

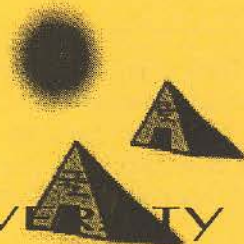


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ALL FRESHMEN TO NORTH

In hopes of finally putting an end to the ongoing debate of campus housing President Rawlings announced that all freshman will be housed on North Campus. The change is intended to promote a more uniform freshman experience. The administration feels that the racial segregation between North and West campus, with nearly all minorities housed on North Campus, could be significantly reduced by merging all freshman together on North Campus.

Next Fall the majority of freshman will be housed on North Campus with those remaining housed

throughout the Gothic West Campus buildings. Until another dormitory is constructed it isn't possible to house all freshman on North Campus. The college town dorms and the U-halls will be reserved for upperclassman. Many students feel that the west campus dorms will be unable to attract upperclassman.

The biggest opponents of the plan are the program houses, some of which have approximately half freshman membership. The spokespeople for certain program houses feel that without freshman they will be unable to survive. Under the new plan program houses that

want freshman will be forced to relocate to North Campus. The administration made a large compromise with the decision because those freshman who live in program houses have such a vastly different experience from more traditional dorms that permitting freshman to live in program houses seems to undermine efforts to unify the freshman experience.

Barclay Hershey #1017

Apple Smash

Waking up on the morning of September 13, 1997, I was a little uneasy about what would happen that day. It would be my first hands on experience as Alumni Affairs. You see, September 13th was the morning of the big alumnae visit. But these weren't just any alumni, they were alumni from around the class of 1957.

At first, I wasn't sure how they would react to spending the day with a bunch of us complicated 90's teen-

agers, some of us children of hippies (like myself). However, my anxieties were soon calmed. A few of these alums came out back to help me barbecue their lunch. What ensued was a hilarious, youthful reminiscence of old times, complete with stories of first time drunkenness, buddies of theirs necking out in front of Northcote, and apple smash (a popular drink during the 1950's involving apple cider and lots of

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FROM THE OFFICE OF Publicity

Welcome to the Fall edition of the Traveler. When you receive your copy, it will be very close to the official end of the season, and for this I apologize. I hope that some of you remember the demands of academics at Cornell, and can understand some of the troubles I've had in the previous few weeks. While it may be late, at least this issue lets you know what has been going on at Cornell Acacia this past semester, and not just what happened the first few weeks of September.

I did not get the chance to write a full article for the Traveler this semester. While I've been busy with classes, I have also been occupied with crew practice and races, and I'm happy to report to any Big Red rowing fans, that the spring season should be exciting this year, with a lot of great talent on the team.

As for life at the frat, it looks like everything is going great. When my pledge class was initiated last semester, there was still a lot of concern about the chapter, especially with so many seniors graduating, leaving only sixteen brothers. Since then a lot has changed. The prospects for rush in January are unlike anything anyone around here has ever seen. You can read about some of our events in Paul's article "Rush to Recruitment", but there is more to get excited about than just a few potential early bids. It seems that Cornell Acacia is developing a strong repu-

tation on campus this semester. It seems that more people have realized what we have known for a while, that Acacia is not your "typical" fraternity. Acacia is a full fraternity, which participates in events like intramurals, Fun in the Sun, has social gatherings, and likes to have a good time, yet we still maintain one of the highest GPA's in the IFC, and we actually keep a clean house. Our brotherhood is not limited to any particular group on campus, and is not considered a "lacrosse" house, an "Aggie" frat, or a home for lost band members. Instead we are that one house on campus which defies description, and people think that's "cool". When I told people that I was a brother at Acacia, the used to say, "Where's that? What are your letters?" Now they say, "Acacia, I've heard that's a great place, when can I rush?" I've never been so shocked in my life.

There are other factors which are encouraging for the future of Acacia. Northcote is in good shape, and while we cannot walk around without seeing something that we would like to fix, the brotherhood is willing to take the initiative to improve the house on their own. It has also been announced that the university plans to move all freshmen will be moved to North Campus, as you can read in Barclay's "All Freshmen to North". The West Campus frats are running scared, but we feel that it can only help Acacia, with our distant location in scenic Cayuga Heights. In all, things are looking up. I hope those of you who are reading this Traveler can share in that excitement. Enjoy the read.

