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Meet the New Members

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Seniors Bid Farewell

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“Dream Until Your Dreams Come True”

Acacia Fraternity – Cornell Chapter



Spring 2016 Chapter Roll

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FROM THE EDITOR

Doing It Live

Acacia has been a very big part of my unforgettable college experience, filled with wonderful memories and great friendships. As a second semester senior, I feel as though my decision in becoming the Dean of Alumni Affairs was very appropriate, as it allows me to act as the liaison, and communicate the joys of being an Acacian to our alumni. My other mode of action was to keep myself busy. Feeling adventurous, I have decided to take on more positions, where I am also Health and Wellness chair. Joining in the spring of 2014, the active chapter has always kept me motivated to achieve my goals in attending medical school. In my time as a brother, I have gone through several losses, but one thing is certain, and that is my ability to work through these with everyone's support. Although it hurts me to say that I am graduating in May, I will make every effort to visit Northcote. Post-graduation, I will be working a management position at a recreational center in my community as well as participating in Research in Montefiore Hospital. With a heavy heart, I must leave with the graduating seniors, but the spirit will live on.

It really is incredible. Joining a fraternity was not on my itinerary. With the negative press, one might think to spend one's time elsewhere. For me, Acacia is very different. I have effectively broadened my perspectives on life, motivated many brothers to study with me in campus libraries, learned to comfortable play blues guitar slow jams with **Brothers Umaña, Seth, and Leung**, and have tried my hand at crafting fine cuisine with the help of **Brother Choi** and **Brother Alumnus Hua**. In my humble opinion, these bonds are sacred, unconditional, and cannot be found elsewhere. I am proud to call myself an Acacian.

Fraternally,

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A Message from Our Corporation Board President

It has been a very mild and virtually snowless winter here in Ithaca. The 2015-2016 Fiscal Year is winding down (it ends on 6/30/2016). This year's main project was replacing the carpeting in the Wing (hallway and 8 rooms - \$17,000) with the same vinyl flooring used on the 3rd floor last summer. We were able to install this over the existing asbestos floor tiles that were used when the Wing was built in 1962. Before the end of the Fiscal Year, we will install the same vinyl flooring in the 2nd floor hallway (again, over existing asbestos floor tiles), investing another \$3,000 in Northcote. Over Winter Break, we had a PipeBurst Pro system installed, which monitors water usage and automatically shuts off the water just past the meter if water usage indicates a leak. I receive text and email alerts. The Corporation invested about \$5,000 but receives a 20% (\$940) discount on our Commercial Property Insurance for the next 2 years, and 5% (\$235) annual discount every year thereafter.

Fortunately, Acacia has again not needed much in the way of emergency repairs yet this year, which is a tribute to the care given by the Corporation and the Actives, preventive maintenance, and addressing issues immediately before too much damage is done. We've had to repair the dishwasher, unclog some drains, and replace the old beer fridge (probably 1950's vintage).

The Actives continue to do a great job keeping Northcote clean and presentable at all times. The Corporation will continue to invest both time and money in Acacia's upkeep and is

grateful to all of those who financially support our great Fraternity. For those of you looking for a tax deductible contribution, please consider donating to the AFF.

We still have a fairly extensive list of capital improvements we hope to complete in the next few years, including remodeling the 55 year old kitchen. We hope the generosity of our Alumni will continue and allow us to undertake these much needed improvements. To those of you who haven't bothered to pay your dues or make a donation recently (or, perhaps, ever), a reminder that it is never too late to contribute!

Please email or call me if you have comments, concerns, suggestions, want to get involved, or simply want to say hello. We print all the "news" you tell us about, but this and recent *Travelers* have had very little news to share because Brothers simply aren't providing us with any.

Finally, if you are able, please join us at our Annual Corporation Meeting on Saturday 5/14/2016 @1:00 pm.

Fraternally,



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Annual Corporation Board Meeting
Saturday, May 14, 2016

The Annual Meeting of the Cornell Chapter of Acacia Fraternity, Inc. will be Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 1:00 pm, at Acacia Fraternity, 318 Highland Road, Ithaca, NY 14850 (607-257-7055)

Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Work It Harder, Make It Better... Our Work Is Never Over



Cornell Acacia has been working diligently to improve the practices which were working well and to reimagine those which were perhaps not the most effective.

Under the guidance of Acacia International Headquarters and Leadership Consultant **Jackson Aaberg**, we have modified our Executive Board to include 2 Co-Recruitment Chairmen instead of a lone Recruitment Chairman. This should assist us in focusing on our primary goal: the recruitment of new members. Ideally, we will build a tradition of having a Senior and a Junior Recruitment Chair, where the Senior Chair will have already served as Junior Chair and can help organize events and pass on the knowledge from previous recruitment periods to the Junior Chair. As always, we welcome input from our former rush chairs.

We have been mixing regularly with the ladies of Gamma Delta Pi Sorority in recent semesters and we have continued to foster this relationship. Additionally, we are now building a strong connection with Cornell's Phi Mu Chapter. The women of Phi Mu said they had one of the best mixers with our brothers and look forward to having another opportunity soon.

Alumni may want to put the following dates in their calendars: **Slope Day** will be on **May 12th, 2016**. This also happens to be **Acacia's Founders Day** and we will certainly be celebrating both events. Alumni are able to purchase tickets and find more information about Slope Day at slopeday.cornell.edu. The Chapter will also be having **Reunion** events this summer

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from **June 9 to June 12, 2016**. More information can be found at alumni.cornell.edu/reunion/ or by contacting me at the email listed above.

