



The Traveler

CORNELL CHAPTER-ACACIA FRATERNITY

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From the president's desk: AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In the four years that I have spent as a member of Acacia I have had considerable opportunity to work with outstanding Acacians whose efforts to improve the Cornell Chapter should receive some acknowledgement. To many alumni these will be just names, but to those of us who have worked with them, they are living proof of the great Acacia Spirit.

Fred Morris is known to you as the man who headed the Building Fund Drive. In this capacity he devoted countless hours towards the new wing which we now enjoy. He has proved to be a great friend and a true Acacian.

Francis Underwood, "Fran" to all, has, as president, provided the Acacia Corporation with strength and leadership during a time when the Corporation was wrestling with the future of Acacia at Cornell. His sound decisions and unswerving faith in Acacia have served as inspiration to all of us.

Dean Marble is the man with the checkbook. He has served as treasurer of the Corporation for many years, and his work on the Building Fund Drive can never be fully appreciated by those who had no opportunity to see the efforts he has put forth.

Professor Bangs, an honorary initiate of 1961, has served us in another way. He spent many hours designing our new kitchen and gave invaluable advice on the selection of kitchen equipment. He also obtained for us equipment that we never could have afforded without his shrewd bargaining sense.

These four are only a few of our great alumni. They are all local men with whom I have constantly been in contact. They represent the epitome of sacrifice for Acacia, and they are men to whom the Cornell Chapter owes a debt that can never be repaid.

- Allen Male

** WE'VE BEEN VERY GOOD **

Children everywhere write to Santa all their hearts' desires. The boys of Acacia have decided that this Christmas they would too.

Dear Santa,

We would like for Christmas:

6' step ladder
easy chairs
throw rugs
Heidelbergfuss
scissors
pictures
May West

Brigett Bardot
book cases
desk lamps
clocks
Questionnaire forms
from all alumni

We'll even go to the North Pole to get these things if you have them for us. So please let us know if in your basement or attic you have a spare gift for us.

Hopefully, Acacia

**** ACACIA COMPETES IN SONG FEST ****

The house lights went down; intermission was over, and the men of Acacia took their places on stage and began to fill Bailey with music as part of the first Annual Fraternity-Sorority Song Fest since 1956. Twelve Fraternities and Ten Sororities had originally entered the contest sponsored by the "Straight" social committee.

Two weeks of hard practice went into our performance. Copies of "The Halls of Ivy" borrowed from the University Glee Club were arranged in three-part harmony by Mr. Bernard Gilmore, assistant Director of Bands at Cornell. The second of our two songs was the Kingston Trio's "The Shape of Things" which was arranged by Tim Fullam, 674. We had a strong incentive for entering the contest -- the grand prize was a stereo or a portable TV.

Final awards went to Delta Gamma Sorority and Chi Psi Fraternity. However, quite reliable sources reported that Acacia finished a close second behind the fraternity of Cornell's "Sherwoods" and "Cayuga's Waiters."

- John Lutz

**** HELP ****

Past VD Robert Franson, 636, has offered to help the Chapter purchase an Elliot addressing machine. While the Editor, and all those who do the mailing would like to take advantage of this generous offer, the Traveler budget isn't prepared for the slightest shock. But like Smokey and Pokey the chapter account will push if someone else can pull with Bob. Between the three of us we could get this most useful piece of equipment. Will you be the third?

**** THE SOCIAL FRONT ****

After a very successful Spring Term, the social program got off to a roaring start this fall. Following the Colgate game our first big party featured a twist band of Cornell area fame, "Bobby and the Counts." The next two football parties celebrated our victories. The spirited Cornell team took the measure of a heavily favored Harvard team 15 to 14 in a game that resembled the now famous Notre Dame - Syracuse encounter because of an attempted Harvard field goal after the final gun. Homecoming Weekend, October 27, saw a surprised Tiger Eleven go down to defeat 35-34 at the hands of the Big Red.

The University decided on a Calypso theme for Fall Weekend, but Acacia knew better and held a "Weekend on the Nile." The highlight of this was a costume party at which Brother Bob Pfahl, 634, and his Cornell pin-mate, Nancy Lloyd, were awarded a bottle of champagne for the best costume.

On December 8, Cornell Acacia sponsored a campus-wide party in honor of the 1962 Football Team and Coaches. Coach Tom Harp said that he was

pleased the campus was starting to take a more active interest in the team. More than 500 people packed the house to twist to nationally known "Wilmer and the Dukes" while WHCU sports-caster Sam Woodside MC'ed a brief presentation of the team.

Before leaving for Christmas Vacation, the chapter's annual Champagne Party and Christmas Formal will be held at the house. Decorations for the December 15 party will attempt to capture a Cabaret atmosphere. Entertainment will be furnished by the "Starlighters Danceband," and Cornell's "Cayuga's Waiters." An invitation is herewith extended to any interested alumni.