Brad Schmidt (1025)

FROM THE Corp. Board PRESIDENT

Brethren, Welcome back to another academic year! The Fall weather in Ithaca has been fantastic. However, the past week has brought a lot of rain, which has knocked down most of the leaves. Winter is just around the corner.

As was mentioned in the Spring '96 Traveler, we had to replace all the leaking downspouts, and new seamless gutters were installed where the sloped roof overhangs the flat wing roof. This past week, the Wing Bathroom exhaust fan motor was replaced (after many years of faithful service). This Winter, we are planning to replace the ancient dishwasher, which, through some miracle, has functioned for another year. A commercial dishwasher will cost between \$6,000-\$8,500, depending on features and options. With little money in reserve, we continue to ask for your financial report. PLEASE, will each of you at least pay your annual dues? With over 500 "active" alumni, this would generate in excess of \$18,000. With the usual 90-100 Honor Roll Alums who contribute each year, we manage only about 20% of that figure. To those who continue to support your fraternity, THANK YOU! To the rest of you, if you can't or won't help out financially, please at least acknowledge that you care and drop us a note with words of encouragement. I'd appreciate hearing from those who pledged with me in 1970!

We have some new faces on the Corporation Board of Directors: Kevin Slesinsky '95 (0987), Jim Fu '94 (0979), and Brian Sivillo '96 (0993). Jim Showacre '50 (0447) and Sam Morrie '81 (0833) continue to serve on the Board. Best wishes for a joyous, prosperous, and healthy New Year!

Steven L. Stein '73 (0787) [339 East Miller Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850; 607-277-3125; sls8@cornell.edu]

VENERABLE DEAN'S REPORT

As Venerable Dean I should probably make a few comments about the status of the fraternity. I most certainly don't want to come across as pessimistic, but we are at a critical time for this chapter. Campus-wide rush numbers have declined by about 25% from 10 years ago, and they're still dropping. We too have been hit by this plague as my pledge class (spring '94) is the largest I've ever seen (8 initiated in Spring '94).

Despite the urgency and decreasing demand, our rush this year seems to be on the right track. Unfortunately we did not get a pledge class this fall, but we have made a good attempt at "informal" rush — and thus have many good prospects for the spring. I'd like to add that we will lose at most only three guys next year to graduation, which provides an extra one-year buffer (but don't tell the actives this!).

Financially we've done well. You may remember that about three years agowe were in a substantial

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debt. Now we are once again building up our reserves, despite smaller numbers. (Hey actives — keep in mind that fixed costs remain constant...so if we recruit more brothers we'll really see their house bills affect our budget!) Of course, to keep our house bills reasonable, we've had to take in a couple borders this year. This has worked well, but we hope that next year it won't be necessary.

We are continuing to strive for better alumni relations (yes, that's with you!). In September we had roughly 12 brothers plus their wives from the classes of '57, '58, '59 visit. They came before homecoming because it was more important to see the guys they lived with in college, rather than the random people they saw in classes once a week. Overall, the weekend was a blast — we had a great dinner and they had a wonderful time just renewing old acquaintances. The actives joined them for dinner, and humored them as they told NUMEROUS stories of old times. Alas, the actual homecoming turnout was rather poor. Some of that can be attributed to Mike Wilhelm's '94 wedding being on the same day... We are also starting to get somewhat of a younger "local" alumni base. Still no one wants to live in Ithaca, but we have recent alumni in Syracuse, Binghamton, and Rochester — and a good number in NYC.

I think that sums it up pretty well. Internally we're going well — but we need to increase the ever-so-important part that is the income to a fraternity — new membership.

