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## THE GEM OF ACACIA

In September of 1965, an era began at Cornell Acacia which has yet to end. This is the era of Amanda "Pearl" Murray, who has just begun her 16th year of tickling the tastebuds of "the pupils of Pythagoras." I'd like to share with you some of the story of our fabulous "Pearl."

Pearl was born and raised in Kentucky. After high school she wanted to be a nurse. Pearl and a friend (also named Amanda!) came to Ithaca to be cooks and maids for the Spino family, at 416 Highland Rd. Mrs. Spino wasn't exactly the most pleasant person to work for, so Pearl found a similar job at Sigma Delta Tau, one of Cornell's sororities. She was the housekeeper there, but got her first taste of large-scale cooking when John Brown, the cook, got sick one day and told Pearl "You cook; you can do it!"

She sure could do it, and still can. Pearl's next job was at a girls' house at 228 Wait Avenue, where she was a full-time cook. In 1955, Pearl and her family moved to Geneva, N.Y., where she became the cook at a restaurant. Not too many



NOW—PEARL

Acacians, past or present, know that Pearl also worked as a barmaid! Maybe that's where she picked up her ability to slap hands that are poking into her cooking.

In 1957, Pearl moved to New York City to be a nurse's aide. She worked in 3 different nursing homes, but in 1963 she came back to Ithaca to cook at Alpha Phi, another of Cornell's sororities. Pearl left Alpha Phi in 1965 to begin her reign at Acacia, but still has a special place in her heart for those girls from Alpha Phi!

Of course, Pearl's fondest memories are of the many brothers of Acacia that she's seen come and go. Richard Ahlfeld '68 was the steward who hired Pearl, in May of 1965. One reason that Pearl changed jobs was to be able to afford a home of her own, and when she moved to her present home on 409 W. Green Street, it was an event to remember.



LOOKING GOOD

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VENERABLE DEAN'S GAVEL: PROJECTION

In 1982, Cornell Acacia will celebrate its 75th anniversary. Yet the assurance of historic rites of passage should not be our only accomplishment in what promises to be a decade of pronounced achievement for Acacia.

The various woes which plague our nation are not screened from the fraternity system. Many a national organization has felt the economic pinch, and our chapter is no exception. The complications of spiralling inflation and rising energy costs are especially felt by fraternity organizations. We live in an era of rising repair costs while the house gets older. Major renovations to bathrooms, the kitchen, and common areas will become necessities this decade.

Inflation is a friend to no one, and least of all to a fraternity. One of the great attractions of a fraternity is the package deal a student gets for a bargain price. But, inflationary spirals are sending fraternity budgets reeling. And thus, we were forced to increase our budgeted income by 18% last year. Though our price remains very competitive with other current alternatives, as students become less affluent, a problem equivalent to being "priced out of the market" may arise.

To combat any possible ills that may arise from these circumstances, the active chapter has taken steps to facilitate our goal for the 1980's. Energy considerations are a high priority. New storm windows have been installed in almost every window in the main part of the house. Efficient thermostats and outer doors are next on the agenda.

We expect to follow our solid rush of 1980 with repeat performances throughout the 80's. Obviously, the future aspirations of Acacia lie within the abilities of the men we pledge, and the brothers are dedicated to pledging only the best. An innovative rush and social program should continue to help our revamped rush.

We all look forward to continued improvements in the next few years, but the initiative of the actives will not suffice. We look for the continued and increased support from our alumni. There is no doubt that your valuable experience, interest, and assistance is indispensable. Needless to say, your financial contributions are invaluable (to which the very existence of this publication is testimony). But as many of you who have come forward and aided in improving this publication, or participated in the carpet drive, or corporation board, or become involved in some other activity, there are many others from whom we have received little or no communication. The active brothers of Acacia are willing to work hard to meet the standards of Acacia which our alumni have established over the decades. But together, with your help and cooperation, we have a unique opportunity to fashion a dynamic, growing, and rewarding experience: the Acacia of the 80's.

George Derby (870), Engr. '81

MEMORIAL FUND

The Chapter has started a Barry Alan Davis Memorial Fund. This fund will be put toward refurbishing the Recreation room in the basement of the chapter house. This would include a new Ping Pong table, touching-up the pool table, repairing the floor and ceiling, and placing a plaque in his memory.



PROF. O. ERNEST BANGS

CHAPTER ADVISOR'S WISDOM

When was the last time you visited our Cornell chapter? It is reasoned that you would be pleased and proud of our active brotherhood.

Since before the beginning of this school year there has been much enthusiasm and activity in the affairs of our chapter. To begin. The house cleaning and maintenance chores were well executed. And then from the first house meeting, the organizational affairs of our chapter have been thoroughly considered and administered in a manner that all our alumni would be well pleased with.

By and large, the physical condition of our chapter home has been maintained efficiently and economically. Of course there are always some minor details which need the attention of our house manager. A case in point: the dining room chairs have become a bit weak in their joints like all oldsters who have had a hard life. They may have to be retired soon and replaced with new members or, be put through another rehabilitation program to make them fit for an extended period of time. Even though they have served us well these past 20 years.

Our social life has been expertly programmed and our Little Sisters have helped so much to make each activity a most joyous occasion.

During our rushing activities the atmosphere of our chapter was warm and hospitable, and we have had a very good turnout of promising candidates.

Yes indeed, you would be pleased with our Cornell chapter this fall. The enthusiasm and fraternal atmosphere is equal to any I have known during these past twenty years. Please come for a visit at your earliest convenience.

Fraternally yours,  
O. Ernest Bangs

THE PURPOSE OF AN ALUMNI PROGRAM IS TO SEEK:  
PARTICIPATION—INFORMATION—FINANCIAL SUPPORT  
HAVE YOU CONTRIBUTED IN SOME WAY? WHY NOT—TODAY?

## PEARL (cont.)



PEARL and Cosmo

FROM THE EDITOR

Hi—I'm going to try to straighten a few things out. We receive an awful lot of mail for some of you who have been away now for several years. Most of this mail is "junk mail" which you would receive 'postage due' if it was forwarded. Therefore, unless you specify otherwise, we will only be forwarding first class mail and any important bulk mail.

Now about that directory, we are very aware that Acacia National published a directory. In fact, we have a copy. However, if you have seen it, you will notice that it is not a complete listing. This is primarily because not everybody returned their information cards to national headquarters. Our records on the other hand are very well kept. Still, we do not inherently know when you move and where you move to—so when your address changes, let us know! As for the soon-to-be chapter directory, please update all information on your dues notice and send it back, even if you do not include a check. We will be printing the directory early in 1981.

Among other information we have no way of knowing unless somebody out there informs us is when your son, brother, nephew, grandson, friend, etc. is coming to Cornell and could be a rush candidate. Very important is when a brother passes to Chapter Eternal. We have no way of knowing unless a friend or relative tells us. But this is not all we want to know. With the return of cupid's calendar, we'll need your help to keep you informed of engagements, weddings, and births (I hope that's the right order).

Enclosed is a list of lost brothers. Essentially, their last address is wrong and they did not leave a forwarding address. If you have any information concerning any of these brothers, please share it with us.

The Traveller is **YOUR** newsletter, so may I suggest that you use it to keep in touch? As our records are accurate, whenever you need a brother's address or phone number, we are more than happy to help.

Keep us informed and be informed!

Timm. Thom (887),

It was December of 1968, and Stu Berger '69 was steward at the time. Pearl recalls that Stu had to cook that Saturday so she could move! Among the brothers who helped her move were Gordy Smith '68, Jeff Wood '69, and Kent Belvin '70. Pearl's old apartment was at 108 W. State Street, and there were crews there and on Green Street to make the job go faster. The fact that the brothers had beer to refresh themselves caused some consternation among the neighbors, but Pearl and possessions arrived safe and sound. A few months later, a surprise champagne party made the housewarming complete.

