



# The Traveller

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## Dear Fellow Brothers,

Cornell Acacia is now completing its first year of operation since being reorganized last spring. We now have a solid core group of dedicated and enthusiastic young men whom I am confident will do well with the efforts of rebuilding the Chapter to its former strength and stature on the Cornell campus. As Alumni, we just saw the Chapter through a very critical phase in its long history, one which it had not faced since wartime some forty years ago. I am happy to say that the worst is now behind us and we can now look forward to better times ahead for the Chapter.

At the 1986 National Conclave in Dallas, Texas, Cornell alumni Bill Utic, Stewart Burger and myself set down with members of the National Council to put together a plan that could best help the Cornell Chapter. It was decided that a Graduate Resident Advisor would best suit the cause since Cornell has a very long rush period. It was felt that a long stay by a single person would be better suited than several visits by National consultants for short spans of time. Since few graduate students join Acacia at Cornell, we realized we would have to hire someone. We wanted to fund this project on our own by soliciting money from fellow alumni. In using this approach, we would not place undo financial burden on either the Alumni Corporation or national. Many of you responded generously to our request for donations to this cause. Thank you for donating.

Since only the three of us wrote letters, not all alumni were contacted. George White, the appointed Graduate Resident Advisor, did an outstanding job with the Chapter. He was the key factor in the successful reorganization effort, and I feel he was well worth the money. The total cost for George's stay at Cornell was \$5,400. Through donations by alumni and National, we have raised \$3,000, with the Alumni Corporation paying the \$2,400 difference. It is my desire to reimburse the Alumni Corporation. As you can see from this *Traveller*, the Corporation has been doing a good deal of renovations and improvements to the Chapter House, and could greatly use their money back. I hope you can help us and make an extra donation this year to help our cause. Donations are tax deductible because they are made to the Cornell Fund of the Acacia Educational Foundation. We receive 100% of all monies donated.

Many of you must feel we should not have gone forward with George's hiring until the money was in place. It is my sincere feeling that if we had waited, there would be no Cornell Chapter of Acacia to speak of today. We needed to make some difficult choices and swift decisions to ensure the future of Cornell Acacia. I think we are off to an impressive start. Now all we need is your help to continue the good work and ensure a strong Cornell Acacia for the future.

- Lawrence P. McSorley

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## The Venerable Dean Speaks



The Cornell Chapter of Acacia has successfully completed our first full semester as a new brotherhood. In our first semester, we have developed a strong bond among us, as we assumed the responsibilities of rush, house maintenance, and the other many tasks of a young growing fraternity.

This fall, we participated in Cornell's normal IFC rush, along with the University's 38 other fraternities. No one in the house had ever been through the intensive formal rush period before, and the Rush Chairman and Committee had little or no guidance from past officers to rely upon. All brothers sacrificed many a weeknight making contacts with prospective Acacians in their dorms, organizing rush events and dinners, and making friends. All in all, the ten bids we issued and our yield of six pledges was not bad for our first year.

Although the size of our pledge class might pale next to the size of the pledge classes of some of Cornell's biggest houses, we learned many valuable lessons from this year's rush. We now know what to do, and what not to do. We've learned from our experience the only way we could - by trial and error. And we're coming back strong with an aggressive spring rush.

The pledges we recruited are extremely enthusiastic about being Acacians - a quality that is paramount to the revitalization of our house. I encourage you to contact us and tell us how things were when you were an active. Enjoy *The Traveller*.

Fraternally,  
Christopher J. Nolan  
Venerable Dean



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# A Maintenance Report

We began to invest in repairs to the Acacia Fraternity house as a major policy of the Board of Trustees in September 1984. Some of the repairs have been planned and others have been done as a result of an emergency. We have spent \$32,030.88 through the end of December, 1987, mostly for materials. Approximately \$13,000 was paid to contractors to do some major construction work such as replacing the wing roof and rebuilding the two furnaces. The remainder has been spent on materials, and we have contributed our time, equipment and expertise

Holes, some of them sizeable, were repaired in the walls and ceiling. Tile baseboard was replaced with wood to match the trim around the doors. A new metal fire door was installed between the wing hall and the back hall (side entrance). The thermostat was replaced with a new one that allows us to automatically reduce the heat in the wing at night and bring it back up in the morning. The walls and trim were painted. When funds permit, we will put down new carpet (the existing carpet is worn through to the backing in many places, especially in front of the bathroom door).