Tom Harp, Venerable Dean (1007)

FROM RUSH TO RECRUITMENT

I have borrowed the above title from an article published by the National Interfraternity Council, and which can be found on the Acacia International Fraternity Web Site (www.acacia.org/whatsnew/new10.html). The title is appropriate for this article because it sums up the change in philosophy we are taking towards building membership. We have a Fraternity that has a lot of positive qualities, and we need a good strategy to recruit the men who will take us to the next step.

Acacia has been, and still is a great Fraternity. We have a great house, which the brothers and alumni are very conscientious about maintaining. According to a document published by the IFC, Acacia ranks second of 41 Cornell Fraternities in grade point average! We have a diverse social program which includes great parties and various athletic events. Most of all, the brothers and alumni of Acacia are what make Acacia great. People should join our Fraternity because of the brothers, not because of how clean our house is, or how many parties we have, or how much free stuff we give away. I cannot resist my engineering instincts, which tell me to look for a systematic method of recruitment. Fortunately, in every piece of fraternity recruitment literature you'll ever read, there is the same five-step process for recruitment. It is so natural and simple it's hard to believe anyone can not think of it. Here's the process: 1) Meet the rushee; 2) Make him your friend; 3) Introduce him to

your other friends; 4) Introduce him to your Fraternity; 5) Ask him to join your Fraternity. I have drilled the brotherhood to death about this process and I show them how whatever they do for recruitment satisfies one or more of these five steps. I am designing this year's recruitment to make this five-step process work. We got off to a fast start with our fall rush program. We already have about a dozen sophomores and freshmen (yes, freshmen) who are ready for or very close to step 5, where we ask them to pledge Acacia Fraternity. I have made it a goal to give out twenty oral bids before winter break, and if everything works well, I can almost guarantee we'll meet that goal.

The most important fact is that the brothers have made the events work so far. They have invited friends, who bring other friends over for events like parties, dinners, frisbee games, bowling, volleyball, and Monday Night football. Upperclassmen brothers have been eager to meet and hang out with younger brothers' friends. We will have several more events this semester geared towards accomplishing steps 1 through 5. The best news is that we still have the rest of the semester to show these guys a good time and make them want to be a part of us.

Notice words like "crucial" and "all-out" are not part of this year's recruitment vocabulary, nor do they need to be. I believe that as long as we stick with the above plan, this year's recruitment program will be both fun and productive. Be assured, Acacia is here to stay, and grow.

Paul Molnar, Rush Chair (1014)

THE WORLD AS SEEN BY ME

This is a traveler article. As usual I really have nothing all that important to say.

Life is good here on the hill; the weather at current is the typical nasty Ithaca weather I am sure you all remember, the first snow fall here was on October 1.

I have an office this semester, one better by far than the old one I kept. I have the official title of Pledge Educator. Yes, I am the one who is supposed to make all the next Cornell Acacians the best ones to hit the campus..... However I have no pledges this semester, so it is kind of hard for me to do.

Tensions in the house this semester have varied greatly; we have a poor showing in the offices of the stewards. Like a lot of people these are two guys who need a little more on the do side than the talk side. This is all part of the learning process of the brotherhood.

There has also been some controversy of late about some articles that were going to go into the traveler; consequently the censors stomped them out. I know of a few alumni personally that were not impressed with this article, it was long, and it was portrayed to the most recent alumni, but it has caused its own problems that I will not get into, as it is not my business to tell you all about it.

So I would guess that Cornell Acacia is the same place it has always been, good and bad wrapped up to form a body of young men.

On a good note (in my perception), The house has real good relations with the brothers of AZ, and we have been frequenting each other's parties. Also there is a rumor that the dishwasher is being replaced over Christmas break, one thing the entire brotherhood anticipates, and hopes is not a vile rumor.

I say this is not the best article in the world, and I hope not the worst, (at least it's short) besides you have to give me a break I'm an Engineer, not an English major. At any rate..... See ya

Scott Inglis (1019)

P.S. Hi Dad (700), Hi Grandpa (385)!!!!!!

ON CENSORSHIP AND TYRANNY

Hello there fellow Acacians! It's Traveler time again and I like so many other brothers (or not, depending on the number of articles) have been coerced by the editor to write a little article or two. Alrighty then, here goes.