Pearl loves to tell about the brothers who used to steal her delicious pies. Brothers Rob Spiesz '77 and Bill Utic '77 were famous for their escapades, and at one of Acacia's Parent's Weekends they gave Pearl an award for the quality of her pies. The award was a pie tin, of course, inscribed with the initials of the pie thieves.

Joe Schussler '80 was also a known dealer in "hot" pies. Pearl fixed him, though. Once when making pies, Pearl made a pie out of canned peas. The pie disappeared several times, but always returned uneaten, for some strange reason!

It seems like Pearl can tell similar stories forever. She's seen a lot in her life, and to quote her, "I've done everything except stand on a street corner!" I guess that's why we all love her so much!

Paul C. Herrington (883) Ag. '81



Joe Schussler, Bill Ward, PEARL

CLEAN CARPET

After a long delay, the new carpet was finally installed during the first week of classes. To all of you that helped make this improvement possible, the brotherhood would like to extend a thank you. The new chestnut brown carpet, which was manufactured by the Lee Company, is made of Anso-Nylon. Its total cost was \$2,130.43, of which \$1,370.00 was contributed from alumni, actives, little sisters and friends. Nevertheless, the active chapter needed to allocate money, which had been set aside for new dining room chairs, to temporarily finance the difference. So to those of you who have yet to contribute, and to those who have already given and can contribute more, please send in your contributions. The brotherhood would really appreciate your time and effort. Thanks again. Enclosed is a carpet honor roll.

Richard K. Han (878), Eng. '81  
House Betterment Committee Chairman

We are pleased to announce that CUPID'S CALENDAR has returned to the pages of the TRAVELLER!

ACACIA ON CAMPUS

Timm Thom (887) '82 is the Interfraternity Council's (IFC) faculty chairman. His office entails bringing the Cornell faculty and fraternities to better relations.

Chris Deane (908) '83 is on the IFC judicial administration board and the IFC/panhellenic (sororities) judicial administration board. Chris is looking forward to punishing all the bad fraternities and sororities.

Witaly Derby (894) '82 is the "Greek columns" (IFC newspaper) feature editor.

ON THE NATIONAL SCENE

Jose Sanchez, UCLA '80, is one of our national consultants traveling around from chapter to chapter, with colonies and prospective colonies in between. We currently have 42 chapters and 5 colonies. Acacia is the fastest growing national fraternity in the United States. Jose was here from October 28–November 2. After giving us an honest medical report, he went on to look into the possibility of a colony at the Univ. of Penn.

CUPID'S CALENDAREngagements:

Bruce G. Schneider to Amy Hirsch  
Jeffrey M. Cain to Josephine S. Bell  
Valerie Propati to Steve Smith

Weddings:

Perry D. Slocum to Maggie Belle, July 14, 1979  
Matthew L. Brown to Sheri Ann Rothstein, April 26, 1980  
Jane Tanner to David Covillion, April 18, 1980  
Lars Lundeen to Charlene Heinisch, June 21, 1980  
Mark Maltenfort to — ? —, August 2, 1980  
James W. Kehe to Patricia M. Warner, September 6, 1980  
Albert I. Berger to Brenda Smiley, — ? —  
Nancy F. Dobkins to David Medford, — ? —

SUMMER WEEKEND

Cornell Acacia held its Seventh Annual Summer Weekend reunion this year on July 11-13. We came together on that Friday evening, seeing old friends and meeting brothers we hadn't met before. We awoke on Saturday morning rarin' to go to Taughannock Falls State Park, where we held the picnic. After we had unloaded all the food and beer at North Point, somebody decided that we didn't belong there and should move to the center grove, so we reloaded our food to carry it over to where we were *supposed* to be. The summer weekend party was full of softball (of course!), ultimate frisbee, and the first public showing of Micah, the new addition to the O'Brien family (actually, Micah is a growing cocker spaniel). Later that evening we retired to "On the Waterfront" nightclub. After about four hours of drinking and dancing, we came back to Acacia, only to depart on Sunday feeling good about reliving old times and reassociating with old friends and making new friends.

Dean Price (892) Engr. '82

SOCIAL CALENDARFall

Fri. 11/21		IFC Rums Party
Fri. 12/5		Roller Skating and party at Chapter House
Sat. 12/6	5:45- 10:30-12:30 12:30-	Beer Night Ice Time Beer and Pizza
Wed. 12/10		Last Day of Classes

Spring

Sat. 2/7	10:30-12:30	Ice Time
Sat. 2/14		Pledge Ceremony
Fri. 2/20		Pledge Party
Sat. 2/21		Mardi Gras '81
Fri. 2/27	5:45-	Date Night
Sat. 2/28	10:30-12:30 12:30-	Ice Time Beer and Pizza
Sat. 3/7	10:30-11:30	Ice Time
Fri. 3/13	8:45-9:45	Ice Time
Sat. 3/21	9:45-12:00	Ice Time
Thurs. 4/9-12		Initiation
Sat. 4/25		Parent's Weekend
Sat. 5/2		Picnic Taughannock Park
Sat. 5/9		Phi Psi 500—all day Phi Psi Party that night
Sat. 5/16		Spring Formal House—cocktails dinner party
Sun. 5/31		Commencement PJG's B'day

NEWSWORTHY: FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN ALUMNI

Robert D. Flickinger '47 was nominated for alumni trustee of Cornell University. Unfortunately, he was not elected. We feel that the misjudgment is Cornell's loss. Our congratulations on being nominated.

Ernest F. Schaufler '48 was honored by the Lambda Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi (National Honorary of Extension Workers). Bro. Schaufler was cited for his leadership in the area of horticultural education for youth, 4-H members and adults.

James J. Manfredi '78 was appointed early last spring to be the regional counselor to the northeast region of Acacia fraternity. The northeast region presently includes: Cornell Univ., Syracuse Univ., Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, University of Vermont, and the colony at the University of Connecticut.



REGIONAL CONSULTANT MANFREDI  
picnicking at Treman State Park

A TOUCH OF SOUTHERN

Spring Weekend started off with a real splash—that's right, a pool party. Thanks to the combined efforts of John Friedlander and (then-) social chairman Paul Herrington, Acacia Fraternity was able to rent the olympic sized pool at Tompkins County Community College to initiate the traditional end of classes festivities. Amidst the splashing fun and bikinis, a heated game of water volley ball took place in the shallow end while the adept though often comical divers performed at the other.

All through the night alumni arrived bringing good times and memories with them. Rob Spiez was down, John Maciag and Tom and Doris O'Brien too. Bill Utic flew into Ithaca from the west coast (his luggage, however, flew somewhere else—All Agony Airlines strikes again!). Of course, our local alums were there—Steve Glidden, Alan Grant, and Sam Morrie. It was even rumored, as inevitable as it may sound, that James Manfredi made it, bringing with him Jim Kehe and Little Sister alumni Patty Warner. The remainder of the night was spent renewing old friendships and reminiscing over some nice cold Michelob.

This year's picnic at Upper Treman was cut a little short, as many people had to set up for the cocktail party. The social committee decided to go all out and hold an old-fashioned southern lawn party. Mint Juleps and Scarlet O'Haras were served out on the "veranda" while the ladies and gents played croquette on the lawn to the sound of a string quartet. The hit of the afternoon, though were the costumes. Many of the young ladies came dressed in gala hoop skirts while some of the men came as civil war generals. Others wore tuxedos. Bill Utic, impeccably dressed as usual, had on his tux and shorts.