I am currently interviewing candidates to replace our chef for Northcote. Ray Stevens, our cook of two years, has decided to enter full retirement so that he may spend more time with his family and his church. The actives will be very sad to see Ray leave us and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

Brothers are looking forward to strengthening the ties of friendship, one with another, over this Spring Break. A group will be headed south to New Orleans, Louisiana to bask in the warmth of the sun while another will head up to Montreal and Toronto for Canadian entertainment.

There is one additional upcoming change to our operations: the switching of Executive Board terms to follow the calendar year rather than the academic calendar. This will allow us to match the cycle of the Interfraternity Council and for Venerable Deans to attend the Lee Kearney VD Summit at the beginning of their term. I attended the 2016 VD Summit and look forward to seeing how it will benefit future VDs at the beginning of their terms rather than midway through.

Fraternally,

Hunter F. Reid

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THE SOCIAL SCENE

Mix Tape (B sides)

Good tidings and salutations! This semester has been fantastically busy with social life with bountiful new opportunities lying ahead of Cornell Acacia. This semester marks my second semester as Junior Dean and I would like to happily report progress in achieving my goals from last semester as Junior Dean. So far this semester, we have had two successful mixers with sororities; one for Valentine's day with Ithaca College's Gamma Delta Pi and another dubbed 'St. Patrick's and Lumberjacks' with Cornell's Phi Mu. Both mixers were considered successes with hoards of fun reported by brothers and sisters alike resulting in a growing, *positive* reputation with sororities which can be easily maintained. As of now, I am in the process of possibly planning future dates with Cornell's Sigma Delta Tau with the hopes of progressing our standing in the Cornell social scene.

In the coming weeks, I hope to work with **Brother Markantonis** on planning a wine tour for alumni, actives and their dates around the time of Slope Day. Prior to this, I am excited to work with the new member class in organizing and planning their Spring '16 class party. I am excited to see what the new guys plan to bring to Cornell Acacia both academically as well as socially.



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TRESURER REPORT

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This is my final *Traveler* report as Treasurer and I am glad to report that the Active's house finances are looking as strong as ever. It has been an honor working with the officers during this academic school year. Although we have seen a decline in our active dues in the past couple years I am pleased to announce that through effective budgeting and management by our house officers we will be contributing a significant amount to our house savings, increasing it by nearly 50%. I hope that this year's contributions to the Active chapter's savings account will help create a greater buffer that will give us a greater financial flexibility in the coming years. I have also had the opportunity this semester to work with our house's Corporation Board Director **Brother Alumnus Iketani** on the active chapter's contribution to the new capital campaign (which you can read more about in Brother Iketani's article). We as an active chapter understand the necessity to invest back into our house that has given so much to us and we have unanimously decided to make a \$1000 contribution to the capital campaign this semester and will be making similar contributions in the semesters to come. I hope that these two actions will help ensure that our chapter can provide all of our present and future members the opportunity to better themselves and to take a more active role in the communities that they will become a part of. I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to have served as our chapter's treasurer and have learned so many useful life skills while serving in this position. Whether it was creating our semester budgets and balancing said budgets or working to be more fiscally responsible I know that these experiences I have had will serve me for the rest of my life.



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BROTHERHOOD

"Did We Just Become Best Friends?"

A crucial aspect of the Acacia experience is our Brotherhood. The ways we develop and nurture our relationships one with another is of utmost importance and embodies the position of the Brotherhood Chair. Creating unique memories with each other is important, as these memories help brothers get to know each other at a more personal level. But it is just as significant to help each other grow and mature, mentally and physically. As a result, I have tried to make sure that the brotherhood events we have had and have planned this semester combine both of these facets.

Since the start of the Spring semester, we have had various events in a wide variety of settings. To kick things off right after Rush Week, we had a Super Bowl party with our chief, Ray Stevens, cooking us up some delicious pizza and wings – like always, we had the event in our “home theater” aka the dining room, after moving in some couches and setting up the big screen. However, since then my focus on brotherhood events has been on hosting events outside of the house. We’ve hiked the trails in Ithaca on surprisingly warm February weekends, and just a couple weeks ago we drove up to Ithaca Paintball and had a blast attacking and defending objectives in a makeshift field of bunkers and forts. We’ve also purchased a PlayStation4 at the beginning of the semester per majority request of the actives and its value in terms of brotherhood has been noticed – spontaneous FIFA or Mortal Kombat tournaments sustains our brotherly competition on school nights too busy for large events.

As the rest of the semester unfolds, I have some plans for future brotherhood events. I would love to have us go out to the racetracks and drive around in some go-carts, and once Slope Day comes around, we’ll have our annual AKAK Cup tournament. Get excited!



ABOVE: Brothers pose before the paintball event.

Branching Out Recruitment



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Brothers at Cornell Acacia, as PREPARE volunteers and/or orientation leaders, had a great time getting to meet new students, and organizing social events that gave freshmen their first taste of college life. Fall semester saw the formation of a group of potential new members (PNMs) through events such as Hangout Thursdays and Jam Saturdays, who expressed interest in joining the house early on in the semester. The recruitment schedule received a number of changes, in order to ensure that potential new members gained maximum exposure to the house and the brotherhood; the PNMs thoroughly enjoyed events like Grill and Chill, Gladiator Battles, and a casino-inspired game night. The chapter secured four committed new members through recruitment week. We are planning events for fall recruitment and will reach out to sophomores, transfer students, and PNMs that were unsure about going Greek come the end of this recruitment week. All in all, we, as the chapter's recruitment chairs, are truly proud of the brotherhood for putting in the time and effort to ensure that recruitment week went as smoothly as possible and aim to continue our efforts into this next semester. Special thanks goes out to the alumni that took some time out of their busy schedules to share the important lessons learnt from previous rush weeks.