During the construction of this issue, a controversy has developed over the inclusion of an article by a fellow brother. Marco Cabassi wrote a little play for the Traveler in which each and every brother in the Cornell chapter is systematically slaughtered

in various humorous ways during a Chapter meeting. I, myself, am the first to go when my cranium detonates from trying to think too hard. From there brothers die by stabbing, gunshots, suicide and chicken wings. The play concludes with the final two surviving brothers perishing by smoking crack procured from the head of a dead alien.

This article was possibly one of the funniest things I have ever read. While, granted the taste was lowbrow at best, I found myself reduced to hysterics. Marco (don't let this go to your head) is a gifted writer with an amazing wit. Every brother who read it found it immensely funny as well as the limited number of alumni to whom it was given. Nevertheless, both the editor and Venerable Dean had problems with the content. Fearing your (the alumni) response they brought the matter to chapter for a vote. After some debate, the house voted and the article passed with only one vote against (there were three abstentions, but Rich believes voting causes cancer so he doesn't really count anyway.) However, still cowering in fear over your supposed wrath, the article/ play was submitted to Steve Stein (our chapter advisor) who promptly vetoed it on the grounds that it was "too esoteric and too long."

I myself am enraged over the flagrant censorship used in this case. While there MAY be SOME truth in that it is long, at the time of the vote, it was only one of two articles submitted. Also, as every person knows text can be shrunk to fit more. This is no justification and we all know

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VET SCHOOL EXPERIMENT?

Hello there formally active Cornell Acacians. I am here, now, because I have been asked by the editor to extend the Traveller by one article. To do this I shall now tell you about the newest member to the Acacia family; family being defined as 14 single guys, 1 married couple, 1 hedgehog, AND introducing Teagle. Teagle is a small black-and-white kitten that we acquired from the friends of Brad "dammit I hate all of these girls following me around" Schmidt. These "friends" obviously hate him and want to see the rest of us suffer with him. Why do I say this? Well, let me tell you about Teagle.

Teagle supposedly originated from in or around the area of Teagle Hall (can you tell the people who found him were not creative writing majors?) My own personal theory is that Teagle is the product of studies done in the Ag. school on what happens when you cross a wolverine with a very angry rat. Teagle has issues. Here are some facts on Teagle as I know them or made them up: Teagle has an overwhelming instinctual drive to be suffocated to death by a mini-fridge. Teagle is powered by a six trillion watt, 982 horsepower, dual overhead cam, air-cooled, turbo-charged fusion reactor. Teagle is wanted by Peruvian counter-revolutionary guerrillas for attacking their feet at eight in the morning when they are trying to sleep (I have indicted him on the same charge.) Teagle reads Kant and composes accordion concertos when

no one is around. Teagle has not yet figured out the complex workings of closing doors. Teagle loves chasing shadows, small pieces of paper, his tail, the mouse arrow on the computer screen, and really scary air molecules. Teagle is not the sharpest knife in the set, if you catch my drift. Teagle is absolutely mesmerized by a working printer. Teagle has his paws in various third-world governments and controls the global conspiracy from my room. Teagle has



The monster at rest

been a lot more docile since Josh had his cat give Teagle a thrashing. Teagle still thinks he can actually beat you. Teagle masqueraded as a woman to get an acting job in soap operas. Teagle can be very cute but only to fool you into getting within claw range. Teagle has been successfully used as an aphrodisiac on women. Teagle believes that if he can escape the second floor, there will be no stopping his evil rampage. Teagle has developed the cures for baldness, sterility, gangrene, and head-lice out of household ingredients but won't share. Teagle has made love to Madonna (but then

again who hasn't?) Teagle's arch nemesis is a Hoover dry-vac with attachments. Teagle prefers to have his name pronounced Mort. Teagle is a Sally Struthers sponsor child (won't you help?). Teagle eats a specialized hypo-glycemic, protein-rich, calorically balanced, all-natural, lactose-free, kosher, diet of Vietnamese pot-bellied-pig, kiwi-fruit, blowfish and 151 proof Jamaican rum. Teagle has run with the bulls in Pamplona. Teagle regularly sleeps in the box-spring of my bed. Teagle is worshiped as the God of Cheap Souvenirs by Australian aboriginals.

