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FALL RUSHING PRODUCES FOURTEEN NEW PLEDGES



This happy group made the most of the Harvard Week-End alumni party talking over old times. From left to right we find the following Acacia brothers, Joe Delario, Dick Mathews, Kent Miller, Kent Buck, Marv Townsend and "Doc" Bradley.

Alumni Recommendations Prove Valuable Asset

The undergraduate members of Acacia Fraternity wish to express, at this time, their thanks to the alumni, for the numerous pledge recommendations that reached us here at the Chapter House, making it possible for us to add to Acacia's roster fourteen new men.

We are pleased with our selection and hope that our alumni will make every effort to come back soon and meet these boys.

In order that you will be more familiar with our new crop of pledges we are offering the following thumb nail sketch of each man:

Sheldon Earl Brink, from Walton, is a member of the class of '52. He was initiated in the latter part of October with those pledges of Spring Rushing. He is in the "Ag" school, majoring in Pomology. Earl's father is a wearer of the jeweled triangle of the class of '21.

David L. Champlin, of Binghamton, graduated from Binghamton Central High School with the Southern Tier Tech., Soc. Award. Dave is studying M.E., and will be graduated in '55. His interest in sports is shown by his ability to play football and will prove worthwhile on the basketball and softball team, also.

Joseph Anthony Delario, hails from Wyckoff, New Jersey and is in Pre-med, class of '55. Joe's major extra-curricular activity is baseball. While in high school he received the "Cup of Spirit and Sportsmanship in Baseball" and, at present, he shows interest in all intramural sports.

James L. Freeman, Watkins Glen, followed family tradition by entering Cornell this fall after an active high school career. Jim is already taking part in extracurricular activities by

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Senior Weekend Concludes Spring Socials Fall Program Offers Outstanding Events

Come Back, Alumni Plan To Join Us, Soon

The Acacia social season closed on Commencement Day, June 11 after the traditional Senior Weekend, in honor of graduating Acacians *George Bassett, Jim Brown, Ralph Brown, "Collie" Campbell, Bob Copeland, Joe and Paul Curtiss, John Curtiss, Dick Graham, Bob Howe, "Bucky" Lauber, Chet Pohl, "Oak" Ray, Wally Rich and Bill Wickham. Walt Dragon and Dwight "Joe" Miller*, who graduated in February, were also present.

Upon returning in September, we spent two weeks in formal rushing, and threw our first party of the year after the Syracuse game in honor of our new pledges. Things got under way with a buffet supper followed by several bridge games, and a "vic"

dance for the rest of the evening. Brethren *Lloyd Hayner and John Pakan* and wives chaperoned. Musical entertainment was provided by "Tex" Youngdahl on the guitar, Dick Davis on the sax and Earle Ginter on the trumpet; together with pianists *Bob Baker and "Jaq" DuBois* and group singing. Our hats off to the Syracuse chapter, which showed up en

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Our Venerable Dean Addresses The Alumni

With our first publication of the season I wish to report good news. The fall rush has been very successful and the physical condition of the house is good. More will be said of the active chapter in other articles. This article pertains to you, the alumni.

Before the traditional Homecoming Weekend of October 13 an invitation was extended to all local alumni to visit the house for an informal visit and a buffet dinner after the game. This was a good idea as far as it went, but it was only an indication of what is possible. In this light I suggest the following.

I suggest that on Homecoming Weekend the active chapter, in cooperation with interested alumni, plan a banquet well in advance. At this occasion all alumni will be welcomed with special emphasis placed on classes of a five or ten year period. At this homecoming occasion a speaker will be invited and a program planned. If a large enough turnout is indicated and the situation warrants it, each attending alumnus will contribute a fee for his dinner and rental on any chambers. In this manner I believe Homecoming would mean so much more to those of you who now stay away for fear of not knowing anyone.

After the support you gave me when I asked for rushing recommendations, there is every indication of a rising interest in the chapter. If you think this idea of a yearly get-together is good, please drop me a line informally on a post card about it.

Venerable Dean
William C. Burnett

NOTES FROM THE TRAVELER EDITOR

I am happy to report that the reception to the new format for the Traveler, was universally favorable. When the idea was first conceived last Spring, we wondered how you would react to the change. We could not have been more pleased with your support, more recommendations were received for rushing and more alumni attended our alumni weekend party than ever before.