## A Run-down of Recent Changes To the Physical Structure of 318

to finish the work.

Almost half of the funds, \$16,448.18, has come from insurance recoveries, and the rest from dues monies and building fund contributions of our alumni. A quick estimate of the value of our volunteer labor reveals a savings to the Fraternity of approximately \$35,000 in direct labor, overhead and profits that would normally accrue to a contractor.

Here is a summary of our maintenance program over the past 40 months as the funds have become available.

### Dormitory

The louvered vents on both the front and back were replaced with opening windows to give more natural light to the dorm, to keep out the snow in the winter and to allow for ventilation at other times. The exit door to the fire escape was replaced with a solid door, complete with a panic bar, for ease of opening. Finally, the holes in the walls and ceiling were repaired. We still have painting to do and carpeting to purchase before we can call the dormitory first class.

### Wing Hallway

The first thing we did here was replace the exit door with a fire door and panic bar hardware.

### Wing Bathroom

The door was replaced with a solid-core door and a vent was cut through it near the bottom to allow air to enter when the large exhaust fan was running in the shower. The asphalt tile floor was replaced with ceramic tile and a ceramic tile wainscoting was installed to a height of four feet (plaster was removed and the face of the tile was set flush with the face of the plaster wall above it). New toilet partitions have been installed to replace the old battered partitions. The three wall-hung lavatories were replaced by a counter with three drop-in lavatories. New fixtures were added and the apron around the counter was painted. The walls and ceiling were also painted. The shower room ceiling was replaced and painted; the single shower head was replaced and a new stainless steel wall-hung triple-shower unit was installed.

### Wing Roof

A contractor was engaged to tear off the old flat wing roof and replace it with thick insulation panels and a new

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After many successful social happenings in the fall semester, the spring social calendar is already filled with a variety of exciting events. Plans include pledge/brother events, Sunday brunches with sororities, ice times at Lynah rink, a Black and Gold formal, and a Nite on the Nile.

After the thrilling hockey game with brothers, pledges, and rushees this past week, the chapter unanimously decided to get four or five ice times in the coming months. Each ice time consists of an hour of skating and hockey at Lynah rink on campus. Many alumni have expressed their interest in taking part in these events, and with them in mind we will schedule the ice times on the weekends to fit their schedules. If you are interested, please call the house and let us know.

The Black and Gold formal, the first since 1985, will take place on Saturday, April 30, 1988. Please come to the reorganized chapter's first black tie affair, and do make reservations early. Hope to see you there!

Finally, the Cornell Chapter of Acacia will sponsor the Acacia national fraternity's "Nite on the Nile" on Saturday, April 23, 1988. Hot desert sands, palm trees, pyramids, sphinxes, and our own Nile in the basement are all part of the evenings festivities as the hottest band in Ithaca--The Kinetics--help us celebrate our fraternity's rich history.

In short, our plans are all set for the spring so that the "social" in this social fraternity can shine through. I hope to see many of the alumni back for at least one weekend, especially for the formal and the Nite on the Nile so that we can, once again, "strengthen the ties of friendship."

- Andrew Stroehlein  
Junior Dean

## From The Corp Board

Dear Fellow Acacia Alumnus:

Evidently, you haven't tossed this *Traveller* into the wastepaper basket without opening it - a good beginning! Actually, nearly 600 copies are mailed. The sad part is that only about **100 alumni** respond with yearly dues and contributions. Some may skim *The Traveller*, reading news of old friends and of the return of Acacia to Cornell. This one out of every six ratio may be average for fraternity alumni, but it is **not** good enough for Cornell Acacia.

You've been kept informed of the revitalization of the Cornell Chapter. We have 16 enthusiastic young men we're counting on to bring Acacia back to a active and growing house.

As you might know, two board members, Jim Showacre '50 and Sam Morrie '81, have spent most of their free time for the past two years refurbishing much of the bathroom plumbing, putting up sheetrock, and rewiring, to assure a good physical house. The two alums have contacted former house officers, who met with the new officers during winter break to learn house management.

Soon, the alumni corporation must apply for a \$5,500 loan to replace the over 30 year old stoves and ovens. We also need to update the fire detection and alarm systems.