Teagle has been diagnosed by Dr. Joyce Brothers with a manic-depressive, pathological, sociative, anxiety-induced, kleptomaniac, phobic, hatred of Christmas trees. Teagle has a 2,300 dollar-a-day catnip habit. Teagle has been recognized as the fifty-first incarnation of Buddha. Teagle wants desperately to unravel the mysteries of footwear. Teagle has no idea what's going to happen to his genitalia after Christmas break, but he sure as hell won't be happy. Teagle is a tenor (not for long) and regularly stands in for Placido Domingo. Teagle was on the O.J. "dream team." Teagle has been described by the vet as "not normal."

In short I would just like to say that Teagle is a pretty average 18 week old wolverat. He has told me to tell you that if you respect him he won't banish you to the nether-realms. This has been an unpaid public service announcement. Thank you and good-night.

Jason Carr (1027)

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THE MAILBAG - ALUMNI NEWS

Raymond Rider '39 (0356) [533 N. Leavitt Ave., Orange City, FL 32763-5331] has visited with D.C. Dewey each Summer in Upstate NY. Also keeps in touch with Chet Pohl '51 (0495) in Vermont. Raymond and his wife celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary in August.

Fredric Burton '42 (0380) [6134 16th St., Zephyrhills, FL 33540-2654] was expecting to attend his 55th Reunion in June.

Kenneth Sorace '40 (0386) [196 Woodsong Way, Chargin Falls, OH 44023-6703; ksorace@aol.com] has two great grandsons. Ken plays a little golf, travels, reads, watches movies, and relaxes. He's still active on some boards.

Frederick Sheldon '48 (0431) [50 Newport Rd., Apt. 28, New London, NH 03257-4228] remarried in 1995 (his wife of 46 years passed away in 1992). The Sheldons spend their winters in S. Carolina.

Robert Strong '50 (0467) [556 S. Quinn, Mesa, AZ 85206-5029; restrong@msn.com] and wife, Selma, celebrated their 40th anniversary last year with a cruise to the Caribbean and a family reunion in Ohio.

Walter Cox Jr. '52 (0491) [Alte Landstrasse 95, CH-8803 Ruschlikon, Switzerland] working about 50% for SRI International in Zurich and has a little joint venture with a friend in the US. Hopes to

slow down some next year.

James Symons '54 (0534) [Rosedale Golf & Tennis Club, 4942 88th St. East, Bradenton, FL 34202-3730; dr.water@worldnet.att.net] retired from the University of Houston in June. He and wife, Joan, have relocated to sunny Florida.

Robert Warne '57 (0582) [2311 14th Ave. West, #204, Palmetto, FL 34221; warne007@aol.com] retired from Sun Hydraulics Corp. in March and plans to enjoy the fruits of the last 40 years add manage his own time for a change. Bob will continue to consult for Sun and others to keep his fingers in the professional pie.

Dr. Roger Soloway '57 (0589) [2926 Dominique Dr., Galveston, TX 77551] stepped down as Director of the Division of Gastroenterology in January 1995. Last May, he completed his term as chair of the Biliary Disorders Section of the American Gastroenterological Association. Roger gave talks at Digestive Diseases Week in Japan and Washington, DC. His wife, Marilyn, became a partner in her law firm.

Dr. Allan Burns '58 (0616) [2140 Bayview Point Lane, Cape Charles, VA 23310; AllanBurns@aol.com] now has 8 grandchildren. Allan went on a mission trip to Paraguay last November.

Hugh Humphreys '64 (0666) [8654 Tibbitts Rd., New Hartford, NY 13413] recently became a Mason.

His daughter, Lee, is a junior at Cornell.

Warren Walker '63 (0681) [Gerrit Kasteinweg 2, 2597 NZ Den Haag, The Netherlands; warren@rand.org] continues to lead policy studies for the Dutch government. His brother Edgar '66 (0696) is a New York State judge living in Brooklyn. Several years ago, Warren saw Howard Goldman '63 (0658), who lives in Irvine, CA.