Your renewed interest has reflected itself in the undergraduate members. With fifteen graduating last spring we were left with only twenty-five active members and five holdover pledges; however, when rushing started these thirty entered the fight with the other fifty-one fraternities on the hill and showed such spirit and enthusiasm that everyone concerned was amazed. It was strictly a "do or die" proposition, but we refused to be counted out, and because everyone extended himself to the maximum, our efforts were rewarded with sixteen pledges. This is an average of slightly more than one pledge for every two men rushing, a truly amazing result. Sixteen may not seem like a large number of pledges, but if some of the larger houses rushed as well as we did they would have had twenty-five or thirty pledges; high number on the hill was about twenty. You can draw your own conclusions.

We obviously didn't know our own strength, but now that we have seen what we can do by all pulling together, everything around the house is improving! work sessions, parties, interest in sports, and appearance of the house. You started the ball rolling with your interest, you can keep it rolling with more interest. If we keep hearing from you, we will keep working for you.

Before I close I want to thank "Doc" Bradley whose help with the last issue was the spark that started the fire. We are forever grateful to you, "Doc." I also want to thank those who helped me prepare this issue. They include Bill Burnett, Ted

Hanna, Fred Scism, Bob Baker, and John Gordon.

I hope you are pleased with our efforts and I'll write you again some time near Christmas.

—James M. Symons

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These Alumni Brothers Are On The Move

Since the publication of the last Traveler, many address changes have been brought to our attention. In order that our alumni will be kept "up to date" on the latest changes our brothers are making we will publish subsequent lists in forthcoming issues. It will be appreciated if the brothers will notify us when they move to a new location.

Horace Charles Ballard '35—Box 159, North Conway, N. H.

Wilbur James Barnes '15—106 N. Adams Street, Rockville, Md.

Donald P. Berens '47—Stormville, N. Y.

Leland F. Brahmer '08 — 5320 Rock Creek, Church Road, NE, Apt. 317, Washington 11, D.C.

Kenneth E. Brown '33 — RD 2, Lyons

John W. Bryant '42—159 Greenfield Road, Rochester

Cyril F. Campbell '25—210 South Allen Street, State College, Pa.

Ralph P. Cline '35—Ballston Lake

Carl L. Cook '38—HQ 528th AC & W, Group APO, San Francisco, Calif.

Charles C. Darlington—Concordville, Pa.

Eugene P. Deatruck '17—Morgantown, W. Va.

Harold M. DeVolt '23—522 Dickinson Street, College Park, Md.

Willard F. Dodson '23—5200 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago 40, Ill.

Dale Freelove '51—23 Main St., Exeter, N. H.

George L. Fuller '46—817 South Street, Utica 3.

Harvey N. Gilbert '14—1296 Cayuga Drive, Niagara Falls

Six New Brothers Join Acacia's Ranks

We of the Cornell Chapter of Acacia Fraternity are happy to welcome our six new brothers who were initiated October 28, 1951.

They are:

Sheldon Earl Brink, Waldon, N.Y.

—Ag '52

Lee Essley Edwards, Ridgewood, N. J.—M.E. '55

John Bernard Frisbie, Bronxville, N. Y.—Ag '53

Charles Anthony Geyh, Hartsdale, N. Y.—Ch. E. '53

Theodore Weston Hanna, Avon, N. Y.—Ag '52

John Stanley Mallery, Jr., Albany, N. Y.—Ag '52

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Senior Weekend

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masse and made this party one of the biggest and best in years!

Wednesday, October 10 saw our first exchange dinner of the year. Ep-silon chapter of AOPi were the guests for a buffet dinner and group entertainment by our red-hot combo. Many thanks to the girls for a wonderful evening.