NEW MEMBER EDUCATION



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AKAK Freestyle 4 Rework (ft. PC one6)

As another winter dawns upon Cornell Acacia, as does another sequence of new member education. The main goal this year was to build the leaders of tomorrow, to form AKAK fratstars in the stern crucible of brotherhood and fraternity. As more and more constraints are appended to the array of new member education, it becomes much more difficult to satisfy the problem of engaging members in roughly one third the time our progenitors had. As such, vigorous truncation was required to concertedly organize the first four weeks for education and diffusion, while the logistics of active brotherhood is enumerated upon through the Northcote manual in the following days. The new members each bring their own strengths and have a great attitude about Acacia. The usual cathedral of Acacia masonry, the Trumansburg Masonic Lodge, was not available for our use in the initiation of the newest members. We may finally be reaching an impasse where our ties to Freemasonry are in need of renewal lest we plan on initiation taking place at Northcote or somewhere on campus.

Our recently inducted brothers maintained stellar attendance to delta series, rituals, and worked very hard to impress current brothers through our particulars program. The Valentine's Day serenades went quite well, as sorority snapchats and word of mouth spread quickly around Cornell. The new members are currently leaning about our local practices, working diligently to plan their Fire and Ice Pledge Class party, and they are enjoying the merits of being an Acacian. Just like we look forward to Kanye's final mixes of TLOP and new songs from the Gorillaz and the xx, we gaze optimistically towards our newest member class, and how they will continue to augment the best fraternity on campus.

ATHLETICS

Fitness Made Simple



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Each semester various brothers participate in Intrafraternity intramural sports as a way to strengthen the ties of friendship. During the spring semester we typically form basketball and bowling teams to compete against other fraternities. Seniors **Dana**, **Marison**, and **Choi**, as well as **Padilla** and new brothers **Leung** and **Schultz** field our basketball team. The season was off to a shaky start with an unfortunate forfeit due to injuries and illnesses. The following week our team was competitive against undefeated Lambda Chi Alpha, but fell a few points short. The effort and teamwork were valiant as always. The Acacia bowling team has seen more success in recent years, even including advancing a few rounds into the playoffs last season and a championship a few years ago. This year, brothers **Fagiarone**, **Stiefel**, **Choi**, **Nanda**, and **Leung** are pulling their weight and seeing a bit more success than the basketball team. We have an even 2-2 record, which puts us at 3rd place in our division. We're looking forward to strengthening our performance in the future and making a run into the playoffs over the next few weeks.

Now, March Madness is underway after Selection Sunday has taken place. We've formed an Acacia Bracket Challenge composed by both actives and alumni with a cash reward on the line. Brother Byung Hee Chun and alumnus Tom Schultz have seen success in recent March Madness bracket challenges and are looking to taking home the cash reward. Watching the NCAA basketball tournament is always a great way to spend free time in Northcote, and adding a cash reward only makes it a more interesting time.

SUSTAINABLE EFFORTS

Black, Old Gold & Green:
ACACIA's Sustainability Plan

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As Acacians, we strive to better our community through all of our actions. This means doing the best we can for our environment as well as our community. We have joined a coalition of fraternities and sororities as part of the Greeks Go Green program. We are working together to develop programs for our houses that improve our impact on the environment and community around us. The actives have started taking a more proactive stance on energy conservation as well as reducing our waste.

Brothers are ensuring to keep the lights out at night, keeping windows and doors closed in the winter and have been replacing bulbs with more efficient compact fluorescent bulbs. These efforts are all part of our mission to reduce energy consumption at Northcote. We are striving to set an example for other Greek houses with our improvements to Northcote.

Waste reduction is another way that ACACIA is going green. As part of the Greeks Go Green initiative, we are teaching brothers about the proper ways to recycle. Each room now has its own recycling bin to promote easy recycling. We routinely collect our refundable and other recyclables to sort our waste after all of our events. These efforts have kept our waste free of recyclables.

Brothers are working with Cayuga Compost and Greeks Go Green to develop a composting program for Northcote. As sustainability chair I am developing a program to teach brothers about the correct methods to compost and save organics from our waste. Organics in landfills lead to increased greenhouse gas emissions. We are looking into ways to start composting so that Northcote has a better impact on our environment.

All these efforts are helping ACACIA become a leader for environmental sustainability in the Cornell community.



enterprises. And she has seen Cornell become the grand zenith within the higher education world that we know and love.

Indeed, within the current climate of many fraternities being suspended and removed from campus, it is an incredulous triumph for Acacia to have survived through so many eras. There is a well-deserved pat for each and every one of us that have passed through the halls of Northcote – it is the culmination of nearly eleven decades of dedication and service that has allowed Acacia to flourish.

Northcote has been Acacia's home for over eighty years, having been our official housing since 1934. Over the years, she has had many facelifts and enhancements, meeting the individual needs of each era. The combination of her rich history yet modern facilities has made Northcote a *bijou* amongst its peers and a truly wonderful residence for hundreds and hundreds of Acacians.