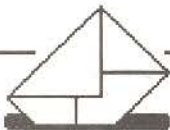
Taxes and insurance now take all the active chapter's rent payments to the Corporation. We will have to ask for a rent increase in the next fiscal year just to cover these expenses. Unfortunately, Acacia is not tax exempt, like several other fraternities whose houses are owned by Cornell. For Acacia's rent to remain competitive with these other houses, we need your help. If half of those receiving this *Traveller* would contribute just the \$25 annual dues plus and donation (even \$10) to the Building Fund, we could meet our responsibility of providing a decent physical environment for the active chapter.

Perhaps you would like to contribute to a specific item. The kitchen needs the major emphasis right now. A loan has been taken out for the \$5,500 expense of replacing the old kitchen stoves with new ones. We're holding our breath on the 40 cubic foot commercial refrigerator following a scare several weeks ago that it had died. At this point, the Corporation and the actives are having trouble handling these items physically and financially.

We thank all of you who support Cornell Acacia, and look forward to hearing from the rest of you who have not yet contributed. Please make donating a meager contribution a yearly habit, so that letters like this one are not necessary.

- The Acacia Corporation Board





## From the Alumni News Mailbox

**Dr. Leyland Spencer '18 (198)** sends this message to his younger Brothers: "May the current rejuvenation of the Cornell Chapter of Acacia be as successful as the one we had in 1921-22 when I was an active member at 614 East Buffalo Street. Good luck all the way!"

**John B. Cheney '24 (239)** and his wife Inez celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 27, 1987.

**Everett M. Strong (275)** is presently in a nursing home in Maine. A series of small strokes has left him unable to communicate.

**John M. Clarkson (309)** and his wife planned to take a 7-day cruise in the "Mississippi Queen" last December. They enjoyed a 16-day tour of European gardens in May 1986.

**Perry D. Slocum '35 (342)** is now semi-retired and spends his summers near Franklin, North Carolina, where he does hybridizing of plants. His winters are spent in Winter Haven, Florida. He enjoys wildlife photography at both locations and on special trips. He was honored in two widely different fields in 1986. First, he was inducted into the Water Lilly Hall of Fame - the first person so honored while still living. His second honor was his election as Associate to the Photographic Society of America. He was also given three plant patents on new lotus lilies that he has created: Charles Thomas (lavender pink), Maggie Belle Slocum (huge mauve pink), and Angel Wings (pure white).

**Owen L. French '38 (344)** retired last July, but remains the Merrimack County Telephone Company's Treasurer.

Director and Consultant. His wife is recovering at home after breaking her hip last July.

**Lt. Col. Phillip L. Loomis '37 (347)** has been living along since the passing of his beloved wife, Jill, after 43 years in 1983. He attended his first reunion (50th) last June. Phil was able to wear his '37 blazer (52 years old) to the reunion. He remains an active hunter, fisherman and hiker. A member of the Coast Guard Auxillary, he also

is a house husband, with his wife, **Phyllis Dittman '43**, still teaching German and soon Spanish at a girls high school in Philadelphia. He has four children, living from Tennessee to West Germany, with eight degrees among them. His daughter, Lane, holds three degrees from Cornell and is currently the highest-ranking woman officer in the U.S. Coast Guard. Fay has six grandchildren.

**Robert D. Flickinger '47 (434)** enjoyed the last

**William C. Burnett '53 (490)** thinks **Jim Showacre '50** is doing an awfully good job, as are all of the alumni who are helping to get the house back together. [we can use a lot more alumni help; the few involved alumni can't do everything - Ed.]

**M. Douglas McIlroy '54 (519)** has become a full time computer scientist after serving for 20 years as a research department head. Under his tenure, the UNIX operating system was born in his

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**- Richard K. McMurtry '68 (701)**

does gardening, yard work, snow-mobiling, cross-country skiing and numerous other things people "his age" wouldn't normally think of doing.

**Carl L. Cook (358)** was widowed in 1980. His wife, Bunny Carroll, had been his Spring Day date in 1938. He recently remarried and lives in a retirement complex near Orlando, Florida. Carl enjoys elk hunting, fishing, and visiting friends and children in Seattle, Michigan, and Florida. Do any alumni remember when he and the late **Charlie MacQuigg (350)** nearly blew the South Wing off of the house?

**M. Truman Fossum '40 (393)** generously donated to Acacia, despite his limited resources. He has vision problems and other physical difficulties related to his diabetes.