After a delicious dinner of pork chops and cheesecake prepared by our very own Pearl Murray, we got down to some really heavy partying to the sound of "Discovery."

Late the next morning, goodbyes were said over brunch. The alumni all started their long treks home and the brothers began their long hours of study (ha, ha) to prepare for their finals.

John M. Graham (883) Arts '81

ACACIA'S 41st NATIONAL CONCLAVE—AUGUST 1980

The National Conclave was held in Lincoln, Nebraska, where delegates congregated from all over the country—Cornell's representatives were Jim Manfredi (855), Jim Skiff (879), and Andrew Mercer (889). The ritualistic opening of conclave was followed by an interesting speech on fraternity hazing by Eileen Stevens, founder of the Committee to Halt Useless College Killings (CHUCK). Edward King, an expert on fraternity rituals, spoke on Acacia's ritual in a fascinating speech in which he compared Playboy to the Ritual! Dr. Mary Grefe was the third speaker with a talk on leadership.

The focus of this year's conclave was leadership. Leadership as it is related to Acacia's heritage and its horizons. The rest of the time was allocated to special programs for the delegates. At the Lincoln racetrack, in a race dedicated to Acacia, Brother Manfredi won \$4.40 to become the big winner of the day! Friday was filled with workshops from the "V.D. Clinic" to "The Profit Making Fraternity." The highlight of conclave was Friday night at the traditional stag party held at the Brass Rail.

The last day was devoted to business—such resolutions as increasing per capita dues from \$20 to \$40, moving national headquarters from Boulder, Colorado, to the Midwest, developing a national initiation ritual for the Little Sister Program, strengthening ties with the masonry, and looking more closely at colonies before chartering them. Conclave closed with an impressive awards banquet at the Hilton Hotel at which Brother Hairston (873) was awarded an Order of Pythagorous—the second highest award national offers to an undergraduate.

Andrew H. Mercer (889)



SOUTHERN BELLES

THEY CAME ON HOME

Homecoming's come and gone and so have the Alumni who "came home." We all started with a beer night dinner and then carvanned out to Tompkins County Community College's swimming pool where we had a splashing good time. Little did we know then that those who were going to the football game (Cornell—7, Dartmouth—3) would be drenched in the pouring rain. Among those who were present were:

Bill and Laura Stewart '78  
Ed '57 and Joanne Conroy  
and Mike and Cathy  
Jim and Patty Kehe '79  
Chuck '53 and Bett Emory  
Bob Squires '52  
David and Sarah Fischell  
Matt '77 and Sheri Brown  
Cosmo Leo '80  
Jim Manfredi '78  
Bill Bethke

Bob Merritt '75  
Jeff Earickson '77  
Gary Hay '80  
Phil Schuler '80  
Mary-Ellen Philipps '80 and Steve Riegel  
Valerie Propati '78 and Steve Smith  
Mary-Gisselle Rathgeber '80  
Nancy (Dobkins) Medford '80

Dinner was as delicious as it could possibly have been with our master chef working behind the scene: Pearl Murray. We had stuffed Cornish Game Hens, broccoli, rice, wine, and for dessert CHEESE CAKE. After dinner the bar opened and coffee and tea were served in the Commons. The band: "The Flames" set up in the dining room and played good music until 1 a.m. During the band's breaks and after it stopped playing, the juke box entertained the non-stop dancing feet of some die-hards. Sometime before sunrise, most everyone had fallen asleep somewhere and on Sunday, most everyone woke-up to Brunch. All-in-all it was a good weekend for visiting, meeting, reminiscing, and planning. You should have been there!

Timm Thom (887) '82

NEED AN ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?  
GIVE US A CALL OR DROP US A LINE.

THE MAILBAG

Dear Timothy K. Thom,

Ever since I read the November 1979 TRAVELLER I have been thinking about your interest in Acacia history. I will relate a few of my memories.

I believe I was initiated in the spring of 1932. At that time the chapter was housed in a rented house at 614 East Buffalo Street. The chapter numbered between 15 and 20. This was in the depth of the great depression and it was most difficult to recruit pledges for economic reasons. A further difficulty was considered to be the extreme shabbiness of the Buffalo Street premises. From my first visit to the house there was always "talk" of a new house. It seemed quite impossible for such a small group in the middle of the depression to make a move into better quarters. However, miraculously such a move came about in September 1934 at the beginning of my senior year.

At the time some thousands of dollars—perhaps up to 10,000—had been accumulated in savings for a new house largely through specific gifts for that purpose through the years. And the depression actually came to aid the chapter for the 318 Highland Road property came on the market because Miss E. Clifford Williams could not afford to keep it. And not to be discounted in the acquisition process was a very dedicated group of local Cornell staff alumni who pursued the project through to its successful completion. I remember that at one time the long negotiations with Miss E. Clifford fell through because she took a dislike to Acacia's chief representative. But the closing finally did take place and we took possession.

At the time I was Venerable Dean. There were a couple of members in Cornell instructor staff positions who lived at the house year round. They organized the move from Buffalo Street to Highland Road. One of these was Dr. H. T. Skinner, just lately retired as head of the National Arboretum at Beltsville, Md. and the late Prof. W. W. Cotner of Cornell Electrical Engineering as well as Dr. Edward Hughes now retired from California Tech in Pasadena. Brother Birge Morris volunteered his services together with a large panel stake truck from his family farm. So we moved over a period of two or three days. At the opening of school in mid-September Acacia was installed at 318 Highland.

When we moved into 318 it was in very good condition but the old Acacia furnishings did not look very well in the new setting. But there was very little that could be done about this in the first couple of years in the new house. I do seem to remember that we had quite a successful pledge season that first fall in the new house. In fact the house was full when we opened thanks to some pre-pledging by brother Claude Bradley of New Hampshire. From that time on Acacia seems to have thrived at Cornell.

Another interesting feature that should be remembered in Acacia history was that originally all members had to be Masons. This was altered to permit non-Masons at sometime prior to my pledging but not too long before. This of course helped change Acacia from largely a graduate fraternity to an undergraduate group.

Probably you know that certain Acacia alumni, long before my introduction to the fraternity, had purchased a large lot on Triphammer Road for a future fraternity structure. Eventually that motel-like structure across from the house between Triphammer and Highland Road was erected after the Second World War. The group of alumni went so far as to have plans drawn for a house on the site but never got the money to build. For years the plans and elevations of the proposed house kicked around in the attic. At the time of the move to Highland Road I believe that this property formed a part of the security for the mortgage of the house. I know that the active members wanted to sell the lot at the time but the interested alumni absolutely refused to part with it because they still hoped to build there.

I suppose that stories of Miss E. Clifford Williams may still continue in the chapter. She was a character of the first order. Her father had been a professor in the university and she herself was a librarian in the Vet College. With the proceeds from the house she built the two small houses just to the north and managed to live off the rents from the several apartments in each. I was quite a friend of hers and called on her the last time in Barbadoes where she had retired. This must have been in the mid-1960s just before she died. Her family had saved every letter and paper they ever received. In Ithaca they had been stored in a downtown storage warehouse. After she removed to Barbadoes, she had two tons of these shipped to her and rented a small house there where she kept the papers and spent her last days reading them. She told me that many of these papers told of a long span of Cornell history. I don't know if they were ever salvaged for history or just destroyed there.

I am sorry that I have not continued an active interest in the Chapter but I have had just too many other things. For the first 10 years after graduating I did take an interest but since the death of W. W. Cotner none of my many Cornell connections remain in Ithaca. I do keep up with a few of my classmates of Acacia: H. T. Skinner, now in North Carolina, Robert T. Reid in Atlanta and Rufus Vail in Menlo Park, California.