Yet with all of the improvements to Northcote that have been made over the years, one crucial element has been left untouched – the kitchen. Despite possibly experiencing some of the heaviest usage by residents, it was found that much of it was from its original construction in the 1960s! A committee was quickly formed to tackle its renovation, and we decided that there was no better time to revivify the kitchen than for our 110th anniversary.

Thus, with great excitement and anticipation, our committee wishes to announce **Acacia 110th: Kitchen Renovation**. Modeled after the success of the Centennial Campaign, the goal is to raise **\$110,000** to fully fund the renovation by **August of 2017**. Each and every dollar will be spent on the design, construction, and purchases necessary to bring the kitchen up to par with the modernity of the rest of Northcote. We plan not just to redo the interior and purchase modern appliances, but also to revamp the electrical work, the floor, the ceiling, and even alter the walls as we are considering the option of moving the grease trap outside (and subsequently rerouting the plumbing to it).

Preliminary announcement of the Kitchen Renovation to gauge interest was met with a very encouraging and eager response to see this plan come to fruition. Nearly two dozen individuals have already made pledges to donate, and the committee has been exceptionally grateful for such enthusiastic support. The active chapter has also been avid about the renovation, and we have not just individuals volunteering to aid the campaign, but also a financial commitment by the chapter towards the renovation!

But this renovation cannot be completed without your help, and we ask each and every alum to consider making a financial contribution to the kitchen; after all, it is simply impossible that one went through Acacia as an active without having benefitted from the presence of a professional quality kitchen. Contributions can be made by check, made out to (please make a note that it is for the renovation):

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Dear friends, our beloved fraternity will be 110 years old next year! By the time she has reached that milestone, she will have seen twenty different presidencies in the White House. She has seen many men, including her own, go to war. She has seen mankind grapple with newfound technologies and possibilities. She has seen not just the Ithaca campus grow but evolve into encompassing transnational

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Or by PayPal to AcaciaCorpBoard@cornell.edu (please pay through “Instant Transfer” to avoid any fees). In addition, please note that these contributions to the Housing Corporation are not tax-deductible.

To recognize financial contributions, we will be having a plaque produced with the names of all individuals donating **\$100 or more**, with separate donor levels in a similar manner as the Centennial. The plaque will be prominently placed in the kitchen, serving to honor contributors for all of time.

We are also reigniting the CACO (Cornell Acacia Class Officer) system, in which a representative of each graduating class takes charge of contacting their class about the kitchen renovation. We need representatives from each class – many are still unrepresented currently – if you would like to join this fun, engaging effort, please contact Sho!

Although quite early, we also wish to give notice that we hope to celebrate this renovation and our anniversary on the **August 26-27, 2017 weekend** and hope that you can join us in Ithaca as we celebrate and recognize the campaign. More details surrounding this will be given as we approach the date.

Finally, the committee would also like to thank one of our Sweethearts, **Laura Anderson**, for graciously designing a wonderful logo for this project.

Thank you for your support, and for allowing Acacia to remain at the forefront not just as a college institution, but as a haven to grow and foster the future men of the world.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to get in contact with any committee member. Updates will come in future Traveler articles as well as online at <http://www.cornellacacia.org/kitchenrenovation/>.

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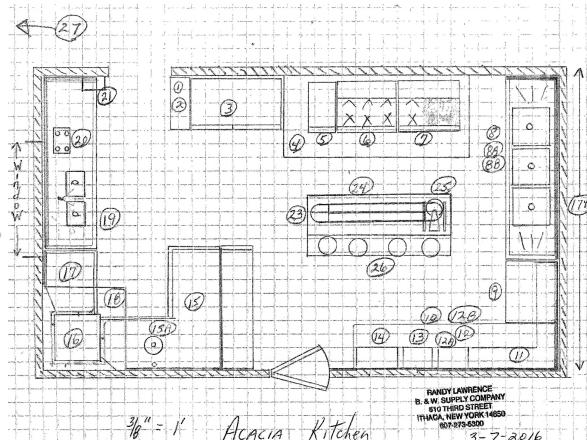
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Before & after (on the right, a proposed design for the new kitchen by Randy Lawrence, B&W Supply)



Acacia



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NEW MEMBERS

Meet the Core 4

**1210 - Coleman McGee
("California Drought")**
Huntington Beach, CA

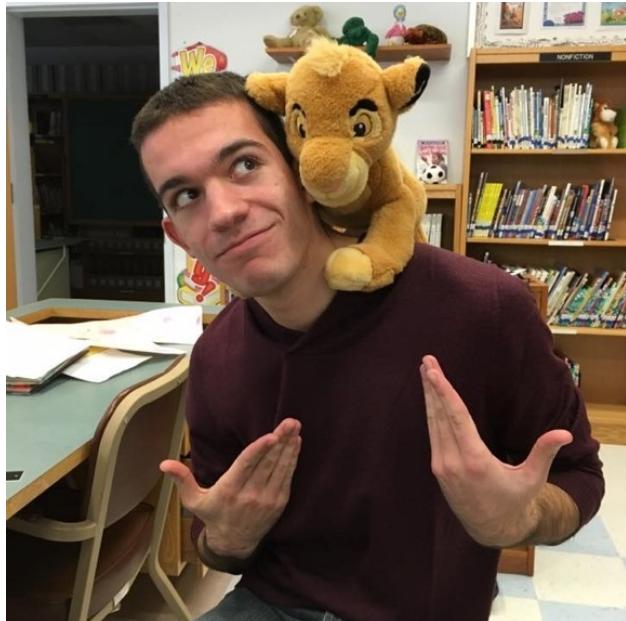


Coleman studies Chemical Engineering and comes from Huntington Beach, CA, Surf City, USA. Coleman is an Eagle scout and loves camping and backpacking in the wilderness. He also loves to watch anime, bowl, and go to church on Sunday. One of Coleman's favorite past times is to go to local plays and dances on campus. Coleman seeks out new ways to improve his health through his vegetarian life style. Most of all, he looks forward to all the fun experiences in store at ACACIA.

