also ask you to help us reach out to brothers who may not have been in touch in recent years and encourage them to come back and reconnect with Acacia. Please reserve your spot today online or by sending in the form included in the last mailer.

Finally, we thank you so much for your sterling support of the Centennial Capital Campaign. The Campaign is just short of its goal of raising \$345,000. If you can help us with one more donation to help drive to the finish line, that would be great. Please use the form sent along in the last mailer or use the link below. We are looking forward to the weekend with great anticipation. As Cornell Acacia turns 105, she is looking better than ever!

**You can reserve your spot by filling out the form on the chapter's website**

[www.cornellacacia.org](http://www.cornellacacia.org)

**Just click on the Centennial+5 logo and go!**

**HOMECOMING 2011 REPORT**

Richard Rothman (#1107)

This year I attended my first homecoming as an alumnus and had a great experience. I'd like to thank Matt Miller, Dean of Alumni Affairs, as well as all of the actives for the work they had to do for the weekend. I love visiting the actives and staying up to date on the workings of the house, and this weekend gave me a wonderful opportunity to do that. The alumni turnout was strong and proud. I was able to spend time with a good chunk of my graduating class ('09), as well as many young alumni between the years '06 and '11. I also had the pleasure of seeing some older members, including David Skiff's family that includes former members of Acacia's executive board.

Friday night we had a BBQ using the new grill next to the service entrance. It was great to see the alumni talking to actives that they had never met or barely knew. There was truly a fraternal spirit in the air at the beginning of an exciting weekend. After the BBQ, we retreated into Northcote for some spirited competition and camaraderie.

On Saturday, we pulled ourselves together and headed off to the tailgate, sporting our new "Acacia Homecoming 2011" shirts. On arrival, I was impressed to see our strong representation amongst the tailgate groups. The actives grilled up some food and a nice, relaxing afternoon was had by all. After tailgating, some of our crew headed back to the house for some R&R while the others attended the football game where Cornell defeated Bucknell! Later that night we journeyed to Rogue's Harbor in our Homecoming tradition for dinner and speeches



Actives and alumni seated in the Crescent at the football game, September 17, 2011.

by our esteemed house leadership.

Since a few of us were leaving Ithaca later in the day on Sunday, we decided to go watch the actives play intramural soccer. We sat out on the field in the beautiful weather and enjoyed cheering on our team. They put up a good fight, ending in a 1-1 tie for the first game of the season. Afterwards I spoke to a few of the actives about the general state of the house. They sounded very optimistic about the coming year, and encouraged me and the other alumni to repeat last year's pre-Rush workshop. I was glad that they found enough value and return in the workshop to want it again. Several other alumni, including the most recent CACOs, Brian Cannon and John Ertl, are planning to join in this year.

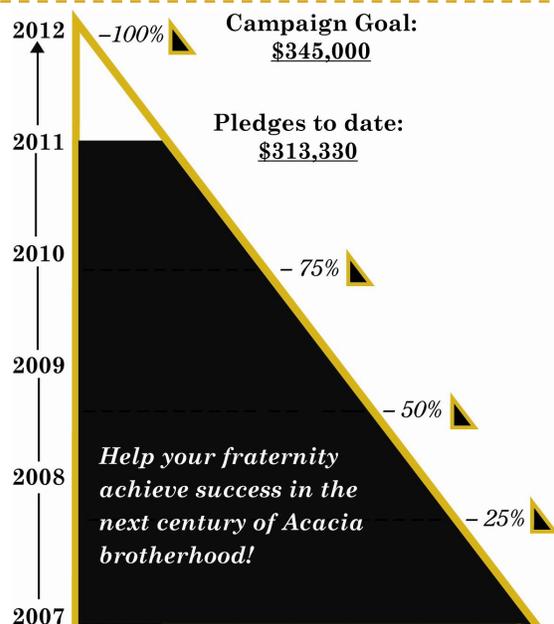
**ONE LAST PUSH**

Thomas Balcerski (#1063)

I am thrilled by the continued support of so many brothers and little sisters in the past year towards our Centennial Capital Campaign. The campaign, which began with high aspirations and the promise of hard work ahead, has succeeded even beyond my expectations.

To date, we have received pledges of **\$313,330**. We have also received gifts totaling \$300,210, of which \$193,590 is for the corporation and \$106,620 is for the chapter's Acacia Fraternity Foundation account. We still have so much more to do before August 2012, but we can make it!