After teaching many years in Baldwinsville, I am now retired in Syracuse. I dabble in local history and am just bringing out a history of my families. Next week I go to California for the rest of the winter.

Oh Yes! We did always have a year chapter photo. I believe I have a couple of them somewhere.

Yours truly,

George Hawley (327) '36

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You can contact us by writing to  
Acacia  
c/o SMC-Alumni Services  
Willard Straight Hall  
Cornell University  
Ithaca, New York 14853

Dear Venerable Dean,

As you can see from the enclosed, I teach high school science at Charlotte High in Rochester. I am also an Asst. Scoutmaster with the largest troop in Monroe County. My job is to work with the Leadership Corps consisting of boys 14 to 17 and at least Star in rank.

This year on October 10, 11, and 12, I will lead about a dozen boys on a hike along the Finger Lakes trail south of Danby. The brothers were kind enough in 1978 to let us pitch tents on the back lawn and let us stay overnight. As you can see someone gave us a tour of the house and the boys stayed down the cellar for an hour or two after dark. I have lined up tours of the Cornell and Ithaca College campuses for Saturday. Can I call upon the brothers of Acacia to once again allow us to camp on the back lawn and use the basement facilities Friday night?

Sincerely yours,  
Carey W. Fletcher (596) '58

169 Seville Drive, Rochester, NY 14617

(Editor's note: Bro. Fletcher did come again to camp on the back lawn with his Leadership Corps. We were glad to be of help and were happy to receive a thank you note from the Leadership Corps itself.)

Dear Brothers,

While many of you may not believe it, I am still alive and well or at least alive. My body still functions—down here in the sunshine state. If it can be possible, I am on a schedule as hectic or more hectic than the weird one that I was on while at Cornell.

For an engineering student of 3 years, you couldn't tell from my lifestyle now. I work a 40 hour/week job for an electronic company called Computer Products, Inc. from the hours 4 p.m. to midnight, then I drive an ambulance from 1 a.m. to noon on three week nights and then on weekends I drive for another 30 hours. But wait! On two days a week, I have class for 4 hours—electronics you may guess!—of course not!—don't you know Bert by now? I've accomplished what I came to this jungle for—I'm taking my paramedic certification course. And then besides the course, I have to put in 6 hours/week in hospital Emergency room time. To make things even better, I have to commute 40 miles each way to work which accounts for another 10 hours/week. That brings my grand total to 127 hours/week and leaves me with a whopping 41 hours of free time.

I should be a certified paramedic by March '81. . . . I'm crossing my fingers that I get up there sometime this year. I wish everyone the best of luck on their exams/projects and I hope that some of you can spare a few minutes to write a note and let me know what I've missed and what your plans are. I wish someone would also let Pearl know that I miss her and the good times that were had within the halls of Acacia.

Your brother forever,  
"Bert" (Michael Barr) (866)

5444 Sandhurst Circle South, Lake Worth, FL 33463

(Editor's note: Bert did get here for a visit early in the fall semester.)

Dear Brothers, Little Sisters, and Friends,

. . . The responsibility of my job was a bit heavy last week when the rest of the systems group (both of them) went to Los Alamos for a conference and left me with \$20 million dollars worth of computers to keep running. As soon as they left, the Cray operating system decided to get . . . well . . . constipated. After trying to run X-LAX through the cooling system instead of freon, I decided to start looking through core dumps. My CS414 friends: you have no idea how big a real operating system is. Out of 6,291,456 bits, only one was wrong . . . just one . . . only four days work to find. I have concluded that Murphy's Law works.

Other than that brief revolt of one machine, my work has been going very well. I spend most of my work day looking at mountains and thinking sublime thoughts. We have programming technicians to handle our simple programming, documentarians to write our reports and documentation, consultants to fend off our users, and secretaries to handle other details.

We had one earthquake last month, but I slept through it. You will just have to wait to hear what an earthquake is like.

Dave Aster, Bill Utic, and I will be spending Thanksgiving at Yosemite. I'll send some pictures then.

Fraternally,

Moe Jette (868) '80

286 McLeod Street, Livermore, CA 94550

Dear Brothers,

I hope that all you are doing fine up there in beautiful Cornell, enjoying your University and fraternity life, as well as getting good grades.

Even with all the studying that I had to do up there, I miss that place and the University. Now from the outside things change and become somehow different due to responsibilities that we do not have while at School.

I have accepted a job offer with Dow Chemical of Ecuador as a process engineer in the area of automated packaging. Well it is not automated yet, I am supposed to begin with the automation program. Let's hope that Cornell's teachings prove to be good! I started Oct. 1 so that I am kind of new to the system. With time I will catch up and get to enjoy the work some more.

I suspect that your rush program is going strong this year and that you will be getting some good men into the house. My best wishes for that program and all the house activities.

Cosmo Leo has been in touch with me and I hope that you guys drop me a letter once in a while. Of course you know that if any of you are planning to come down to Ecuador, do not hesitate to tell me so that I could attend you.

Well best of luck to you all and have fun.

Sincerely,

Chalo Vorbeck

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Miriam Akabas, Pam Hudadoff, Barbi Warner, Abby Browning  
Tanya Maltsev, Pam Gros, Sue Glenn  
Absent: Tina Rizzi, Anne Whitney

### CORNELL ACACIA'S LITTLE SISTER PROGRAM

Founded less than two years ago, the Little Sister Program is alive and growing. Now in the middle of the fall semester, we have nine active Little Sisters, three alumnae, and one honorary Little Sister alum. We hope to initiate four or five girls this year, bringing the active membership to about fourteen, the size most brothers feel is optimum for the program.

Though there are problems as in any growing organization, we have made a lot of headway in restructuring the program. We have our own set of by-laws and now have four officers. By adding both a social and a rush chairman, we hope to effectively expand the Little Sister Program as well as aid in the brother's rush.

While the Little Sisters have no set responsibilities at the house, we feel that we play a key role in rush as well as having fun with the brotherhood through study-breaks, wake-ups, and dinners. Most brothers feel that the presence of Little Sisters during rush and social functions help the brothers convey the Spirit of Acacia to the rushees. After realizing that Acacia is not a co-ed fraternity and that the Little Sisters do not live in, most of the rushees were very receptive to the idea of our organization. It is also important to realize that many fraternities on campus as well as half of the Acacia chapters have Little Sister Programs.



HEY! LITTLE SISTERS

### HONORARY LITTLE SISTER VAL PROPATI

autographs for little sisters Patty Kehe and Barbi Warner



Since our honorary society originated, we have expanded from a strictly rush oriented to a more social oriented group. The Little Sisters have helped plan, organize, and decorate for parties, helped spread the Acacia name on campus, and given views on the house as it is seen by those outside the brotherhood. In our role as friends of the house, we are able to make suggestions that the brothers can use or not use as they see fit. All realize that it is the brother's house—and we wouldn't want it any other way! Whether it be in sports or academics, community relations or sorority relations, Cornell Acacia sees a bright future ahead, and with a continued Little Sister Program the future looks even better.

Pamela J. Gros (10), Arts '81  
President of the Little Sisters



JIM MANFREDI being entertained (?)

MOOSEHEAD II

In the November 1978 Traveller the following article was printed: "The Chapter is looking for a moosehead or a deerhead to replace the one that was once mounted over the Commons fireplace. Judging from old formal weekend pictures, it disappeared about 1965. If anyone knows what became of it, we would like to know. Also, if anyone has a moosehead gathering dust somewhere and is willing to donate it, be assured that it would be gratefully received by the actives and displayed in a place of honor." Well, we are still looking and hoping for a reply.