Dr. David Gorelick '68 (0717) [2705 Moores Valley Dr., Baltimore, MD 21209-1050] has two sons. The oldest, Daniel, graduated from U. of Penn last May. Jonathan graduated from high school and was still undecided where he'd enroll this Fall (maybe Cornell, although not his first choice).

Jerry Kreider '68 (0720) [9 Narbrook Park, Narberth, PA 19072] and son, Ben, enjoyed an 8-day skiing/hiking trip to Switzerland last March. Jerry was going to see David Gorelick '68 (0717) who was coming to Philadelphia area for son Daniel's graduation from U. of Penn.

Stewart Burger '70 (0738) [623 Crystal St., Ames, IA 50010-8401; StewartBur@aol.com] talked to Ron Johnson '68 (0719) who came through Ames last April on his way home after helping the Red Cross with floods in the midwest.

John Gammel '77 (0826) [RD#1, Box 454, Womelsdorf, PA 19567-

9550] and family attended 20th reunion. Hoped to see Rich Martinez '77 (0832), Bill Abeles '77 (0820), and Jeff Earickson '77 (0823) there.

John Brueckman III '78 (0844) [6824 Pentridge Dr., Plano, TX 75024-5420; jbr556@airmail.net] sees Bill Utic '77 (0836) on business trips to the San Francisco Bay area. Bill has carried Cornell Acacia's proud tradition to National Acacia leadership.

Philip Schuler '80 (0886) [719 Burritt Rd., Hilton, NY 14468-9765; pschuler@cldx.com] is still in Rochester working as Environmental Manager with Johnson & Johnson Clinical Diagnostics. His three children are 8, 5, and 2.. Rarely hears any news from the classes of '79-'82 and wonders "where are you guys?"!

Peter Mavrouidakis '84 (0922) [510 Perrineville Rd., Hightstown, NJ 08520-4700; mavrouidakis@mindspring.com] and wife, Wendy, had a great mini reunion weekend last February with Curt Alliaume '84 (0919) and wife, Karen, Brian Stroehlein '84 (0913) and wife, Laura Mikalchus '85 (L020), and old friends (but not Brothers) of Acacia, Bruce and Emily Calkins, Max and Ann Magliaro, and John and Deb Hunsinger. They all met at a small cabin in the Poconos and spent the weekend catching up on 13 years of news.

Michael Oates '87 (0937) [96 Dean Rd., Brookline, MA 02146; moates@sapient.com] has son, Richard, who recently turned 2.

Andrew Brenner '90 (0953) [439 Lassen Street #2, Los Altos, CA 94022; abrenner@ibm.net] left his law firm in Chicago to practice Computer, Internet, and Intellectual Property Law in Silicon Valley.

G. Martin Scutt '92 (0971) [2135 Prud'homme Ave., Montreal, Quebec, Canada, H4A-3H3; mscutt@pol.net] started a podiatry practice in Montreal last summer.

Michael Wilhelm '94 (0982) [6490 Fair Oaks Circle, Fairview, PA 16415; MAWilhelm@hotmail.com] tied the knot 9/27/97. He and wife, Kristin, will be living in Erie until she finishes her schooling in special education this Spring.

Marc-Andre Chimonas '95 (0999) [6500 Brideswood Valley Rd., Atlanta, GA 30328] took a leave of absence from med school to recuperate from a chronic illness. Working part time as a data collector for the Georgia Oncology Specialists.