With our goal of \$345,000 now squarely within our sights, I look forward to the future completion of the capital campaign and our celebration next August. We have much about which to be proud and even more to celebrate. See you then!



**\*SPECIAL GIVING OPPORTUNITY\***



## Chapter Room “Captains’ Chair”

Help to equip the Chapter Room with beautiful wooden captains’ chairs! In preparation for the complete renovation of the Chapter Room, the Corporation will be investing in a set of 10 beautiful captain chairs. To help offset the cost of the purchase, we will be offering naming opportunities for each of the new chairs. The chairs may be given as gifts from individuals or an entire graduating class.

Each chair costs \$365. While any amount is appreciated, we ask that donations be coordinated, as much as possible, to help us reach our target of 10 chairs. Please note: All donations are fully tax deductible. Thank you!

To date, three out of the ten chairs have been sponsored. We are hoping to sponsor all 10 chairs!

Product Description: W22.5in X D18.25in X H34.75in - Laser Engraved Emblem. Select hardwood, black with cherry finished arms and back rest. Turned legs and spindles with gold striping. Acacia crest laser engraved on back rest.

## CENTENNIAL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN HONOR ROLL

**Chapter Founders' Society**

\$50,000 and above

#800 David Fischell, 1975

**Corporation President's Society**

\$25,000 - \$49,999

#807 Robert Merritt, 1975

**Chapter President's Society**

\$10,000 - \$24,999

**The Actives of Cornell Chapter**

#434 Robert Flickinger, 1947

#635 Preston Shimer, 1961

#738 Stewart Burger, 1970

#783 Stanley Niman, 1973

**Centennial Benefactor Society**

\$5,000 - \$9,999

#490 Bill Burnett, 1953

#743 Dave Odegaard, 1970

#836 Bill Utic, 1977

#1014 Paul Molnar, 1998

#1063 Thomas Balcerski, 2005

#1124 Noah Santorello, 2009

**Centennial Society**

\$2,500 - \$4,999

#403 R. Stephen Hawley, 1943

#534 James Symons, 1954

#565 Tom Burrows, 1956

#600 John Male, 1958

#607 David Richard McDougal, 1958

#614 Charles Field, 1959

#649 John Ahlfeld, 1963

#720 Jerry Kreider, 1968

#788 Eden Sleg, 1973

#1037 David Klesh, 2002

#1040 Byron Hing, 2002

#1066 Charles Kalter, 2005

#1070 Bradley Ayres, 2006

#1071. Hanny Carp-Martinovici, 2006

**Anonymous****Campaign Supporter**

\$1,000 - \$2,499

#334 Clarence Bent, 1939

#450 William Wickham, 1951

#488 Paul Warner, 1950

#496 Robert Squires, 1952

#523 Wallace Rich, 1951

#554 Frank Tetz, 1955

#594 Robert Fash, 1958

#596 Carey Fletcher, 1958

#597 Francis Hugo, 1962

#603 John Walsh, 1958

#620 Bill Easton, 1960

#625 Ivan Szanto, GR

#630 Richard Heine, 1961

#636 Robert Franson, 1961

#734 Howard Zwiefel, 1969

#796 John Abeles, 1975

#842 Bruce Schneider, 1978

#959 John Carpenter, 1991

#960 David Rickerby, 1991

#965 William Cammuso, 1992

#970 Paul Hayre, 1991

#973 Andrew Regenbaum, 1993

#981 Michael Cvjanovich, 1994

#983 Arif Haq, 1994

#994 Todd Peskin, 1995

#1045 Michael Nasatka, 2003

#1049 Joshua Roth, 2003

#1050 Scott McQuade, 2003

#1060 Peter Rimshnick, 2005

#1062 David Rimshnick, 2005

#1065 Tarek Banaja, 2005

#1069 Zachary Samuels, 2005

LS1 Patricia Warner Kehe, 1979