**GUEST COLUMNIST: WILLIAM A. UTIC (836) '77, 1300 CREEKSIDE DRIVE, APT. 317, WALNUT CREEK, CA 94596**

Greeting! It's a balmy fall afternoon here in San Francisco—about 75°F. I've been having a great time, and I'm even learning not to miss those snowy Ithaca winters. On the social front, I'm busy burning a four-ended candle—and I haven't been burned yet. Never fear: no wedding bells for the near future—I'm having too much fun to get married. Since I've been in San Francisco, I've taken up sailing, flying and tennis. I've also been swimming every day after work (it's a rough life). On the job front, a nice 35% raise for the first year, so I'm doing OK. I'm busy getting into all the "right" clubs and meeting all the "right" people. I guess you could say that I'm firmly entrenched in the corporate rat race—and I'm playing to win. I'm still an alumni advisor to the new California Chapter of Acacia at Berkeley. Despite Berkeley's reputation as a center of student unrest and a haven for fruits, nuts, and malcontents of all persuasions, the Greek system at Cal is surprisingly similar to Cornell's (only smaller—about 8% of the freshmen men). The Cal Chapter is a good chapter. They're still not the equal of Cornell, but they will be. In this fall's rush, they had a bid acceptance rate of 12 out of 13 bids extended. Anyone in the San Francisco Bay Area should stop in and check them out. There's also a new Bay Area alumni association for Acacia grads from any chapter. Cornell alums in the area that I've been in touch with are Dave Odegard, Moe Jette, and Dave Astor. John Feldsted is in Pasadena completing his last year in law school at Loyola. John has given up his surf board (temporarily) and is now into gliding. Dave Odegard is working in Richmond as a chemical engineer. Moe Jette is a "computer scientist" (computer jock) down at Lawrence Livermore Labs in Livermore—home of Wente Bros. Winery, with which Moe is quite familiar. Dave Astor is in Palo Alto doing some high-technology stuff that I don't understand. Also, Don MacLeod is supposedly wandering around somewhere between L.A. and San Francisco—but no one's sighted him for months. Sorry, but I won't be back for homecoming this year—the press of business and all that. Regards to everyone. My condolences on Barry Davis' untimely death. Keep up the good work on the Traveller. It's been markedly improved . . .

What's the story on the chapter's "financial problems"? It is very difficult to get alumni to contribute their money to the chapter or house when there is evidence of financial mismanagement. I do not wish to suggest that mentioning your problems in the Traveller was a bad thing. On the contrary, I commend you on your forthrightness, and I hope you will continue to "tell it like it is" in future editions. The alumni want to know. However, I think that it has now become obvious that the active chapter needs to consider instituting room contracts. I know that when I was in the house we didn't like the idea either. However, the house needs legal protection against those who don't live up to their financial responsibilities. This is not an issue over the worth of a brother's word or honesty. If a brother has every intention of paying his bills he should therefore have no reason to fear signing a contract. Specifically, I would suggest brothers signing room contracts for the following academic year before entering room selection in April. The contract should be prepared by an attorney to enforce its legal enforceability, and it can contain escape clauses that allow the signer to get out of the contract for reasons that the chapter may specify, such as academic failure, marriage, and transferring to another school. If necessary, the contract should be signed by parents. Of course, signing a contract for the next year's total (room, board, social, dues) housebill will require the treasurer to get his act together in April, instead of May. But considering the house's past experience with some treasurers, this will probably be a good thing. In addition, it virtually requires that the past treasurer be involved in formulating a new budget—which is a good idea (the contract can also allow the house to raise housebills at a later date if necessary, by a 2/3 vote, for example). [Editor's note: the Chapter now has room contracts for Brothers.]

Just so you don't think that I've become such a curmudgeon already that I've got nothing good to say, I've also got some "kudos" for you guys: 1) the Traveller has improved tremendously in the last two years. Brother Thom should be commended for this year's effort. 2) You should be congratulated on your excellent rush program. From the reports I've heard, you've taken in a fine class this year. However, don't get overconfident—you'll need to maintain the same level of effort in the future, or else . . . but that's another story I can tell some other time. 3) The little sister's program is terrific. I always wished that we could have gotten our act together on that when I was in the house. 4) the house's attitude and image on campus has improved greatly. The national consultant filed a fine report. Also, the national officers were extremely impressed with the chapter after their winter council meeting visit. Both Joe Reed and Norm Saitjen said it was the best winter meeting they'd ever been to. Keep up the good work. 5) Chapter retreats—good idea. 6) So's the carpet drive—but how about a service project?

**HAVE YOU WRITTEN OR CALLED A BROTHER TODAY?**

**IT'S THE NEXT BEST THING TO BEING THERE.**

# THE LAST PUCK DINNER (A FABLE OF THE 25th CENTURY

Once upon a time, there was a University (a place where people party for four years and boil chemicals in their spare time). This particular university was called Kornell, and nearby was a fraternity called Akakia. In this fraternity lived about thirty people and two lizards (oh—and the Friedlander's fish). Among the most notable (or notorious) were the following: the Ward (Agr. '80)—he drinketh much beer and getteth bombed; the Hay (Eng. '80)—essentially the same as the Ward; the Friedlander (Arts '81)—a sober sailor with a strong sideline in squirtgun ambushes; the Kosgriff (Arts '82)—he keepeth the lizards—need anything else be said; and the Nolte (Arts '81)—he ordereth the food and planeth the meals.

One fine September night, the Nolte examined the kitchen budget and saw that there was an acute shortage of money. "What can be done?," thought he. Then a plot began to form in his crafty mind. "A puck dinner would save money, but I had better watch out for my neck." Nevertheless, he went ahead with his dastardly plot.

The next morning, all the brothers got up about two hours late (for the Little Sisters had rearranged the wake-up board and the Davis (Arts '82) was too sleepy to notice), only to discover that it was too late for breakfast. Starving, everyone took off for their second or third classes at a dead run.

Due to various reasons (i.e., grenade throwing labs, bartending lectures, geology field trips, and other courses of earth-shaking importance), none of the brotherhood got anything to eat in the middle of the day. It was a starving membership that assembled in the commons at 5:45 for what they expected would be a feast (the Nolte had put Canadian Steak on the menu).

The dinner bell rang promptly at 5:55, and the eager mob pushed their way down to dinner. A wave of cold fear swept the starving diners as the puck-killer made its appearance. A lynch mob was forming when the pucks appeared.

Now the Nolte was no fool. He knew that trouble might be coming so he fortified himself in the Phi-Phi area, armed with one of the Graham's squirtguns. As the howling mob busted down the door, the Nolte opened fire. But sadly with no effect, for the Friedlander had removed the pump.

They made the Nolte into pucks and sold them to K.D.R. for rush dinners. It has been said that for many years afterward, each new Junior Steward has been visited by a ghostly figure and has been warned:

A good puck belongs on the ice not in the icebox

ANONYMOUS ('??)

HAVE YOU UPDATED YOUR INFORMATION?

## ALUMNI NEWS

**A. GORDON BEDELL (286) '11, 200 E. IVANHOE 10, CHANDLER, AZ. 85224** I now have four grandchildren. Barbara has graduated college, and lives in Richmond, Virginia. James has also graduated college, and lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He works for the Hilton Hotel Corp. John is a freshman at the University of Arizona in Tucson. Benjamin is seven months old, and lives in Tempe, Arizona with his parents (my son and daughter-in-law), who both work for Motorola in Mesa. My daughter lives in Dover, Delaware, where she is the School Librarian for the Dover School system.

