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 TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE PART  
 AND TO HAVE A GREATER INFLUENCE  
 IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE COMMUNITY  
 IN WHICH WE MAY RESIDE;  
 AND, ABOVE ALL,  
 TO SEEK THE TRUTH AND KNOWING IT,  
 TO GIVE LIGHT TO THOSE WITH WHOM  
 WE MAY BE ASSOCIATED  
 AS WE TRAVEL ALONG LIFE'S PATHWAY."**

### A Letter from the Editors

## **For Alumni, By Alumni**

**Jason Wang (#997) and William Kelly (#1000)**

Every semester, the editors practically pull teeth trying to get brothers to make a contribution to our semesterly newsletter. Eventually, teeth come out, and articles get written. Actually, recent anthologies have garnered the Best Publication award from Conclave for the last six years. To keep this distinction, we the editors have decided to add a new section. In order to make it successful, however, it is you the alumni who need to participate. We propose that alumni write articles similar to those we write. They don't need to be about anything in particular, they just need to be written by you. You can express an opinion on some current event, or recall some interesting story that occurred during your stint as an active Acacian. Or you can submit some purely creative short story, or stream of consciousness, or whatever. It is really up to you.

Unfortunately, if we get an overwhelming response (which would be most welcome) every article may not be included in that particular issue. The point of this is that we feel the thoughts of the alumni are an untapped resource, and the Traveler should be the perfect

forum in which to utilize its potential. So, if you do have anything to write at all, please feel free to send it in. We would greatly appreciate any input. And, if we don't use it in the Traveler, we may read it during chapter simply



for the good of the fraternity. To submit an article, snail-mail it to Publicity Director, 318 Highland Road, Ithaca, NY 14850, or e-mail it to [jw16@cornell.edu](mailto:jw16@cornell.edu) or [wak1@cornell.edu](mailto:wak1@cornell.edu). Again, we would greatly appreciate the time and effort put towards any kind of prose (or poetry if you so choose) and look forward to reading you.



**Venerable Dean's Report****From Beneath the Gavel****Todd Peskin (#994)**

WE HAVE PLEDGES! I just thought that I would start this article with some good news. We recently inducted 2 pledges for the Fall semester: Mike Kassatly, and Bill Lewis. These two guys will make a terrific addition to our house. Currently we have 20 active brothers. Four of them are currently away from campus for the semester for Co-op or Study Abroad. At the end of this year, fortunately, we will only be losing 6 brothers to the

"real world." What does all of this mean? Well, if we are able to grab 10 pledges in the Spring then we

can start next Fall with 26 actives. This would represent a growth of approximately 1/3. Assuming that this also means that we would have 6 more brothers living in the house, then at our current housebill rate this would translate into \$30,000 more for our budget for the '96-'97 school year. Considering the fact that our current yearly budget is under \$100,000, this represents a substantial increase. Needless to say, we would be able to spend more on Rush and Social activities which could

create a domino effect. With these extra activities we can draw more people over to the house and further increase our brotherhood. My outlook for the future of Acacia is good. The current officers are putting in a great deal of time with their offices and are doing a terrific job at running this house. Having a great set of officers definitely makes the house run much smoother. So far this semester, we have had good turnouts at all of

our social events and we have already met a nice number of potential rushees for the Spring. All of

this optimism may lead you to believe that I think that Rush in the Spring will be a breeze. I certainly do not believe that that will be the case. Rush is always a stressful time at this house. I believe, though, that if we all put time into the house and work hard, then we can put ourselves in a strong position for next year.