**Campaign Contributor**

\$25 - \$999

#399 Richard Bonser, 1939

#407 Henry Hood, 1943

#431 Frederick Sheldon, 1948

#437 William Gibson, 1948

#440 William Pendarvis, 1947

#443 Robert Bergren, 1950

#446 Charles Deakne, 1950

#447 James Showacre, 1947

#492 Scott DePalma, 1953

#497 Joe Wilford, 1952

#500 Ernest Schaufler, 1948

#504 John Curtiss, 1951

#509 L.W. "Pete" Knapp, 1951

#524 John Pakan, 1953

#529 Robert Cipperly, 1952

#537 Robert Baker, 1953

#545 John Mallery, 1952

#555 R. Marvin Townsend 1955

#560 Neil Sharp, 1955

#590 David Bills, 1958

#592 Edward Conroy 1957

#599 Ralph Lamar 1958

#632 William Keltz, 1961

#637 Laurence Hoard, 1961

#642 John Krakauer, 1962

#643 Allen Male, 1963

#648 William Dearcop, 1962

#673 Edgar Francis, 1965

#674 Timothy Fullam, 1965

#678 David Owens, 1965

#681 Warren Walker, 1963

#687 Richard Brewer, 1965

#689 John Carlson, 1966

#701 Richard McMurtry, 1967

#713 Richard Ahlfeld, 1968

#715 Bill Amon, 1968

#717 David Gorelick, 1968

#722 Sam Roberts, 1968

#723 Daniel Smith, 1968

#730 Thomas Kocovsky, 1969

#755 Paul Goldberg, 1971

#756 Stuart Hantman, 1971

#763 Fred Tierney, 1971

#772 Lars Lundeen, 1972

#789 Harlan Meinwald, 1974

#790 Cleveland Jones, 1974

#793 Bruce Korf, 1974

#795 James Greig, 1974

#804 Robert Rudolph, 1975

#829 John Koethe, 1977

#831 Mark Maltenfort, 1977

#859 Jeffrey Spiro, 1979

#871 Michael Pliss, 1980

#880 Christopher Wong, 1981

#881 David Nolte, 1981

#887 Timothy Thom, 1982

#890 Andrew Mercer, 1982

**#895 Alan Jette, 1982**

#899 Scott Dulman, 1983

**#907 Dan Merrill, 1983****#908 Christopher Deane, 1983**

#916 Alan Pasquino, 1984

#917 David Sangree, 1984

#918 Martin Cardinali, 1984

#924 David Mazaika, 1985

#931 Charles Huffine, 1986

#946 James Carlson, 1988

#964 James Waxmonsny, 1992

**#966 Steven Horowitz, 1992**

#969 Andrew Nolan, 1991

**#993 Brian Sivillo, 1993**

#1017 Barclay Hershey, 1998

#1025 Bradley Schmidt, 2000

#1039 John Abrehamson, 2002

#1043 Charles Hong, 2001

**#1046 Eric Wursthorn, 2003**

#1047 Randy Clark, 2003

**#1051 Thomas Ricketts, 2003**

#1052 Jay Ayres, 2004

#1053 Andrew Hur, 2004

#1056 Brian Kwoba, 2004

#1067 Zachary Weinstein, 2005

#1068 Igor Dolgalev, 2005

#1074 Jon Song, 2006

#1075 Jeffrey Ballyns, 2005

#1076 Jared Davis, 2006

#1077 Elie J. Track, 2006

#1078 Daniel Scharfman, 2005

#1079 Evan Helmsorig, 2007

#1081 Mark Elliot, 2007

#1082 Andrew Cox, 2007

**#1092 Seth Jacobson, 2008****#1095 Eric Fish, 2008****#1100 Brian Clapp, 2009**

#1101 Chris Bostick, 2009

#1102 Max Kashdan, 2009

#1103 Ben Jacoby, 2009

#1104 Dmitry Migdalovich, 2009

#1105 Keith Yoder, 2009

#1106 Jason Turer, 2009

**#1107 Richard Rothman, 2009**

#1108 John Koltz, 2009

#1109 Fred Liguori, 2009

#1110 Kyle Small-Davis, 2009

#1111 Joe Kovacs, 2009

#1112 John Ryan, 2009

#1113 Andrew Gross, 2009

#1115 Tommy Roth, 2009

#1117 Nicholas Hoerter, 2009

**#1118 Elie Bilmes, 2010**

#1122 Shu Song, 2009

#1125 Tyler Huth, 2010

**#1128 Brian Cannon, 2010****#1148 John Ertl, 2011****LS12 Barbara Warner Deane, 1983**

Anonymous (3)

**Bolded names = new donation or increased pledge (or both) since last newsletter**

As of 10/14/11

**TOTAL FUNDS PLEDGED TO DATE:****\$313,330 FROM 180 DONORS**