Coleman considers himself to be a free spirit and is pretty sure he had a conversation with nature once.

Greg has submitted 11 petitions to be allowed to raise a pet giraffe. He will continue to apply every 3 months until he makes progress.

**1211 - Greg Schultz
("Z. Camelopardalis")**
Holtsville, NY



Greg is a freshman in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Greg is the little brother of **Brother alumnus Schultz** and upon coming to Cornell was immediately welcomed with the open arms of the actives. Apart from his fraternal duties, Greg is both a CIT Lab Operator and a member of the Cornell University Sustainable Design project team. Greg is competitive at heart, and enjoys playing soccer, rowing, and running. In his free time Greg enjoys playing with Ginger and Snickers, and trying to find his friend Jinghan. Greg has been around Acacia for years due to his brother, and now he is excited to finally get his own chance to make his mark on Acacia.

**1212 - Toby Leung
("Charmander")**
Hong Kong, China



Toby is a Design and Environmental Analysis major (focus on product design) from the bustling city of Hong Kong. He is an avid soccer fan, and semi-professional FIFA player. When he is not scoring beautiful goals on other brothers, he can be found exploring his love for music (all types of rock, jazz, funk, and blues) or scraping away at his little black sketchbook. Toby is ecstatic to be a brother of Acacia and can't wait to see where his next 3 years will take him!

Toby's genome is slightly mutated and allows him to see a portion of ultraviolet light.

Ian is inspired by the quote, "When one door closes, another one opens." He would add that sometimes the best opportunities are unexpected, and come from behind.

**1213 - Ian Wainaina
("ADIDASS")**
Nyahururu, Kenya



Ian Wainaina is a lover of life and a hater of mustard. Brought up in a rapidly developing country, he intends to major in economics with a concentration in international trade and development. Outside academics, Ian likes traveling, meeting new people, photography, picking up new music tastes and hanging out with friends. Attending Tomorrowland festival and doing a tour of the Scandinavian countries to capture images of the northern lights remain the top items on his bucket list. A fun fact about him is that he has not eaten a banana in the last ten years. Ian enjoys making memories with his Acacia brothers and contributing positively to the dynamic of Acacia. He would like to reiterate, ketchup over mustard any day.

SWEETHEARTS

Rounding Off the Bunch

Doğa Tekin ("Stellar Moon")

Miami, Florida
Sweetheart 9

Doğa is a sophomore majoring in Environmental Science & Sustainability with minors in Fungal Biology and Linguistics. Her focus is in human and nature symbioses and their manifestations in language. Doğa is originally from Ankara, Turkey, but has been living in Miami, FL for about seven years. Nature is her true home no matter where she ends up geographically. Doğa loves creating whether the end product is art, music, or anything else really. Some hobbies of Doğa's are teaching Turkish, thinking, foraging for mushrooms, and storytelling. The Acacia brothers are all dear to her heart and have truly become her family here in Ithaca. Likewise, Acacia itself will always be a home no matter where life takes her.



Isabel Gareau ("Bethany Costentino")

Naples, Florida
Sweetheart 10

Isabel is a Freshman majoring in Plant Science at Cornell and hails from sunny Naples, FL. She currently works at a greenhouse on campus and is on the Steering Committee for the Dilmun Hill Cornell Student Farm, both activities she enjoys very much. When Isabel is not busy with school, work, or the farm, she likes to hike, play music, watch Japanese anime, write poems, and hula hoop in the bar room.



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With all the stress due to prelims and problem sets at Cornell it's really easy to forget about taking some time for yourself. For this reason, every semester a Health and Wellness chair is elected to help brothers cope with stress, as well as many other functions. This semester a new addition was made

to the Interfraternity Council required position - project teams. These project teams are based on the recent idea by Yale's Communication and Consent Educators to prevent sexual assault by creating culture change, but applied to different problems. By working with other Health and Wellness chairs from different fraternities and sororities we expect to come up with ideas that

will help improve the wellbeing of our chapter members. My co-chair, **Brother Markantonis**, joined the Stress and Mental Health project team, and I joined the Body Image Positivity team. My goal for this semester is to find creative ways to engage more brothers in fitness and recreational activities, keeping an emphasis on the development of healthy goal-setting and positive habits.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Let's Make Acacia Healthy Again

THE TRAVELER

SENIOR STEWARD

“Man, Oh Man... Clean House”



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Northcote, as the dwelling place of the Acacia Fraternity at Cornell, is a beautiful home and very much deserves to be handled with respect and care. My term as the Senior Steward has been used to maintain this mentality of respect and care for our home among the brotherhood. As having the reputation of one of the better kept fraternity houses on campus, I look forward to having clean halls and restrooms this semester. There were also a few paint jobs done here to give new life to some of the rooms in Northcote. Both the barroom and the main corridor on the second floor near the center room received a new coat of paint. The

barroom was painted from a greyish hue to a maroon color while the second floor was painted from a light blue to yellow. Being the psychology major that I am, I couldn't help but think about how the new colors may affect people's perspectives on the rooms. I'd like to share my personal analysis.