Homecoming weekend, October 13, was the scene of the Harvard game (42 to 7) and our second big party. Many of our alumni and "fratres in facultate" were present; among them *Dick Graham*, *Bill Wickham* and *Wally Rich* of the Class of '51; "*Bud*" *Cushing* '44; *Fred Burton*, *W. I. Noonburg*, *Prof.* and *Mrs. "Pete" Olafson*, *Prof.* and *Mrs. W. C. Andrae*, *C. L. Walker*, *Prof.* and *Mrs. E. M. Strong*, *Prof.* and *Mrs. "Gus" Heuser*, *Prof.* and *Mrs. W. C. Meserve*, *H. C. Reed*, *Prof.* and *Mrs. Roy Clarke*, *Bob Snider*, *Prof. W. W. Cotner*, and *Perry Slocum*. "*Doc*" *Bradley* came down from New Hampshire, bringing several baskets of apples and good cheer. Also here were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Davis of Berwick, parents of *Dick Davis*, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Wilford, parents of *Joe Wilford*, from Williamsburg, Pa. A good time was had by all, and we're always glad to get to-

Meet "Doc" Pierce



Howard C. Pierce '07 (Charter Member), is National Poultry Research Director of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company. "Doc" as he is affectionately known by his many, many friends in the Poultry World, has been engaged in various phases of the Poultry Industry of the U.S. Ever since graduating from Cornell in 1907, prior to 1927 his work was primarily with the U.S.-D.A., and, since that date with the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co.

"Doc" Pierce is author and co-author of numerous publications and articles on the Poultry and Egg Industry of the U.S. Some of these are used as text books and references throughout the country as they deal especially with marketing problems in the industry.

"The Chicken of Tomorrow Contest" which has done so much during the last few years toward revolutionizing the poultry meat angle of the industry throughout the nation, literally speaking is "Doc's Baby," and he has done a most commendable job of it. He is recognized as one of the few men who has made the greatest contribution toward the general advancement of the Poultry Industry during the last fifty years.

The Pierces have two grown daughters and two grandchildren. Howard and his wife Leila live at 20 Puritan Ave., Tuckahoe, N. Y.

gether with all our alumni and friends!

The weekend of November 2-4 was the annual Fall Weekend. We had about thirty-four couples at the house, to take in the Columbia game, the big dance and all the other attractions. Chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. John Pakan and Mr. and Mrs. Chet Pohl. We pulled out all the stops, gang; and had a tremendous weekend.

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joining the Big Red Band and the Cornell Widow staff.

Richard Leo Hanks, Ithaca, is majoring in "Ag" and hopes to be in the class of '55. During Dick's high school days he took part in extra-curricular activities and also received the award of the National Latin Honor Society. His hobbies are hunting, fishing and trapping.

Richard A. Mathews, Warwich, is a freshman in the College of Arts and Sciences. He graduated from Taft Prep School in the spring of '51 and was outstanding in sports activities. He is already a great asset to our intramural team.

Ernest Lewis Mathews, Jr. Elm-hurst, is a cousin to Dick Mathews. Lew also went to Taft Prep School and graduated with senior honors in English and Latin in addition to holding Cum Laude. Lew is in the Arts School and someday hopes to be a Philadelphia lawyer.

Ralph Kent Miller, Bridgeport, is also from Taft, graduating in '51. As a freshman in Arts, majoring in Zoology, Kent is planning to be a doctor.

David Noel Schwardt, Ithaca, is in the M.E. School and will graduate in '56. While in high school, Dave participated in Photography, Orchestra and numerous other activities. He obtained the Boys' State Boy-of-the-Month Award.

John Alan Shepardson, Elmira, is in the "Ag" school, preparing for the College of Veterinary Medicine. While in high school he was a member of DeMolay and intends to do C.U.R.W. work.

William L. Stevens, Jr., Westerlo, has all the potentialities for a valuable member of our intramural squads having participated in a variety of high school sports. His well rounded personality will also be an asset to the house.

Frank Floren Tetz, Elmira, possesses the American Legion Award as the Outstanding Boy of his class, while in high school. He was also

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HERE'S THE LATEST NEWS ABOUT OUR ACACIA BROTHERS

Albert L. Goff '10, writes "I spend most of the winter months at Al's Schoole House, Lake Placid, N. Y. This is where I was head of the highest educational school in New York state before I entered Cornell—THE LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE—elevation 2300 feet. When they centralized the schools at Lake Placid, I bought it and fixed it up for a rendezvous." Albert spends the remainder of his time at Elba, N. Y. and his address is 23 So. Main Street.