**Daniel E. Turinsky '97 (1004)**

Industrial & Labor Relations  
Staten Island, NY

**Raymond Wang '97 (1009)**

Fine Arts  
Stamford, CT

**Jason Wang '96 (0997)**

Mechanical Engineering  
Clarks Summit, PA

**Patara Yongvanich '97 (1006)**

Mechanical Engineering  
Bangkok, Thailand

*I am an Acacian. I hold a trust for all good Acacians -- those who were Acacians before me, those who are now, and those who will become Acacians in the future. In the Acacia spirit I charge myself with responsibilities; to better my fraternity's record. I am an Acacian wherever I may happen to be. I gladly contribute my honest share of effort, and wish to serve Acacia to the best of my ability. I will always think of Acacia as one of the best fraternities; its rich heritage of principles having been fostered so that I might enjoy a fine fraternal opportunity. I am an Acacian. I am proud of it.*



## Fall 1995 Chapter Roster

<b>Marco A. Cabassi '97 (1003)</b> Applied & Engineering Physics Rome, Italy	<b>Jason Q. McKee '97 (1005)</b> Chemistry Saratoga Springs, NY
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<b>Thomas A. Harp '97 (1007)</b> Applied & Engineering Physics Kenmore, NY	<b>Jon M. Poelma '96 (996)</b> Agriculture Economics Cuba, NY
<b>Matthew S. Hartman '97 (1008)</b> Psychology Hummelstown, PA	<b>Christopher J. Race IC '96 (990)</b> Accounting Blossvale, NY
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## From the Corp Board President

Steven Stein (#787)

The Cornell Chapter of Acacia Fraternity is alive and well. But, we need your financial help! We've got a great group of Actives living in the house, but the Corporation is struggling to find ways to keep up with needed maintenance and improvements to the aging, but still beautiful, Chapter House.

PLEASE take a moment to reflect upon the good times each of you had during your Cornell Acacia days, and picture how differently your life would have turned out if there had been no Acacia. Without your financial support, there might not be a future for our beloved Chapter. At minimum, we ask each of you to simply pay your annual dues. For those of you who can afford more, a Building Fund contribution of at least \$10 would be most welcome. And, for those of you who have been financially successful, surprise us with a donation with at least a couple of zeroes in the dollar amount! There are other Cornell Fraternities who have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars in only a few months. In my more than 10 years as Corporation President, we have not collectively received a total of even \$100,000!

Last month, after the first

Acacia Corporation Board Meeting of the '95-'96 academic year, I was quite distraught over Acacia's financial situation. We virtually had no money for maintenance (\$50/month budgeted), and no Alumni contributions had been received for a couple of months. A few days later, my spirits were lifted when we received a extremely generous contribution (\$1,000) from Brother John Male '58 (0600). Other extremely generous alumni (contributed \$100 or more) were: David B. Aster '77 (0884), Robert L. Badders '73 (0777), Andrew S. Brenner '90 (0953), Roy S. Clarke '49 (0441), Ethan H. Cosgriff '82 (0889), Bruce W. Dean '57 (0576), Robert S. Fash '59 (0594), Andy S. Finkel '79 (0853), Robert D. Flickinger '47 (0434), Robert L. Gardner '57 (0605), Paul B. Goldberg '71 (0755), Paul Hayre '91 (0970), Henry L. Hood '43 (0407), Steven R. Horowitz '92 (0966), Thomas E. Kocovsky '69 (0730), John L. Krakauer '62 (0642), Jerry W. Kreider '68 (0720), Wayne E. Kuhn 'GR (0288), Robert C. Merritt '75 (0807), Stanley R. Niman '73 (0783), John R. Pakan '53 (0524), Robert T. Reid '39 (0346), Ernest F. Schaufler '48 (0500), Fred W. Tierney '71 (0763), William A. Utic '77



(0836), Michael A. Wilhelm '94 (0982) and Charles O. Willits '25 (0261). To \*all 104\* alumni who contributed over \$8,900 to Cornell Acacia last year, a huge THANK YOU. To the rest of you, I trust the "check is in the mail"!

Some of you will, hopefully, volunteer to help us raise some much

needed capital by contacting your classmates. If you're willing to do so, PLEASE give me a call [607-277-3125], write me [339 East Miller Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850], or E-Mail me [sls8@cornell.edu].