**Fay McClelland '44 (416)** is mostly retired. He

Traveller, and thanks **Jim Showacre '50** for all of his efforts.

**John P. Woodford '47 (435)** and his wife, **Ruth**, visited his twin brother and his wife in Philadelphia. Two years ago, John and Al weere both named "Fellows-AGCE" - probably the first twins so elected at the same time.

**Robert J. Bergren '50 (443)** retired as Vice President of Administration of SI Handling Systems in August, 1985. Rob keeps busy by travelling, as well as serving as bank director, and a member of the area Industrial Development Authority.

**Allen R. Blodgett '50 (489)** retired from GE as a Senior Systems Engineer in 1985. He is now playing golf and fishing on the Eastern shore. His wife passed away last March.

department. He writes, "It was I, during my term as Senior Dean, who first turned lazy and engaged an alumni service to assure that the often laggard, but definitely self-published Traveller came out regularly. More power to the new chapter if it can do the job itself again." [gee, thanks. You mean you didn't have Macintosh computers to do the Traveller during your tenure? -Ed.]

**James M. Symons '54 (534)** is chairman of the Civil Engineering Department at the University of Houston. His three children are all now married.

**John S. Mallery Jr. '52 (545)** and his wife, Jackie, are operating their growing business, True Wheel Tours. They spend over 10 weeks each year taking people on bicycle  
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# More Mail From Alumni



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tours of Europe and Jamaica. They have a granddaughter who lives in Ithaca.

**Robert S. Fash '58 (594)** belongs to the very active Cornell Club in Southern California. He saw **John Male '58**, and his wife, **Judy '59**, in Massachusetts last year.

**Carey W. Fletcher '58 (596)** took a 62 day trip around Europe last summer. He is going to be a grandfather for the second time in April.

**Ronald F. Tesarik '59 (615)** is enjoying his second career as a Financial Consultant with Merrill Lynch after twenty years in corporate financial management. He is also keeping busy with the building of a new home in Lake Forest.

**Preston W. Shimer '61 (635)** is glad to hear of the more positive news of Cornell Acacia.

**William L. Dearcop '62 (648)** is in his 22nd year of teaching for New York State. His wife, **Elaine**, is in her 18th year of nursing in a doctor's office. He has three children in college.

**Peter S. Eisenhut '65 (664)** is a corporate internal auditor at IBM's corporate headquarters in Armonk. He recently separated from his wife and moved to the Washington, D.C. area. He is anxious to get back in touch with **Bill Evans '66** [252 Barrow St., Jersey City, NJ 07302], **Taylor Chamberlin '64** [Rt. 1, Box 805, Waterford, VA 22190], and **Robert Pfahl '63** [715 Revere Rd., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137]. [Peter inquired about an Cornell Acacia Alumni directory, which we published several years ago. Is there any interest in printing another one? -

Ed.]

**Dr. John E. Lutz '64 (676)** has two daughters in college and a son in high school.

**John W. Carlson '66 (689)** has been in Vermont for 11 years and loves it. He has four children, and his oldest is in the Army. Soccer, at the local, school and state levels, is a big part of the Carlson family's life. John would like to see more financial support from his "era" ('64-'67) for the rebuilding of Cornell Acacia. He writes, "How about it, brothers?"

**Richard K. McMurtry '68 (701)** got together with **Edward C. Groark '66 (691)** last June in Ithaca for the Class of '67 20-year reunion. He had a wonderful time talking, walking around, reminiscing and listening to the joys and difficulties of their present lives. He even made it back to 318 Highland and found the Guest Book from their days. Says Richard, "If you ever had at least one good time at Acacia, this is the time to send \$25, \$50 or \$100 or whatever to help restore the house to its former beauty."

**David A. Gorelick '68 (717)** and his wife visited Philadelphia last June, and he was able to visit Acacia roommate **Jerry W. Kreider '68 (720)**, his wife, **Kathy**, and their children. The Kreiders live in an old house on the Main Line. In July, the Gorelicks spent a week in Ithaca attending Cornell's Adult University. His first return to Ithaca in 18 years was during the worst heat wave of the decade. He visited 318 and received a friendly reception from several of the brothers who were staying at the Chapter House during the summer.

**Jerry Kreider '68 (720)** writes that he also

enjoyed **Dave Gorelick '68 (717)**'s visit. Jerry's architectural firm continues to grow - it now has a total staff of 10.