- Tim Graves

**** ALUMNI NEWS ****

We were happy to receive those information forms which have arrived so far and hope to hear from the rest of you soon. We were especially glad to get a reply from Founders Bigelow & Wigley. The names of our chapter's founders are familiar to all of us actives; we'd like to hear from the rest of you.

To repeat last month's Traveler, we have discontinued Stewart Howe's Alumni Service. The cost of their service and the ability of brothers to do the same work made this the wisest choice. Therefore, we do not have access to their recent questionnaires. Thus we are including another form in this issue. If we have not heard from you yet, please fill it out and return it so that our new files will be complete.

Since this is the only chapter publication which all of our alumni receive, we would like to devote part of it to alumni news. We plan to provide news like that which follows in every future issue of the Traveler. Let us know what you're doing; we'll pass the news on to those who knew you while you were in Acacia at Cornell.

WILLIAM RAY WIGLEY, one of the founders of the Cornell chapter, keeps busy at his home in Altamonte Springs, Florida.

One of Brother Wigley's hobbies is collecting Currier and Ives prints which, he says, "picture an American way of life that has all but vanished." One collection of prints has gone to William Penn College in Iowa and another to Bowdoin College in Maine; but he still retains a collection of about 200 prints. In addition to collecting, Bill has lectured on "The American Way of Life as Portrayed by Currier and Ives" several times.

Bill has spent his summer leisure time constructing a summer home at Cedar Mountain, North Carolina. He hopes to finish this task next summer.

Founder Wigley remarks that "it seems a very long time since I, with the able help of John Coffman and Howard Pierce and George F. Jessup, obtained a charter and organized the Cornell Chapter of Acacia. And as a distinguished honor I was the candidate chosen for the exemplification of the ritual and the induction of our chapter into the national organization." This was on May 30, 1907, that the Cornell Chapter was chartered as the fourteenth chapter of Acacia Fraternity. To present, nearly sixty chapters have been chartered, 48 of which remain active.

Brother Wigley's address: Box 836, Altamonte Springs, Florida.

ORSMEL H. BIGELOW has retired from a position as Professor of Mathematics at the Wisconsin State Teachers College, Whitewater, Wisconsin, but still keeps busy in the Whitewater area.

Address: 438 Main Street, Whitewater, Wisconsin.

PERCY GEORGE MC VETTY, Roll #123, graduated from the Mechanical Engineering School in 1913. He is hoping to return this June for his 50th reunion.

Brother McVetty retired in 1954 after thirty years in the research laboratories of Westinghouse Electric Corporation.

Address: 2401 Collins Road, Pittsburgh 35, Pennsylvania.

EDWARD R. CUSHING, Roll #148, is now retired and living near Martinsville, New Jersey.

Brother Cushing graduated from the Veterinary College and worked there in the ambulatory clinic from 1920 to 1926. He practiced privately in New Brunswick, New Jersey, for two years and then moved to Plainfield, New Jersey, where he practiced Veterinary Medicine until 1960.

Ed has been president of the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association, the Veterinary Medical Association of New York City, the Alumni Association of the New York State Veterinary College, and the Plainfield Rotary Club. He has been a member of the New Jersey Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners and is a member of the Cornell Club of Union County.

Address: Washington Valley Road, Somerville, R.D. #2, New Jersey.

ALLAN V. FORBES, Roll #348, is a chemical engineer with the Standard Oil Co. of Ohio. He is active in Kiwanis, the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, the Citizens League, and the Cornell Club of Cleveland. He has a son, 8, and a daughter, 6.

Address: 4939 East Woodcrest Drive, Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

F. DAVID SHELDON, Roll #431, is part owner of the Neil O. Sheldon Corp. of Schenectady. He is a member of the Schenectady Rotary Club, a member of the board of the YMCA, an elder of the Union Presbyterian Church, and former president of the Y's Men's Club. Brother Sheldon has three daughters: Elizabeth, 14; Ann, 12; and Martha, 7.

Address: 2467 Hilltop Road, Schenectady 9, New York.

JOHN S. MALLERY, JR., Roll #545, is a professor of Agricultural Engineering at the Delhi Agricultural and Technical Institute. He has four daughters, aged 6, 5, 3, and 1 month.

Address: 3 Wollerton Street, Delhi, New York.

JOHN MALE, Roll #600, is at the Harvard Business School, from which he hopes to graduate in June, 1964. He and his wife Judy have an 8 month old daughter, Wendy Sue.

Address: 17 Carey Avenue, Apt. G-1, Watertown, Massachusetts.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

NAME _____ ROLL NO. _____

PRESENT ADDRESS _____ MARRIED? _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ AGE & # OF CHILDREN _____

FRIENDS OR RELATIVES AT (COMING TO) CORNELL _____

PRESENT POSITION _____

PRESENT CLUBS, ACTIVITIES _____

CORNELL CLUBS, HONORARIES, OFFICES _____

PERSON OR GROUP WHO ALWAYS KNOWS ADDRESS _____

GENERAL COMMENTS OR INFORMATION (USE BACK, PLEASE)

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