Thanks in advance. Keep those cards and letters coming! Have a great year.

CORNELL ACACIA, INC.		FINANCIAL STATEMENT				
AS OF >>>>>	5/31/91	5/31/92	5/31/93	5/31/94	5/31/95	
INCOME:						
Rent	22,050.00	20,800.00	21,200.00	18,550.00	23,500.00	
Alumni Dues, Etc.	3,425.00	3,788.00	2,335.00	4,595.00	8,295.00	
Interest (Check Acct)	453.65	508.69	473.34	294.54	98.02	
Active Building Fund	560.00	620.00	0.00	620.00	900.00	
Loan Proceeds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	
Insurance Receipt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	66,310.70	
Other Income	194.03	0.00	2,595.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL INCOME	26,682.68	25,716.69	26,603.34	24,059.54	105,103.72	
EXPENSES:						
Taxes	8,462.71	9,264.43	10,008.52	11,175.42	11,589.79	
Insurance	7,839.64	5,479.00	7,679.14	5,772.31	10,314.30	
Traveler	650.82	719.08	600.20	855.13	1,099.80	
Maintenance	6,567.06	2,565.28	1,270.22	25,690.74	78,776.02	
Loan Payment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,644.66	
Other Expense	51.54	48.54	1,454.23	211.65	34.02	
TOTAL EXPENSE	23,571.77	18,076.33	21,012.31	43,705.25	103,458.59	
ASSETS:						
	5/31/90					
Cash	6,592.71	9,703.62	17,343.98	22,935.01	3,289.30	4,934.43
Building	600,000.00	600,000.00	600,000.00	600,000.00	600,000.00	600,000.00
LIABILITIES:						
Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,599.31
NET WORTH:	609,703.62	617,343.98	622,935.01	603,289.30	600,335.12	

Note: FY95 - Fire insurance paid for \$66,310.70 of the total \$78,776.02 in maintenance  
 FY94-95 - Maintenance: New 40-year roof; fire repair; new kitchen range  
 range/hood extinguisher and exhaust system.

GEORGE L MUELLER JR. '57 (0574) PL'53  
 MARY MYERS PASQUINO '85 (L024) PL'84  
 STANLEY R NIMAN '73 (0783) PL'70  
 JONATHAN A OLICK '84 (0920) PL'81  
 JOHN R PAKAN '53 (0524) PL'50  
 ALAN T PASQUINO '84 (0916) PL'81  
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 BART E PRICE '89 (0951) PL'87  
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 WILLIAM WICKHAM '51 (0450) PL'47  
 JOSEPH I WILFORD '52 (0497) PL'49  
 MICHAEL A WILHELM '94 (0982) PL'91  
 CHARLES O WILLITS '25 (0261) PL'25  
 ALBERT S WOODFORD '45 (0436) PL'42  
 JOHN P WOODFORD '47 (0435) PL'42



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 EARLE F GINTER JR. '53 (0536) PL'51  
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 DAVID A GORELICK '68 (0717) PL'65  
 WILLIAM B HAIRSTON III '80 (0873) PL'77  
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 R. STEPHEN HAWLEY '43 (0403) PL'40  
 PAUL HAYRE '91 (0970) PL'  
 CARL H HERZOG '66 (0711) PL'65  
 HENRY L HOOD '43 (0407) PL'40  
 STEVEN R HOROWITZ '92 (0966) PL'89  
 DAVID J HOWER '51 (0526) PL'50  
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 F. MICHAEL HUGO '62 (0597) PL'54  
 BURTON F INGLIS '40 (0385) PL'38  
 JONATHAN JACOBY '92 (0967) PL'89  
 PAUL C JAMES '56 (0606) PL'55  
 ALAN L JETTE '82 (0895) PL'79  
 LAFAYETTE W. "PETE" KNAPP JR. '51 (0509) PL'49  
 A. LEE KNIGHT '71 (0757) PL'68  
 THOMAS E KOCOVSKY JR. '69 (0730) PL'66  
 JOHN L KRAKAUER '62 (0642) PL'59  
 JERRY W KREIDER '68 (0720) PL'65  
 WAYNE E KUHN 'GR (0288) PL'26  
 RALPH E LAMAR III '58 (0599) PL'55  
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 ALLEN M MALE '62 (0643) PL'59  
 JOHN MALE '58 (0600) PL'55  
 JOHN S MALLERY JR. '52 (0545) PL'51  
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## The Treasurer's Report