**Stewart L. Burger '70 (738)** wishes Cornell Acacia the best for their new beginning. [thanks - Ed.]

**John M. Abeles '75 (796)** is Vice President for Operations for DBA, Inc., a consulting firm with offices in D.C., Boston and Ann Arbor. He and his wife, **Nancy**, recently moved and expect their first child on April 1.

**Jeffrey C. Chung '81 (876)** relocated from Honolulu to Boston in the dead of winter. He has seen **Ken Weiss**, **Tim K. Thom '82 (887)**, **Jim M. Skiff '81 (879)**, **John T. Friedlander Jr. '81 (877)**, **John M. Graham '81 (883)**, and **Paul C. Herrington '81 (882)**. He also visited Cornell Acacia last spring, and was impressed with the enthusiasm of the new brothers.

**Paul C. Herrington '81 (882)** was married in June 1986 to Lisa Hughes. **John T. Friedlander '81 (877)** and **Al Pasquino '84 (916)** were ushers. Also in attendance were **John and Tayna Graham**, **Jim Skiff '81 (879)**, **Linda D. Kane '84 (L016)**, **Ethan H. Cosgriff '82 (889)** and **Lou M. Schwartz '82 (891)**. He is now a loan officer for the Farm Credit Service in Hudson. The pledge class of '78 is planning a 10-year reunion this summer, possibly in Ithaca at 318.

**Phillip M. Schuler '80 (886)** received his MBA at the University of Rochester in June. He married **Jennifer** in August, went to Hawaii on his honeymoon, and just

moved into a new home.

**Tim K. Thom '82 (887)** changed jobs last spring. He is now enjoying working for the American Museum of Natural History's Nutritional History Magazine. Tim was visited by **Jeff C. Chung '81 (876)** over Labor Day. Little sister **Lys Abrams** is doing her masters in horticulture at Rutgers. **Andrew and Pam Mercer** may be in the Northeast in December for a quick visit. **Jeff Skiff** will be in Vermont for a while practicing with a family doctor. **Dave M. Mazaika '85 (924)** is still in San Diego.

**Scott H. Dulman '83 (899)** became engaged to **Patricia Palmer '83**.

**Brian A. Strohlein '84 (913)** is now an electronic test engineer in Meriden, CT.

**David J. Sangree '84 (917)** and his wife are living in Chicago. He writes that they have had one happy year together. David is currently working as a hospitality consultant. **Mark Schaten '84** is in Milwaukee finishing medical school. **Steve Bigelson '83** is in his first year of residency at Evanston Hospital, and is getting married in March.

**David M. Mazaika '85 (924)** bought some investment property with **Tom F. Greenfield '85 (934)** in San Diego. Both of them are holding out to remain single.

**Charles W. Huffine '86 (931)** is working as a civil engineer for Sear-Brown Associates in Rochester. He is still unattached - Britt is history! He hopes to make it back to 318 this spring for initiation. [Will be great to have you back! We'll be

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## Recent House Renovations



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state-of-the-art waterproof membrane. He has returned several times to re-seal seams that leaked.

### Wing Rooms

Large sections of the plaster ceilings in four rooms were repaired where the roof originally leaked and dropped the plaster. The door jam leading into one of the rooms was replaced and several others were repaired.

### Living Room

The double patio doors were replaced by one large door and a side light. The glass in both the door and the light are double pane panels. The ceiling light was replaced with one which conforms to the Prairie (or Tudor) style of the house.

### Front Hallway

The ceiling light was replaced with another one that is more appropriate to the architecture of the house. A new, heavy forged brass entrance latch and deadbolt was put on the inner of the two front doors. The old deadbolt cylinder was missing and the latch did not work, so the front door was kept locked from the inside, and the side door was used as a main entrance.

### Sign

You know how frustrating it can be when other fraternity houses steal the Acacia sign at the end of the front walk. The newest sign should be with us for a while. We cast it out of concrete, in the shape of the Acacia triangle, four feet high. Two heavy pipes, embedded in the concrete and protruding through the bottom, are cemented into the ground. The Acacia name is vertical and recessed into the sign surface.