Dr. Linda Kane Richter '84 (L016) [66 Maplewood Ave., West Hartford, CT 06119] married Jesse Richter (a Cornellian). Had lots of Acacians at the wedding - Lou Schwartz '82 (0891), John Friedlander '81 (0877) and wife Lisa '83 (L015), John Graham '81 (0883) and wife Tonya '82 (L007), Paul Herrington '81 (0882) and wife Lisa. Linda and Jesse were moving into their new home last July. Obituary Dr. Wayne E. Kuhn, 'GR (0288) passed away 3/29/97 at the age of 93. Wayne was a mason and was a Cornell Acacian. Wayne was headed for

MIT to attend graduate school in his 1915 Model T, but his car saw fit to "give up the ghost" in Ithaca, so it was largely by accident that he received his PhD in Chemical Engineering from Cornell. After graduation from Cornell, Wayne and his wife, Agnes, moved to Port Arthur, Texas where Dr. Kuhn began his long career with Texaco. He advanced from a research chemist to General Manager, Research and Technical, with supervision of over 1500 employees. Retiring from Texaco in 1965, Wayne and Agnes returned to Portland and Depoe Bay, Oregon, where he lived until he passed away. He was an active contributor to Acacia, and set up the Kuhn "Fraternityship" for Cornell Acacians.



CHAPTER ETERNAL

Dr. Wayne E. Kuhn 'GR
(0288) - 3/29/97

Earl A. Westervelt '40
(0373) - 12/13/96

David L. Harvey '57
(0578) - 2/5/97

Carlos Ubarri '75
(0805) - 9/95

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vodka).

This lighthearted and fun atmosphere continued through lunch. I temporarily left the alumnae at 3:00 to get some studying done before dinner. When we all gathered for dinner, I was pleased to see the friendly conversation going on between actives and alums.

After dinner, I expected our guests to hit the road. But, instead, a grand evening involving watching a nostalgic video and conversing in the commons commenced. Brad and I eventually left around 10:00 to head out to a movie, but not before saying goodbye to a gracious bunch of really cool alumnae. It just goes to show you, once an Acacian, always an Acacian.

Josh Goldfarb (1026)

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it. I, and most of the other brothers in this house believe that you have the right to read, or NOT read whatever you want. BUT I do not believe someone else should make these decisions. That is not what this country was founded on and I don't believe it's in the Acacia spirit. That said I urge you, when you send in your alumni dues to reprimand those responsible and demand that the article be included in the next issue so YOU can decide for yourself whether or not you like it. Thank you.

Jason Carr (1027)

ACACIA LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

During the last week of July I found myself making last minute plans to get over to Bloomington, Indiana for the 2nd annual Acacia Leadership Academy. The Indiana Chapter at Indiana University hosted roughly 100 Acacians, old and new in an amazing chapter house. I met famous Acacians such as George Patterson, Darold Larson, and Bill Utic (one of our own alumni, currently Secretary & Treasurer of the Acacia Fraternity Foundation). The picture shown is of the two of us in front of the Indiana Chapter's house. The schedule was tight — almost every hour of every day was accounted for with some planned activity and it was tough to find free time. However — it was all worth it. We covered all of the fraternity-related issues such as risk management, rush (membership recruitment), pledging, leadership roles, finances, etc. We had great motivational speakers — some of them fellow brothers (alumni) who are still very active with Headquarters and their own chapters. We also went on a ropes course one day, and laughed hysterically as George Levesque (for those of you who know him) got shot down by the two ladies hosting the course! And of course, we had the Acacia Olympics — consisting of lawn darts, bowling, basketball, darts, pool, frisbee golf, volleyball, and other varsity level sports. (I'd like to add that our team, led by coach

Scott Cleland, came out on top, and George Levesque's team was last — they got to polish our trophy.)

By the end of five long days we all functioned like one unified chapter — we had clean up and kitchen crew duties, and went out boozing together each night we were there. The greatest moment was when it was time to leave — we all realized that we'd miss each other even though we'd only been acquainted for a few days. That was the brotherhood — we were all Acacians. I strongly encourage all actives after me to attend — it's worth the experience.

Tom Harp, Venerable Dean (1003)



Bill and Tom

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Do you have fond memories of playing or listening to the piano in the Commons?

The grand piano has fallen in disrepair, and the current brotherhood would like to have it fixed and tuned. We have estimated that it will cost a couple hundred dollars to get it working properly, but unfortunately we don't have the funds to do it ourselves. If you would like to help with the project financially, please send a donation to the house, along with a note requesting that it be used to contribute to the piano fund. Thanks.



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