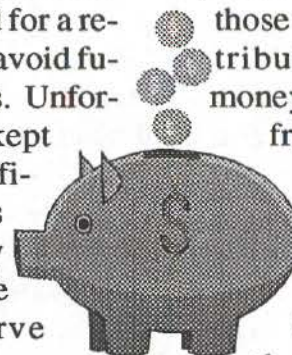
Daniel Davidson (#1012)

For those of you who don't know, I'm the house's treasurer this year, my first living in the house. I'm happy to say that thanks to the work of my immediate predecessor that the house is now out of debt and on relatively solid financial footing at the moment. However, it is my job now to address the need for a reserve fund to help avoid future financial crises. Unfortunately, people kept on putting off the financial problems of this house by eating away at the previous reserve funds until they no longer existed and we were forced to face the problems of a year and a half ago.

Now we're forced to rebuild our reserves from scratch to prevent a reoccurrence of our problems. The lack of funds available to the corporation board compounds these problems by making it necessary for us to have funds available for emergency needs since they aren't able to financially back

us up. This is particularly frightening with a house that is nearly 90 years old and showing its age. Despite the fact that visiting alumni have mentioned that the house looks better than it has in about a decade, it still needs a lot of work.

I would like to make a point right now of thanking those alumni who have contributed their time and money towards keeping our fraternity alive. I could not be here in this position without your help. However, I would also like to reach out to those many alumni out there who have lost touch with the fraternity and encourage them to visit Northcote and see for themselves what we're all about now and contribute whatever you can manage. We've always had a tough time competing against other houses with stronger financial support from their alumni and the problems get worse each year that we put them off. Now is when we need you the most. If any





## Rush '95—Rush and Pledge Update

**Matthew Hartman (#1008)**

As I alluded to over the electronic superhighway (a.k.a. the ACACIA e-mail list), Fall Rush was an up-hill battle. ACACIA is one of the few houses to do a fall rush. However, with hard work, determination, and yes, I must admit some luck, we persevered and are fortunate to have two dedicated pledges: Bill Lewis and Michael Kassatly. It was my goal to make fall rush fun for not only the rushees but also for the brothers. Events like paint ball, bowling, and ultimate frisbee were especially popular. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank the brothers once again for coming back to school early and for their energy and help. I would also like to thank the alumni for their "two cents worth" as they provided me with invaluable rush advice.

**Michael David Kassatly** is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences at Cornell University. He is a math major, with a specific interest in logic. His father happens to be a high school

teacher of geometry with logic. Mike is also looking forward to a life of academia. He hopes to become a college professor someday. This would be a good profession for him, because he is quite cerebral and rarely down to earth. He is involved in music, both academically and extracurricularly. He is a member of the Cornell University Glee Club and its a capella subset, the Hangovers. He is anxious to become an active participant of the Acacia Fraternity.

**Bill Lewis** is a Sophomore in the Arts school, majoring in Computer Science with a concentration in Cognitive Studies. He has broad extracurricular interests, ranging from ice hockey, and skiing to singing and race car driving. Bill is in the Cornell University Glee Club singing as a Tenor II, and is a member of the Cornell Formula SAE Race Car Team, where he is designing a computer control system. He also has academic interests in psychophysics and machine vision.