Maroon seems to embodies some of the fierceness that is inherit to the brighter color of red while also radiating a sort of warm and mellow feel. This seems like a good fit for the barroom as it is a place of great social activity. Parties and socializing needs the fierceness that red has in order to keep people engaged and determined to enjoy themselves while also providing the warmth that will invite people inward to let off some of the steam from the weekly hassles. It is a very fitting

color and hopefully many guests will be able to enjoy the fine work that the brothers have done in painting it.

I see yellow as emanating a more carefree yet creative feeling. Painting the second floor this color can help brothers and guests feel more open to new things as well as get the creative juices flowing to solve problems that may be bothering them. This floor can benefit from the feeling especially since the office, a place where much mental labor is exhausted, is located here. As a final note, with painting done, I will strive to keep up the standard of cleanliness that House Stewards of the past have accomplished here at Northcote. Northcote is a beautiful home and I look forward to maintaining it as a place where people want to continue calling it home.

HUMAN SERVICE From Soldier to P-Chair



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 LEUKEMIA &
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I am extremely excited for the opportunity to serve as Acacia's Philanthropy Chair this semester. After spending a two-year period outside of Cornell for military training in the Republic of Korea, I have returned to Acacia as sophomore and have worked diligently in order to push Acacia to greater limits. In the spirit of "human service", brothers have participated in a series of clothing drives, fundraising events, and story reading to cancer patients at nearby hospitals. First and foremost, our philanthropic efforts for the clothing drive include the donation of lightly used shoes and clothing to the Salvation Army. This is something we are planning on doing again before the semester's end. In regards to the fundraiser, we have successfully accomplished our goal by raising \$800 for charity by selling one hundred boxes of Krispy Kreme donuts. After careful considerations, we have decided to donate our proceeds to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society located in White Plains, New York. This organization funds blood cancer research, education and patient services. Incidentally, this comes back full circle to the brothers at Acacia. Our Venerable Dean, **Brother Hunter Reid**, was been diagnosed with a rare form of lymphoma last year. We only felt it was appropriate to donate to a like cause. I want to thank our brotherhood for the genuine support. Small tasks like these can truly make a positive difference in the world.

So Long and Thanks For All the Fish

Ari "Pollini" Soriano



Words can't describe how grateful I have been to Acacia and all of its members over the years. Being a part of this brotherhood has taught me that no matter how far you fall you can always pick yourself up and start anew—with the help of others. Looking back on the numerous charitable events we hosted, unhinged social events and even impromptu outings: I can truly say I am proud to be a Cornell Acacian. Moving forward, I know Northcote, the current and future brothers will shine just as bright as those before them. I can say with full confidence that I will take my experience here and continue to "seek the truth" as well as "give the light" of my erudition to any who seek it.

Jacob "Red Rainbow" Fagliacone



As graduation nears, I reflect on my time as an undergraduate at Cornell and as a brother of Acacia. I still remember meeting **Brother Ed Sharood** as a freshman on North Campus. He asked me if I'd heard of Acacia and I literally thought he was asking me if I knew what a geisha was. Lo and behold, to my complete surprise, I would soon be joining that fraternity with Ed and the others in my pledge class. I never planned on becoming a part of a Greek organization, but Acacia stood out to me as unique and distinct and that's what drew me in. I'm incredibly fond of the four years I spent with all of the brothers from various graduating classes. I've learned a lot from a lot of wonderful individuals as well as from my various positions in the house ranging from Health and Wellness Chairman to

Senior Dean. And of course, I was fortunate enough to welcome my dog **Snickers**, who will also be graduating with me this year, into the halls of Acacia. Needless to say, I'm extremely happy I made the decision to accept a bid four years ago. Any experience can be characterized as having highs and lows, but I can confidently say the highs significantly outweighed the lows during my time here. I'm excited for the future and I'm certain I'll maintain a strong connection to my brothers and to Northcote after I graduate. I may even spend an additional year here as a graduate student, but that is still to be determined..

Edward "Luigi" Sharood

Four years doesn't seem long enough to learn and experience all that ACACIA has to offer me. Thankfully, I have a lifetime as an alumnus to learn and experience even more. My time at Northcote has surely been the most memorable and influential part of my college experience. Starting with our pledging process and the valentine's card giving, I knew I was going to find true friendship at ACACIA. I have found strong ties of brotherhood that have helped me through my toughest times at Cornell. The brothers have shown me what it means to persevere in the face of insurmountable odds. I will never forget the ties of friendship that I have formed and I look forward to serving my community as an Acacian wherever I may reside. So Live.



Scott “Ross Hampton” Marison

My post-graduation plans are quite simple – more school. As of now it seems most likely that I will be back in Hawaii attending medical school at the John A Burns School of Medicine at UH Manoa. Though over 5000 miles from Northcote, I do intend to visit my second home often, and I am excited to see how Northcote has changed since my time away – and that is something about our House that I love: each year as a new pledge class joins our ranks, Northcote’s identity changes ever so subtly, and though the Acacia Fraternity I joined as a Freshman is noticeably different than the one I am in now as a Senior, I believe that the change is good and it is representative of my pledge class’s contributions and each class afterwards.