### Library

Water damage from a frozen pipe in the south bathroom over the library caused extensive damage. The ceiling was completely replaced, the walls patched and painted, the buckled wood floor torn up, the subfloor replaced, and new wall-to-wall carpeting installed. A new glass and brass ceiling fixture, similar to the new one in the living room, was installed. The draperies were replaced and a matched pair of large table lamps were purchased for the refinished end tables.

### South Bathroom

The south bathroom on the second floor was rebuilt. A new

fiberglass shower and glass door, a new toilet, and a double lavatory on a cabinet base, all with new fixtures, were installed. The linoleum flooring was replaced with ceramic tiles.

### Bathroom, Top of Side Stairs

This bathroom had an inoperative shower that had leaked through to the mail room hall below. The bathroom was rebuilt to include a new toilet, a large lavatory on a cabinet base (opposite the toilet), and a new fiberglass shower, all with new fixtures. The floor is in good shape, but an exhaust fan should be built into the ceiling to remove the steam from the shower, which is causing paint problems with the ceiling in the

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bathroom.

### North Bathroom

This bathroom was completely rebuilt. The subfloor was replaced and a ceramic tile floor put down. Also new are a fiberglass shower, a toilet, and a lavatory on a cabinet base, plus all new fixtures.

### Fire Door

Campus safety regulations required us to install a new metal fire door on the second floor, near the stairway leading up to the third floor.

### Cook's Room

The concrete basement floor was smoothed over with patching material and covered with a wall-to-wall carpet. A new lavatory and cabinet base was put in the bathroom. Wood baseboards were added to match the door trim, and all of the walls and the ceiling were painted.

### Ladies Room

The ladies bathroom at the foot of the basement stairs was completely rebuilt. The toilet was replaced; a lavatory was installed in a new cabinet next to the toilet; a large fluorescent light was recessed behind a new wooden valance across the back of the room over the lavatory and toilet and over a new 3'x5' mirror. Wood baseboards were added and the walls and ceiling were painted. A large throw rug and a large picture on the wall were the final touches.

### Service Hall

A rugged storm/screen door was put on the service entrance. A large section of the hall ceiling was replaced and the walls and ceiling were painted. The old hot and cold water faucets in the mop area, just inside the door, were replaced and a hose connected to them with a "Y" fitting so mop buckets can be filled with warm water. Part of the plaster wall in the mop area may have to be replaced soon.

### Kitchen

The flooring in both the kitchen and the service hall were replaced with reinforced vinyl tile. The walls and ceiling were cleaned of grease and were painted. The rotted counter top in front of the window was replaced with a one-piece countertop, backsplash and end splash covered in formica. New fixtures were installed above and below it. The stainless steel double sink basin was retained.

We have just purchased two new stoves to replace the two current ones that are junk. The cost of the new stoves is \$5,500 delivered and installed.

### Recreation Room

A major improvement! The head-knocking steam pipe across the first part of the room was removed. A new wall was built between the entrance at the foot of the stairs and the furnace room, to create a hallway. The steam pipe was moved behind this wall. Racks were built on the hall side of the wall for storage. The drop ceiling, all the way back to the pool room at the south end of the basement, was removed and replaced by a sheetrock ceiling. About five inches of headroom was gained. The beams in the rec room and in front of the bar were enclosed in sheetrock and the entire ceiling and walls painted.

Eleven "halo" lights were recessed into the ceiling throughout the area as were two two-foot fluorescent lights, one on each side of the enclosed beam in the rec room. Two speakers were recessed into the ceiling in front of the bar and wired through the ceiling to the wall near the stairs, where they are now connected to the juke box.

The ceiling behind the bar was  
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also sheetrocked and painted, four "halo" lights were recessed into the ceiling, and the steam pipe overhead was insulated.

### Furnaces

The boiler for the steam heating system in the main house has been rebuilt by contract as a result of the earlier water damage problem. When the refill mechanism on the boiler failed, the gas did not shut off immediately. Many of the boiler tubes failed and had to be replaced. Boiler insurance covered the cost of rebuilding the boiler and another insurance policy covered the water damage. Soon after the steam boiler was rebuilt, the other boiler that produces hot heating water for the wing end of the house failed. It was repaired immediately by installing a new gas valve before damage could occur. The cost for repair of the second boiler was less than our \$250 deductible.

### Dining Room

One of the large sliding glass patio doors was repaired. The walls were patched and painted. A future project is to replace the old asphalt tiles on the floor, many of which are missing and others buckling.