## HONOR ROLL (1994 - 1995)

LANE J ABRAMS '84 (0915) PL'81  
 RICHARD B AHLFELD '68 (0713) PL'65  
 DAVID B ASTER '77 (0884) PL'79  
 ROBERT L BADDERS '73 (0777) PL'70  
 WILLIAM A BEISCHER '56 (0564) PL'53  
 KENT A BELVIN '70 (0736) PL'67  
 CLARENCE F BENT DVM '39 (0334) PL'33  
 ROBERT J BERGREN '50 (0443) PL'47  
 ANDREW S BRENNER '90 (0953) PL'87  
 MICHAEL BUDRESKI '94 (0978) PL'91  
 MARTIN S CARDINALI '84 (0918) PL'81  
 DAVID L CHAMPLIN '55 (0546) PL'52  
 ROY S CLARKE JR '49 (0441) PL'47  
 JOHN M CLARKSON 'GR (0309) PL'29  
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 BRUCE W DEAN '57 (0576) PL'54  
 CHRISTOPHER P DEANE '83 (0908) PL'80  
 SCOTT H DULMAN '83 (0899) PL'80  
 JEFFERY A EARICKSON '77 (0823) PL'74  
 PHILIP ENGLER '70 (0739) PL'67  
 WILLIAM R EVANS '66 (0672) PL'62  
 ROBERT S FASH '59 (0594) PL'55  
 JOHN F FELDSTED '77 (0824) PL'74  
 ANDY S FINKEL '79 (0853) PL '76  
 DAVID R FISCHHELL '75 (0800) PL'72  
 DONALD C FISH '58 (0595) PL'55  
 CAREY W FLETCHER '58 (0596) PL'55  
 ROBERT D FLICKINGER '47 (0434) PL'42  
 OWEN L FRENCH '38 (0344) PL'35



Bart E. Price '89 (0951) [1917 38th St. NW, Washington, DC 20007] is in his second year of residency at Georgetown University Hospital. Might stay on there or move to Florida.

Andrew S. Brenner '90 (0953) [1400 N. Lakeshore Dr., #6-0, Chicago, IL 60610; E-Mail: abrenner@mcs.net] made an extremely generous donation to Cornell Acacia. THANK YOU!

Michael A. Wilhelm '94 (0982) [6490 Fair Oaks Circle, Fairview, PA 16415-1718; E-Mail: BeakerAkAk@aol.com] saw Michael Cvijanovich '94 (0981) and Jim Waxmonsky '94 (0981) on his 2-day Buffalo excursion. Work is good. Life is good!



## Chapter Eternal

**Hayden H. Tozier Jr. '22 (0211) 12/5/94**

**Prof. O. Ernest Bangs (0659) 8/95** - Prof. Bangs was long-time Chapter Advisor years ago

*So live, that when thy summons comes to join the innumerable caravan, which moves to that mysterious realm, where each shall take his chamber in the silent halls of death, thou go not like the quarry slave at night, scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust; approach thy grave, like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.*

## The Social Report

**Jordan Flaste (#1015)**

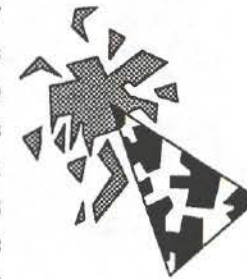
As usual, the social schedule at Acacia is very full this semester. At the Acacia Leadership Conference, I talked to a lot of the other chapter members about their social calendars to get ideas about revamping Cornell Acacia's social schedule. The brothers from the other chapters talked about date nights, huge parties, barbecues and mixers with sororities and holiday formals that they put on. Most of these types of event would cost a lot more than the budget. Jason McKee, my co-Junior Dean, and I were given for the semester, but an idea came to mind which I thought would be an interesting social event to try. Sororities throw Crush parties where every sister gets to invite (or crush) several guys she thinks are good looking. This way at the party, which are usually semi-formal affairs, there is a 5 or even 10 to 1 guy/girl ratio. These parties have been often called meat markets by those who have never been to them. Several of my friends were crushed by sorority sisters last year and they said that these parties were a ton of fun. So I thought "why can't the reverse be done? Why can't Acacia have a small crush party?" Thus The Acacia Triangle of Roses Wine and Cheese Crush Party was born. Each of the crushes will get a rose when she walks through the door. Wine, beer, sparkling cider and cheese and crackers will be

served and we will have a DJ playing for the entire four-hour party.