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Sherman P. Hollister '08, retired in 1944 from the Horticultural Department, University of Connecticut, and is now Prof. Emeritus of Horticulture. He spends part time instructing in the Bartlett School of Tree Surgery, Stamford, Conn. Outside of looking after many town affairs, "Sherm" has a large garden and lawn which occupies some of his spare time in the Summer—otherwise, a "life of ease as a reward." Prof. and Mrs. Hollister live at 6 Willowood Road, Storrs, Conn.

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B. Gregg Abbey '22, is now Supervisor of Science in the Niagara Falls

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elected to the National Honor Society. Frank's brother, John, is a wearer of the jeweled triangle of the Syracuse Chapter.

Richard Marvin Townsend, Hartsdale, was Senior Counselor of the DeMolay Chapter in Hartsdale. "Mov's" high school activities were varied for he was a member of the Band, elected to the Honor Society, worked on the school paper, and was on the tennis team.

David Phelps Williams, Plandome, received, during his high school career, the Time Magazine Current Events Award. He also partook of many sports. At the present time Dave is in the Arts College and a member of the class of '55.

School System, which includes five high schools. At present Gregg is President of the Niagara Parent Teachers Association which has 650 members—which keeps him busy. On May 8, 1951 Gregg became the very proud Grand-paw of a fine baby boy. His youngest daughter is a Freshman at Alleghany College. He writes that he sees *Carrol Griffin* quite often—and would be glad to see any of the old gang should they be up this way. The Abbeyes live at 2470 South Ave., Niagara Falls, N. Y.

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Howard H. Campbell '23, is still at the same old place—411, Mineola Blvd., Mineola, L.I., N. Y. "Hump" is County Agricultural Agent on Long Island. The Campbells have one son who is in the Navy.

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Bertram Y. Kinzey '20, is Executive Manager, Virginia Associated Plumbing and Heating Contractors, Richmond, Va. Bert and his wife Gertrude took a months vacation this Summer and drove to California to visit their daughter and granddaughter, stopping enroute to speak at the Convention of the New Mexico Associated Plumbing and Heating Contractors. Bert's address is 109 Builders Exchange, Richmond, Va.

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William L. Havens '15, writes that he is still in the engineering business. He says that "I still keep thinking of my days in Acacia at 708 E. Seneca Street, also, I see or hear from *Bert Cushing* quite often." Bill's address is 1140 Leader Building, Cleveland 14, Ohio.

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James R. Cameron '08, is still selling Power Equipment in the Appalachian Field of West Virginia. J. R. writes as follows, "I have tried to get some word out of *Everett Palmer* who was my roommate in Acacia, but I don't get any word from him. If any of you alumni ever get down my way, please look me up, as I surely would enjoy seeing some of the old gang." James lives at 2400 Fairfield Ave., Bluefield, W. Va.

R. Stephen Hawley '40, writes "Warren and I are still farming in Batavia with our father. We see *Bob Smith* and *Burt Inglis* about once a year, and Bob stopped in to see us one evening a short time ago. The most exciting thing that has happened to Ellen and I is that we took a two weeks vacation and flew in a private plane to Fort Worth, Texas. There we took in the National Flying Farmers' Annual Convention. From there we went on to Old Mexico, and then the Northern route home. We had a marvelous time. Steve and Ellen live on Bank Street Road, Batavia, N. Y.

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Edward P. Vreeland '11, has a grandson, Edward P. Vreeland III, "Ed" is President of the Salamanca Trust Company. He and his wife live at 83 Wildwood Ave., Salamanca, N. Y.

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Merle L. Rogers '23, is on sabbatic leave from the State University Unit at Cobleskill this Semester. He is taking graduate work at the University of Massachusetts in Poultry Genetics. Merle is head of the Poultry Department at Cobleskill. Merle has three sons, the middle one is a Sophomore at Cornell (Agr.). The Rogers permanent address is Box 323, Cobleskill, N. Y.

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J. Paul Watt '09, writes: "I attended my 40th Class Reunion in June, this being my sixth time back for Reunions. I get in to a Michigan Cornell Club dinner once in awhile, and last time I attended with Brother *Paul W. Thompson*. We had the pleasure of hearing a report by Walker Sisler on a recent trip he had made to Europe with Hoffman, who was then in charge of the Marshall Plan. Sisler, a Cornell Trustee, is the newly elected President of the Detroit-Edison Co. Paul is an attorney-at-law, and his business is Room 1, Wait Block, Sturgis, Mich.