I am thankful for my time at Acacia; the experiences of holding officer positions will continue to teach me valuable life lessons, but really it is the relationships I’ve developed and nurtured over these four years with my fellow brothers that will stay with me for a lifetime. It’s quite overwhelming to think that my time as an active brother at Acacia is coming to a close, but the prospects of becoming an Alumni of Acacia Fraternity is indeed exciting, and I look forward to the time we shall see each other again as we travel along life’s pathway.



Christian “Jesus” Choi

I cannot believe that my four years here at Cornell are already coming to an end. It feels like it was just this past year that I had the extraordinary opportunity to meet **Brother Alumni Santiago Cruz, Alex Yu, and Sho Iketani** and at that time I would have never imagined to see myself calling them my brothers. It is thanks to these guys that I had the opportunity to meet all the others in this house. Just like any other freshman I was misguided in what a fraternity had to offer. I saw it as a place to just have fun and in my time here I have experienced so much more than that. I have gained so many valuable life skills and for that I am very thankful. If I had an opportunity to do anything over again I would have joined this brotherhood sooner.



Christopher “Chronos” Markantonis

It’s hard to imagine how far we’ve all come! For me it all started when **Brother Hunter Reid** took me to the tailgate during the 2013 Homecoming weekend. The interactions and forged friendships I had made ended up erasing my previous negative outlook on fraternity life. I even find it humorous that I had missed that year’s thanksgiving meal, due to my struggles of understanding the infamous TCAT bus schedule. It ended up working out alright as I relegated myself to a crummy Apollos’s meal with Hunter. Every Acacian has a diverse set of interests and pursuits so I’m glad to have interacted with everyone at Northcote in the form of going to the gym, making music, cooking, doing homework, or in the form of brotherhood events. Acacia has always been there for me in the best and worst of times, and for that, I am grateful.



Alumni Mail Bag

William Pendarvis Jr. 1947 (440) [11781 SE 162 Ave, Clackamas, OR 97086-6776] is still busy with vineyard, winery, and wine bars.

William C. Burnett 1953 (490) [11 South Helderberg Pkwy, Slingerlands, NY 12159-9742] has kept in touch with Dave Hower 1951 [526], Wally Rich 1951 [523], Bob Squires 1952 [496], Bob Baker 1953 [537], and Rich Ginter 1953 [536].

Martin E. Offenberger 1956 (568) [1863 Kashlan Rd, La Habra Heights, CA 90631-8455; marting@roadrunner.com] has been in touch with Bob Fash 1958 [594]. In past year, Martin has travelled to China, Norway, and U.K. Worked full time until August. He still feels a spiritual connection to Acacia and his fraternity brothers.

Edward A. Conroy 1957 (592) [407 Summit Ave, Ligonier, PA 15658-1428; ecjc135@verizon.net] retired 20 years ago but still working as an independent contractor transporting people.

William L. Keltz 1961 (632) [1403 Grand Oak Ln, West Chester, PA 19380-5908; billkeltz@verizon.net] keeps in touch with Bob Franson 1961 [636], Preston Shimer 1961 [635], Bob Pfahl 1960 [634], Dick Heine 1961 [630], and Art Hart 1961 [629]. It is nice to know that they are still around and okay.

Robert T. Franson 1961 (636) [216 National St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060-6519; rfranson@cruzio.com] is in regular contact with Bill Keltz 1961 [632], Art Hart 1961 [629], Preston Shimer 1961 [635], and Dick Heine 1961 [630] through email and Facebook.

Dr. David A Gorelick 1968 (717) [3316 Old Forest Rd, Baltimore, MD 21208-3101; DavidGorelick1@gmail.com] writes that grandson Chaim Yosef was born in December 2015 to son Jonathan (CALS 2000) and daughter-in-law Orley (HumEc 2001) in Kiryat Arba, Israel. David and Naomi visited them in July.

Jerry W. Kreider 1968 (720) [200 Price Ave, Unit 2, Narberth, PA 19072; jerrys2k@comcast.net] downsized in February to a condo (church conversion!) after 31 years in their 100 year old house! Jerry donated his Acacia pin to the Actives.

Steven L. Stein 1973 (787) [339 E Miller Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850; sls8@cornell.edu] returned to steady, full-time employment at Cornell in December 2015. In his spare time, he is both President and Treasurer of the Acacia Corporation and helps keep 109 year-old Northcote in great physical shape. At Steve's home, however, the 23 year-old radiant floor heating sprung a leak recently and will have to be replaced (a very expensive project).

David R. Fischell PhD 1975 (800) [71 Riverlawn Dr, Fair Haven, NJ 07704-3319; drdrf@comcast.net] is happy to announce the birth of granddaughter Maria to daughter Erin '10 and her husband Sam Fladung '08.

Mark F. Maltenfort 1977 (831) [476 N Legacy Trail, St. Augustine, FL 32092; maltenfo@sbcglobal.net] is loving retirement. Recently, Mark spent 61 of 68 nights traveling (weekend in Seattle, 7 day cruise to Vancouver via Alaska, 22 day cruise to Ft. Lauderdale via the Panama Canal, home for 7 days. Then a 28 day cruise from Los Angeles to Hawaii and Tahiti).

THE TRAVELER

Daniel R. Merrill PhD 1983 (907) [3636 East Oak Rim Way, Salt Lake City, UT 84109-3834; danrmerrill@gmail.com] recently received \$10.1 million DARPA grant under the HAPTIX program to restore natural sensation in amputees (see www.darpa.mil/news-events/2015-04-23).

Peter J. Mavroudakis 1984 (922) [510 Perrineville Rd, Hightstown, NJ 08520-4700; petemav@optonline.net] was saddened to hear of the passing of his Big Brother David Nevarez 1990 [912].