**J. CLYDE THOMAS (237) '22, 1102 WISCONSIN STREET, GLENWOOD, IL. 60425** My present most active doings are Rotary Club and auto trips across the country. Under separate cover, I'm sending a copy of *Acacia* history which may be of interest for the library.  
(Editor's note: The Brothers thank Bro. Thomas for his thoughtfulness.)

**JAMES N. LIVERMORE (203) '23, 5 HANOVER ROAD, PLEASANT RIDGE, MI. 48069** Brother Livermore's widow wrote to inform us of his passing on July 17, 1980. We thank her for her generous gift of \$100 and extend condolences on behalf of the Brotherhood.

**ROGERS P. CHURCHILL (244) '24, 622 S. STAFFORD ST., ARLINGTON, VA. 22204** I have been retired since the end of September 1972. I was then the Special Assistant to the Editor of *Foreign Relations of the United States* in the Historical Office of the Department of State. I live here rather quietly, but my wife is quite active in volunteer service for the Red Cross, the Visiting Nurse Association, and in the Arlington Presbyterian Church. Last year I was in the hospital two times for respiratory and circulatory disorders, but I hope now that these have been overcome. My son [Jerome C. Churchill (710) '67, now resides at 1870 Las Ramblas, Concord, CA. 94521], with his wife, son, and daughter. He is the Labor Relations Manager for the Spreckels Sugar Division of the Amstar Corp., with an office in San Francisco. A couple of times when visiting him we have gone to Los Angeles where we visited with Edward Hughes (277) '24 in Pasadena, and once he and his wife visited us. He is also retired, as a professor at the California Institute of Technology.

**PERRY D. SLOCUM (342) '35, 1101 CYPRESS GARDENS RD., WINTERHAVEN, FL. 33880** I lost my first wife in February 1979 after 34 years of marriage. I remarried on July 14, 1979 to a real southern belle—a North Carolina cracker—Maggie Belle is what I call her. Between us we have eight children, and 16.5 grandchildren. We spend half the year in North Carolina (the warm time) and half the year in Florida (the cool time).

**ROBERT D. FLICKINGER (434) '47, 801 LEBURN RD., BUFFALO, NY. 14226** I am working for the same company with a new title "Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer." The parent company, Del Monte, was acquired by R. J. Reynolds Industries in February 1979. It has been a very exciting time for all concerned. Laurie and I are now grandparents by my daughter Jo Ann Flickinger Patnoss (Cornell Hotel '72 and MBA '74).

**MARTIN E. OFFENBERGER (568) '56, 1863 KASHLAN RD., LAHABRA HEIGHTS, CA. 90631** Roger Soloway '57 and his wife Lynne, visited us in February. Roger, a physician also, was in California to present a lecture on gastroenterology. Despite his impressive credentials he remains as warm and lovable as ever.

**PAUL C. JAMES (606) '56, 2915 MILLBORO ROAD, CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH. 44224** After living in Australia and Holland, have settled in Indian country (Cleveland Indian, that is), with wife Brenda, and children Kimberly and Eric. Looking forward to 25th reunion in 1981.

**ROGER D. SOLOWAY (589), '57, 320 SAYBROOK RD., VILLANOVA, PA. 19085** During a recent speaking tour in Southern California, Lynne and I visited with Dr. Martin and Jean Offenberger. Marty lives in Lahabra, California, near Los Angeles and has a practice nearby. Jean assists him in the office.

**ROBERT T. FRANSON (636) '61, 3350 W. 31st AVE. VANCOUVER, BC. CANADA** I served my period of Articles with one of British Columbia's major mining companies, Cominco Ltd. and was enrolled as a Barrister and Solicitor in September. My plans are to continue teaching law for the immediate future.

**JONATHAN I. THOMAS (646) '62, BOX 60, PROSPECT HARBOR, ME. 04669** My wife's daughter, Caroline Rupp, will be graduating in January, 1981 from the College of Engineering at Cornell, having majored in Computer Science. Carol's brother, Frank, is starting college in Maine this fall.

**JOHN R. AHLFELD (649) '63, 2634 ROYAL RD., LANCASTER, PA. 17603** I suggest that the Annual Corporation Meeting should be held on Homecoming Weekend.

**DAVID A. GORELICK (717) '68, 10826 ROCHESTER AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA. 90024** I finished my UCLA psychiatry residency in June, and became an Assistant Professor in the department. About 75% of my time is spent in psychopharmacology research, since I won a Veterans Administration Career Development award for research in alcoholism and depression. My wife, Naomi Feldman, CUMC '77, finished her internal medicine residency in June, and is working at Ross-Loo Medical Center, a major pre-paid health plan in Los Angeles. Our oldest son David, now four years old, entered kindergarden in September. Our youngest son, Jonathan will be one year old on October 25.

**JERRY W. KREIDER (720) '68, 236 DUDLEY AVE., NARBERTH, PA. 19072** Glad to hear there are special plans for 1982/75th anniversary. Hope to visit over the summer—or perhaps for Fall Homecoming.

[Editor's note: No sign of Jerry yet—but the door's always open.]

**ALBERT I. BERGER '69, PSC BOX 100, APO SAN FRANCISCO, CA. 96328** I have been living in Japan since August 1979, teaching American History and Literature college courses to members of the armed services as part of the University of Maryland's worldwide extension program. In the course of my work and some vacation travel I've managed to see the Tokyo area, Okinawa, and northern Honshu for extended periods of time and Hong Kong and the People's Republic of China on visits. I am writing this in June, and if plans remain the same until the fall I will be working at a Marine Corps Air Station near Hiroshima by the time this makes it into the Traveller. I am also working on a book which is nearly finished and should be out (from Borgo Press) at the end of 1980 or the beginning of 1981. The biggest news, however, is that I am planning to get married this summer or fall to an old friend of mine from Los Angeles, Brenda Smiley, an actress who is currently working as a writer of television scripts. Since she has her own career and very busy schedule, the actual date of our wedding is not yet determined, nor is the location. She may not be free of obligations until after I have to be in Japan for the academic year 1980-81—so we may be married in the US, or in Japan depending on circumstances. **Dave Odegaard (743) '70** my old buddy from the class of '70, is slated to be best man. Of course Dave and I have been hanging out together ever since he hit California after getting his MS in 1974.

**PHILIP ENGLER (739) '70, 1107 FORD ROAD, LYNDHURST, OH. 44124** My wife Shelley and I recently had our first child, Daniel Eric: 8/29/80.

**STUART S. HANTMAN, MD (756) '71, 29 STARHAVEN AVE., MIDDLETOWN, NY. 10940** I am currently in a hospital-based private practice of radiology in Middletown, NY (Orange County). My wife, Carol Lee (Fox) Hantman '73, is taking aerobic dancing classes at the Orange County Community College. Our beautiful blue-eyed daughter Melissa is 1 1/2 years old and a pure joy.

**LARS A. LUNDEEN (772) '72, 13423 SW 102 LANE, MIAMI, FLA. 33176** This proud owner of a genuine Cornell Acacia flak jacket (which I believe was invented by Kevin O'Hara (759) '71) is finally hanging it up to wed Miss Charlene Heinisch, a Miami, Florida native. Charlene is a pediatric registered nurse in the Miami area. My former "Big Brother" Dave Trost (764) '71 is serving as best man at the wedding which is scheduled for Saturday, June 21, 1980 here in Miami. On the law front—I've completed my first three personal injury jury trials of my career, bringing in plaintiff verdicts in all three. My boss warns the worm is bound to turn, but in the meantime he's happy. Our firm specializes in personal injury, malpractice, wrongful death and related cases.