## Chapter Eternal

These men have lived among us for a time and we have been privileged to call them Brother. Now they have gone to their eternal rest. We bid them a fond farewell at this parting.

**Jay C. Thomas '22**  
(237) - July 23, 1987

Goodbye to  
**Andrew  
Deetz '87**

And good luck as  
a Naval Officer

## Alumni News

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in touch - Ed.]

**Robert A. Pfister '86 (932)** has completed his degree in Computer Science at the University of Maine at Orono, and now works for Digital Equipment Corp. in Augusta. Little sister **Kirsten Koonce** is at Princeton getting her masters in Archaeology. He hopes to visit the Chapter House sometime soon. [how about for initiation? -Ed.]

**Linda D. Kane '84 (L016)** is a Vet student at Purdue. She has been having a fantastic time working at race tracks during the summers. **Lou Schwartz '84** is in the Army and stationed at Rock Island Arsenal [3390 East Kimberly Rd., Apt. 178, Davenport, IA 52807].

Know a Cornellian Who Could  
Be a Prospective Acacian?

**Tell us.**

Spring Rush is Now Underway.

Write: Rush Chairman

Acacia Fraternity

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## Honor Roll

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Frank O. Agel '26  
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Robert J. Bergren '50  
Allen R. Blodgett '50  
Stewart L. Burger '70  
William C. Burnett '53  
Martin S. Cardinali '84  
John W. Carlson '66  
John B. Cheney DVM '24  
Jeffrey C. Chung  
John M. Clarkson grad  
Carl L. Cook  
William L. Dearcop '62  
Scott H. Dulman '83  
Peter S. Eisenhut '65  
Philip Engler '70  
Robert S. Fash '59  
David R. Fischell '75

Carey W. Fletcher '58  
Robert D. Flickinger '47  
M. Truman Fossum '40  
Owen L. French '38  
Earle F. Ginter Jr. '53  
Paul B. Goldberg '71  
David A. Gorelick '68  
Paul C. Herrington '81  
Charles W. Huffine III '86  
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A. Lee Knight '71  
Jerry W. Kreider '68  
Wayne E. Kuhn grad  
Philip L. Loomis '37  
John E. Lutz '64  
John S. Mallery Jr. '52

Robert P. Matusiak '71  
Richard K. McMurtry '68  
Fay McClelland '44  
Robert C. Merritt '75  
Samuel C. Morrie '81  
Stanley R. Niman '73  
Robert A. Pfister '86  
David J. Sangree '84  
Ernest F. Schaufler '48  
Phillip M. Schuler '80  
Preston W. Shimer '61  
James C. Showacre '50  
Frederick N. Skiff '79  
Perry D. Slocum '35  
Robertson C. Spiesz '77  
James M. Symons '54  
Ronald F. Tesarik '59  
Christopher T. Wong '81  
John P. Woodford '47



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## Meet The Pledges

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**David G. Rickerby** is a freshman English major in the College of Arts and Sciences. David, who lives in Hartford, Connecticut, plays the guitar, and has his computer as a hobby. "More than anything, I want to work with the brothers to make Acacia the number one house on campus," David says.

**John Wooten Carpenter III** is a sophomore from Fort Meyers, Florida. He is in the School of Engineering, and majors in electrical engineering. John, who plays basketball and bowls, is looking forward to "the social and educational opportunities that fraternity

life offers."

**David Scott Kantor** is a sophomore consumer economics major in the School of Human Ecology. "I know that my experiences in Acacia will be invaluable to my college education," says David. "Shake", as the brothers call him, lives in Pearl River, New York, and enjoys music, baseball, and mathematics.

**Joe Browne** is a landscape architect from Cleveland, Ohio. Joe, a student in the College of Agriculture and Life Science will graduate with the class of '91. He prefers international travel and lazy summers, but he also liked watching Washington blow by

Denver in the Super Bowl.

**Roland Edward Vilett** is a freshman in the School of Engineering. Roland, who makes his home in Berkeley, California, skied everyone off of the slopes during our formal rush event on Song Mountain. "Acacia was the best choice I could make," Roland said.

**Jun Nakiri** is a junior interior design major from Japan. When he isn't at the School of Human Ecology designing homes of the future he is probably playing pool or golf. Jun explains, "Fraternities are American, and I want to help Acacia as much as it has helped me."

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