But this isn't the only social event of the semester. We will also have three more bar nights in addition to the two we already had. These parties are small invite-only parties held in the bar room, with a stocked bar. Since I have joined the house these parties have been increasing in size and fun. Word has spread as far as Wells College about how much fun these parties are. People say they like them because they are less crowded and loud as compared to the run of the mill fraternity party.

At the beginning of the semester we co-sponsored a Rooms Party with Brian and Matt, the Rush Chairs. Each of the four main rooms on the second floor (Front, Center, Bay, and President's Rooms) featured a different drink. There was also dancing downstairs in the barroom. Several of the brothers were Orientation Counselors and their OC groups showed up and had a good time like the rest of the people in attendance. This party was a great success.

In addition we had our regular philanthropy event, Adopt-A-Highway. We are co-sponsoring a party with our next-door neighbors, Kappa Delta Rho and are racing in Kappa Alpha Theta's charity canoe race across Beebe Lake.





## A Home Away From Home

**Patara Yongvanich (#1006)**

It's hard for anyone to be away from home for an extended period of time. But this is just one of the things you have to deal with as an international student at Cornell University. During my freshman year, I spent most of my breaks in good old Ithaca. It had its moments but boredom and homesickness eventually kicked in. Going home to Bangkok, Thailand that summer made me realize how much I missed my family and friends and the city which I have grown extremely attached to.

Unfortunately, I was unable to go home this summer since I was in the engineering co-op program and was required to take classes all summer. However, spending my summer living in the house and the room which I had called "home" for the past year made things easier. After an intense day of classes, I would look forward to walking through my front door, getting into my room, and taking a two-hour power nap on my bed. As the summer reached its end and I was about to reach Jamestown, NY where I would be working for Cummins Engine, I had a strange feeling that I had only previously experienced to years ago. That was when I left my home of Bangkok, Thailand and



arrived in Ithaca to start a new chapter in my life as a freshman at Cornell University. This time it was not only the feeling that new and exciting challenges lay ahead but also the melancholy feeling that I was leaving a place that I had truly grown to love.

After a month or so of living and working in Jamestown, NY I decided to make a visit back to Cornell for Homecoming. I left at 7:00 AM on Saturday hoping to make it on time for the tailgate. At around 11:00 AM, I found myself wandering through the mazes of barbecues, music, and kinship of Kite Hill. Then, there it was. The parking spaces that the

brothers of Cornell Acacia lay claim to. Proudly displaying our letters for all to see. They fed me, welcomed me back, and we all got caught up on each others summers and adventures of the new school year. It dawned upon me that I was back at home. A place where I could do anything I pleased, a place where I was accepted for who I was, a place where laughter was a part of life, and most importantly, a place where I had friends who I could always depend on. Cornell Acacia, my home away from home.

spending more time in Ithaca over the last few summers, sailing out of Treman Park, and occasionally sees Steve Glidden '75 (0818) who lives in nearby Freeville.

Andy S. Finkel '79 (0853) [59 Ponds Edge Dr., Downingtown, PA 19335] formed a small software company a few years back. They do operating systems and computer games, as well as operating systems for computer game machines. Currently working on Magic-The Gathering computer game with Microprose.

David B. Aster '77 (0884) [1915 Montecito Ave. #2, Mountain View, CA 94043] made an extremely generous donation to Cornell Acacia. **THANK YOU!**

Daniel R. Merrill '83 (0907) [10002 56th St. SE, Snohomish, WA 98290; E-Mail: 73124.2000@compuserve.com] left his position as Principal Engineer with Quinton Instrument Co. to return to school for a Ph. D. in Biomedical Engineering at either Case Western Reserve University or Dartmouth College. In his spare time, Dan has been a volunteer firefighter/EMT, and has written several books. If anyone knows how to contact Brother Garry Halstead, please contact Daniel \*and\* Acacia!