**STANLEY P. GRZYWNA (780) '73, 183 MAIN ST., THREE RIVERS, MA. 01080** The only question I have is about the Alumni Directory. It seems that Acacia National is printing a directory. Please keep up the good work in preparing THE TRAVELLER. I look forward to getting it.

**STEVEN L. STEIN (787) '73, 1806 SLATERVILLE ROAD, ITHACA, NY. 14850** I left Cornell after working there since 7/73. I am now working at Morse Chain Division of Borg-Warner in Ithaca, as a Computer Systems Analyst. My wife, Mary, son Benjamin (1 1/2 years old) and I are living in our own home on Slaterville Road. Tim Birkland (798) '75 stopped by in March while in town for Vet School interview. He and wife April were expecting a baby any day.

**CARLOS A. UBARRI (805) '75, 6 BLACKWOOD STREET 124, BOSTON, MA. 02115** I recently finished my Mtg Management training with G.E. After traveling around the nation interviewing different departments I finally decided to stay with the Aerospace Instrument and Electrical System Department (AIESD) in Wilmington, Mass. (just north of Boston). I'm working as a manufacturing Engineer in charge of the torque motors which drive most of our cockpit instruments, both commercial and military. I'm enjoying my work and the city of Boston thoroughly. If in the neighborhood please feel free to call on me. I received a very unexpected call last Thanksgiving. It was from Steve Wagner (847) '76 who decided to go for a law degree at Ohio State. Best of luck!

I started my MBA at B.U. I am looking forward on going to hockey games against Cornell. (I'll always rule for the Big Red!!)

**MICHAEL R. FEINBERG (813), '76, 100 E. INDIAN SPRING RD., SILVER SPRINGS, MD. 20901** I am spending 1/2 of every month in the wilds of North Carolina inspecting bridges. This will continue through October. My job consists of jumping up and down on a bridge to see if it will continue to stand and then filling out forty pages of forms to satisfy the bureaucratic need to know. Give my regards to Pat (799) '75 and Jill Chefalo.

**FREDERICK E. RUSHFORD (817) '76, 162 VILLAMIL ST., SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO 00907** I will be graduating from the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine in June. After that I'm moving to Houston, Texas to join the faculty of Baylor College of Medicine as an intern in the Department of Internal Medicine. It promises to be an exciting and exhausting year at the Texas Medical Center.

**MATTHEW L. BROWN (822) '77, 726 ALDER CIRCLE, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. 23462** Sheri and I will be moving to Virginia in December and I will be taking a new assignment on board USS NEWPORT (LST-1179), homeported in Little Creek.

**JOHN C. BRUECKMAN III (844) '78, 403 S. GRAHAM ST. 3, PITTSBURGH, PA. 15232** I've experienced a very active summer. June 1st I was promoted to Pittsburgh, Pa. with Procter and Gamble to pioneer their new surgical products business. Sept. 15 I became a marketing consultant with the Coca-Cola Company in Atlanta, Ga. I would like to suggest all the brothers and their families have a "Coke and a smile."

**MICHAEL W. FRIED (863) '80, 79 HA UNIVERSITY ST., ENTRANCE 4, 3, RAMAT AVIV, TEL AVIV, ISRAEL 69345** He say's he's happy to be there (in medical school) and he's learned the Hebrew word for pizza. I know he would be pleased to hear from the brothers. Best wishes for a successful year. Cordially, Rosalyn Fried

**BRUCE G. SCHNEIDER (842) '78, 107 HARVESTER RD., FAIRFIELD, CT. 06430** I am still with Citibank in New York. I am supervising the operation of the banks general ledger system. It is an interesting job with hopefully a lot of potential. I became engaged to Amy Hirsch last March. We will be married on May 17, 1981. I am pleased to report after reviewing the books with Rich Han, Rob Spiesz, and Sam Morrie that after a rough start this year the house is headed into a strong financial position. Rich Han has done an excellent job of organizing the house's books. He definitely deserves our thanks.

Brother Joe Schussler '80 wrote me a letter and told me he was working in a swine breeders division of Dekalb. To quote Joe, "Yup, working with pigs." His address: P.O. Box 404, Plains, Kansas 67869

**BRADLEY J. MEYER (856) '79, 2272 N. 4th ST., COLUMBUS, OHIO 43202** Still working on a Masters degree in Military history at Ohio State. This year I'm sitting on the other side of the educational fence as a T.A. I spent the summer in three states—North Dakota, Georgia, and New York (including some time at Cornell Acacia, which is a state of mind at least).

Last I heard Rob Spiesz '77 was styling himself the "leading sinner in Buffalo." Does anyone know what he means by this?

**FREDERICK N. SKIFF (858) '79, Box 300, GRADUATE COLLEGE, PRINCETON, NJ. 08544** Hi Brothers! I'm starting my second year of graduate study in Physics. The social life here is somewhat reduced, but piano lessons and plenty of squash round things out. Currently I'm doing research on parametric decay of lower hybrid waves. Still doing calculations on napkins. I see Gary Hay '80 every once in a while. We may come up for this fall depending on schedule. I hope all is well with the house. Say Hi to Pearl for me.

**JAMES W. KEHE (874) '79, 27 DANIEL RD., SOUTH, NORTH MASSAPEQUA, NY. 11758** I hear brother Jim Kehe is getting married to Acacia's first initiated little sister, Patti Warner '79. It is going to be quite an occasion September 6, 1980.

What ever happened to Tom Visconti '78 and Robert S. Kenney '78 (my big brother)? Maybe Tom has found a woman and won't tell us!!!

**WILLIAM R. WARD (862) '80, 2502 E. KILGORE ST., APT. 43, ORLANDO, FL. 32803** I have no news. I did run into two class of '80 Missouri-Rolla Acacians at an Oktoberfest here last weekend. They were rather obvious with their AKAK shirts. At least if people have bought shirts to show their pride in their affiliation (brother or little sister) then they work. See you in the spring.

**WILLIAM B. HAIRSTON III (873) '80, 2540 ABERDEEN ROAD, BIRMINGHAM, AL. 35223** I am studying hard at the University of Alabama Law School. What else do you want to know? Enjoyed Andrew's and Jim's visit. Hopefully, I can make it to Spring Weekend and I expect a lot of Alumni to return!!!! Joe Schussler is busy slopping the hogs in Kansas and Jim Manfredi is experimenting in N.Y.C.

**JANE COVILLION 8656 BRAEWOOD DR. 2B, BALDWINVILLE, NY. 13027** On April 18, 1980 I took the big step—I am now the wife of David Covillion, a law enforcement officer from Vermont. We went to Florida on our honeymoon—the first time for both of us! I also am quite busy interviewing prospective Cornell students, working at a news typesetter, and studying for my Masters in education at SUNY Oswego. My teaching job is great—6th grade math!

Had a great time in NYC in September with 17 Acacia related people.

## THOUGHTS OF CONCERN

Many of you have been through World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. For those of us in the fraternity today there is a growing concern over the inevitability of a draft registration and the implications that may follow. As the "voices of experience," we seek your advice at this time. Just a short note sharing with us about similar times that you had would be appreciated.

Dear Brothers,

I was sorry to read of the passing of Bro. Fred Wollmer. He and I were very good friends. Many a game of pool we played at old 614 when we had to open the windows on one side of the pool room in order to have the cues stick out so we'd have room to hit the balls while for the opposite side we had sawed off cue sticks so as to have room to make shots. . . . because of the wonderful memories of long ago days at 614. And do you know I would never have met my wife if she hadn't been brought there at the initiation dance by my room-mate Bro. Addie Adams. She was Cornell '27 and a member of Kappa Delta. So you see we are a Cornell family of three generations: Al and Val '27, Arthur - Acacia '56, and now Beth '83. I just couldn't get you our grandsons for members—they both thought Cornell too big. Best wishes for a very successful 1981.