Paul G. Molnar 1998 (1014) [232E Springmeadow Dr, Holbrook, NY 11741; pgm1014@optonline.net] and wife Mary Joy celebrated the birth of their son Zachary on 5/7/2014.

Thomas J. Balcerksi PhD 2005 (1063) [255 Promenade St, Apt 612, Providence, RI 02908; tjb36@cornell.edu] wishes to congratulate Hunter Reid 2017 [1194] on his many fine accomplishments, including the recent Traveler. Many more great things to come for him! Hanny Carp-Martinovici 2006 [1071] visited in Providence last October. Saw Zach Samuels 2004 [1069] at his home in Sharon, MA, and ran into Charles Ray 2013 [1133] at the Providence Atheneum. Anyone coming through Rhode Island should get in touch with Tom.

Hanny A. Carp-Martinovici 2006 (1071) [8101 Sumter Ave, Rosedale, MD 21237-2743; hacarpm@gmail.com] visited Romah Markh 2006 [1072], Igor Dolgalev 2005 [1068], Charles Kalter 2005 [1066], Juan Ramirez 2006 [1084], and Mark Hartman 2007 [1086] at Roman's new home in PA.

John M Ertl 2011 (1148) [437 New York Ave NW, #1004, Washington, DC 20001]; jme86@cornell.edu] has relocated to DC. John was one of the first to contribute to Cornell Acacia's 110th Kitchen Renovation Capital Campaign. He can't wait to see how it turns out. He'll be at Acacia for Slope Day!

Chapter Eternal

Lafayette W. "Pete" Knapp, Jr. 1951 [509] – 10/24/2015
Past Acacia National President

Bion W. McClellan 1955 [567] – 7/18/2015

Brother McClellan's memorial service was on 7/24/2015 at The First Baptist Church in Rochester. Brother Frank Tetz 1955 [554] participated, and several other Acacians attended.

Stephen D. Browne 1959 [611] – 7/24/2012

David J. Nevarez 1990 [912] – 6/10/2015

Scott F. Inglis 1999 [1019] – 1/7/2016

Perhaps you sent a prayer or gave Scott a smile. He loved his daughters. He enjoyed good times with friends, he appreciated the outdoors and the farmland. He was a hard worker. He liked to help people. Scott was a loyal father, son, brother and friend. He is now at peace. He is survived by his daughter, Sage, step-daughter Amara (and the girls' mother), brothers Jim (Miranda), Chad (Jaqueline), nephews and friends, parents Rex 1967 [700] and Priscilla.

Alumni Honor Roll 2015-2016



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| David A Gorelick | (717) | 1968 | PL 1965 |
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| Jerry W Kreider * | (720) | 1968 | PL 1965 |
| Mark F Maltenfort | (831) | 1977 | PL 1974 |
| Peter J Mavroudakis | (922) | 1984 | PL 1982 |
| David M Mazaika | (924) | 1985 | PL 1982 |
| Bion W McClellan | (567) | 1955 | PL 1953 |
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| Daniel R Merrill PhD | (907) | 1983 | PL 1980 |
| Robert C Merritt * | (807) | 1975 | PL 1973 |
| Paul G Molnar * | (1014) | 1998 | PL 1995 |
| Michael T Nasatka * | (1045) | 2004 | PL 2000 |
| Stanley R Niman * | (783) | 1973 | PL 1970 |
| Martin E Offenberger * | (568) | 1956 | PL 1953 |
| William Pendarvis Jr. | (440) | 1947 | PL 1946 |
| Thomas L Ricketts * | (1051) | 2003 | PL 2000 |
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| Bruce G Schneider * | (842) | 1978 | PL 1975 |
| Brian Sivillo * | (993) | 1996 | PL 1993 |
| James M Symons | (534) | 1954 | PL 1951 |
| Frederick W Tierney Jr. * | (763) | 1971 | PL 1968 |
| Devin T Van Zandt | (962) | 1990 | PL 1989 |
| William Jacob Zeligson | (1139) | 2012 | PL 2009 |
| Howard S Zwiefel III * | (734) | 1969 | PL 1966 |

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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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BROTHER SPOTLIGHT

Brother Hunter F. Reid

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Hunter Reid has been dedicated to the Greek System and IFC since he first came to Cornell. He has served as Acacia's President, Vice President, Secretary, House Manager, Dean of Alumni Affairs, Philanthropy Chair, Health & Wellness Chair, Athletics Chair, Social Media Chair, LGBTQQA Ally Ambassador and the Secretary for our Alumni Corporation Board – all in 5 semesters! Hunter has encouraged IFC Executives to push for inclusion of more LGBTQ+, low socioeconomic status, and racially-dissimilar students. Hunter has represented Cornell Greek Life to other Ivy League institutions at the Ivy+ Alcohol and Other Drugs Symposium, IvyQ LGBTQ+ Conference, and ivyG First Generation Student Conference. Hunter's work for our local chapter encouraged our International Council to mandate all Acacia chapters have a Health & Wellness Chair and earned him early admission into the Order of Pythagoras – reserved for those Acacians "serving beyond the ordinary call of duty." He was also admitted to Cornell's Order of Omega and was recognized as an Outstanding Chapter Officer by OFSIL in 2015. Although Hunter has been battling cancer for the past year, he still finds time to participate in many philanthropy events on campus and reads to younger cancer patients when ever he has chemotherapy.

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