Fraternally,

Al Frederick (257) '27

310 No. Broadway, McAllen, TX 78501

## CHAPTER ETERNAL

We regret to inform the Brotherhood of the passing of Brother Paul Wheeler Thompson (59) '10, Brother James N. Livermore (203) '23, and Brother Barry Alan Davis (888).

**PAUL WHEELER THOMPSON (59), BORN ON DECEMBER 7, 1887**, was executive vice president of the Detroit Edison Company when he retired in 1953. After graduating from Oxford Academy in 1906 he entered Cornell University from which he graduated in 1910 with the degree of Mechanical Engineer. During the following three years he was Instructor in senior engineering subjects at Cornell.

He served in WWI as a Major in the Ordinance Department, U.S. Army. Returning to the Detroit Edison Company in 1919, he became Technical Engineer of Power Plants. During WWII he had special duties with the National Defense Research Committee of the Office of Scientific Research and Development.

He was a well known figure in the electric power industry and a recognized expert in the design and operation of large steam-electric power plants. Coupled with a fine balance between theoretical and practical engineering skill, he possessed a high degree of administrative ability marked by distinctive leadership and a keen understanding of human nature.

Bro. Thompson died on February 21, at his home in Grosse Pointe Park, MI. He is survived by a sister and his son Robert W. Thompson of Chicago.



HEY — CHARLIE



Barbi — BARRY — Patty

### CHAPTER ETERNAL: BARRY ALAN DAVIS, JULY 28, 1960—SEPTEMBER 6, 1980

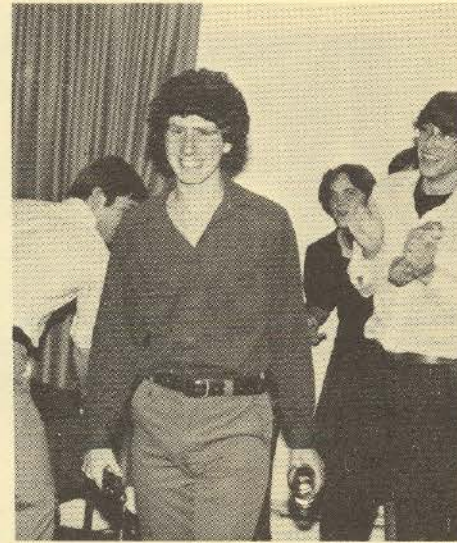
On Saturday, September 6, 1980 Barry Alan Davis (888) was killed in a head on collision on route 13 outside of Horseheads, N.Y. It is reported that the driver of the other vehicle had fallen asleep when he entered Davis' lane and hit the Cutless Supreme headon. Davis tried to avoid the pick-up truck but was still struck on the right shoulder of his side of the road. Thus ended the life of a dear and beloved brother of Acacia Fraternity.

Barry was just beginning to see and experience what life really was. Always on the move, like words to music, he flowed to the tune of living. He lived every moment of his life to the fullest. And to all projects he undertook *voluntarily*, he gave his fullest. Even when his fullest attention had to be divided between his family, his academics, Acacia, his job, the local radio stations: WTKO and WVBR, and his latest endeavor of working for Exxon Corporation through Engineer Co-op. He was a junior studying computer science in the College of Arts and Sciences.

In his short time with us, he affected us all in some way —



SHOWER?



I'VE WON THE MALCOLM!





BARRY and Malcolm



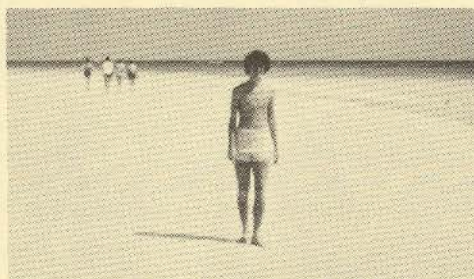
BARRY DAVIS



WORKING ON PLEDGE PROJECT



ROCKY ON TOUR with Pam



ON THE BEACH IN BERMUDA



CANOEING DOWN THE DELAWARE



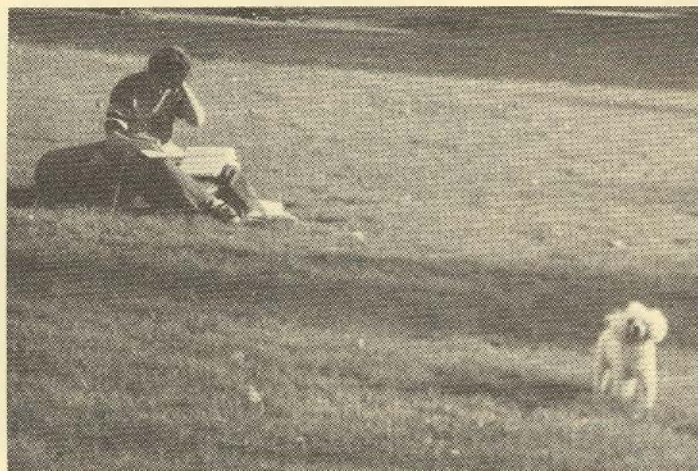
ROCKY RUSHEE - REBEL



CELEBRATING: WITH HIS BIG BROTHER AND WITH HIS LITTLE BROTHER



WANT TO SEE WHAT'S FOR DINNER?



BARRY AND CHARLIE

## ACACIA FRATERNITY

## LOST BROTHERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>LAST KNOWN ADDRESS</u>	<u>ROLL #</u>
George C. Schempp			0070
Thomas J. Bacon	1945		0428
Comm. Raymond A. Ways	1954	USS Enterprise Cuan-65 N/A C/O FPO San Francisco, Ca 96601	0538
Dr. Richard L Hanks	1955	Box 641 Omak, Wa 98841	0549
Gary D. Klock	1962	1051 Plate Drive E. Palatine, Il 60067	0641
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David E. McCoy	1973	11527 Landsdowne Apt 701 Houston, TX 77035	0808
Richard L. Ayotte	1976	317 South Camac Street Philadelphia, Pa 19107	0809
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0334	Clarence Bent	0738	Stewart Burger '70
0734	Howard S. Zwiefel 111	0743	David A. Odegaard '70
0701	Richard K. McMurtry	0763	Fredrick W. Tierney Jr. '71
0129	Norman W. Sutter '16	0772	Lars Lundeen '72
0186	Herbert Press Cooper '22	0173	Alan Pue '73
0194	G. Milton Benson '22	0875	Robert C. Merritt '75
0246	Ernest W. Brackett '25	0805	Carlos A. Ubarri '75
0235	Howard H. Campbell '25	0822	Matthew L. Brown '77
0391	Robert S. Smith '42	0836	William A. Utic '77
0434	Robert D. Flickinger '47	0844	John C. Brueckman 111 '78
0440	William Pendarvis '47	LS13	Valerie Propati '78
0495	Chester Pohl '51	0842	Bruce G. Schneider '78
0491	W. E. Cox '52	0848	Thomas Visconti '78
0496	Robert B. Squires '52	9079	Patricia M. Warner Kehe '79
0565	Thomas H. Burrows '56	0874	James W. Kehe '79
0596	Carey W. Fletcher '58	0861	George Ramos '79
0629	Arthur J. Hart '61	0873	William B. Hairston 111 '80
0672	William Evans '65	0890	Andrew H. Mercer '82