Christopher P. Deane '83 (0908) [14622 S. Abbott Rd. West, Lockport, IL 60441-9233; E-Mail: cpdeane@ix.netcom.com] switched jobs to a small company (M. B. Walton, Inc.) that makes Roll-ormatic mops. Got to be the "top dog" at a small company rather than "little dog" at a big company. Chris and Barbi expected child #3 in August.

Jonathan A. Olick '84 (0920) [340 E. 57th St. #3A, New York, NY 10022-2951] is now an attorney with the NY office of Hunton and Williams, specializing in government lease and project finance, and Chinese and US venture capital and securities law. Wife, Susan, is a maritime attorney in NY. No kids yet, but their cocker spaniel is almost 5 years old!



USAFR. He has recently travelled in Hawaii, England, Switzerland, Spain, and Morocco visiting friends and family. Last Fall, he and Jean met Bill Burnett '53 (0490) and wife Nancy for a weekend at the races in Watkins Glen.

George L. Mueller Jr. '57 (0574) [3803 Bonita Lane, Laporte, TX 77571] stays in touch with Ed Mackert '56 (0579) in Baytown, TX. George was planning a trip to Maryland in June for triple Christening of 3 new grandchildren.

John Male '58 (0600) [40 Hemlock Dr., Lunenburg, MA 01462] made an extremely generous donation to Cornell Acacia. THANK YOU!

Warren E. Walker '63 (0681) [Utenbroekestraat 1A, 2597 Pg Den Haag, The Netherlands; E-Mail: warren@rand.org] moved to the Netherlands to work at RAND's office in Delft (called the European-American Center for Policy Analysis). Brother Warren recently finished a study for the Dutch Ministry of Transport that examined ways to reduce the negative impacts of road freight transport.

Dr. David A. Gorelick '68 (0717) [2705 Moores Valley Dr., Baltimore, MD 21209] visited his oldest son, Daniel, at Penn and heard him sing with the Penn Glee Club. They visited Brother (and former roommate) Jerry Kreider '68 (0720) and wife Kathy in Narberth.

Paul B. Goldberg '71 (0755) [47 Bay Pointe Dr., Ormond Beach, FL 32174] made an extremely generous donation to Cornell Acacia. THANK YOU!

Robert C. Merritt '75 (0807) [PO Box 279, Auburn, NY 13021] sent a Building Fund Donation because "you did an outstanding job with this issue of The Traveler (Spring '95). I especially liked the VD's approach to his article; "I'm not sure how it's been done in the past, or how it's supposed to be done, but here's how I'm going to do it." That kind of creative attitude should take him far." Bob has been

## A Day in the Life of an Otis

Brian Sivillo (#993)

I woke up this morning (no it wasn't afternoon) and took my usually stroll to the bathroom to reign over my kingdom that nobody dares to enter. As I sat on my throne and did the usually scratching of eyes, I happened to glance up at the minutes from last night's chapter meeting. Guess what. It was time to write another Traveler article. We all know how much the active chapter loves to put delusions of grandeur into the minds of our alumnus brothers. I dreaded the thought of writing this article (or was it going to class). So I started the day in the usual fashion of my half-hour shower. I dropped the soap three to four times and stumbled out of the shower only to dry off with a wet towel that should've been washed last month. As I walked to my room I pondered why my pledge name is Otis. Anyway, I got dressed and went to class. As I walked the three grueling miles to class through the early-October snowfall, I found myself wondering why in the world I was walking to a bible class and an astronomy class. Oh yeah, they are very useful to my

future in the hospitality management field. I can break bread with and teach my future employees about our solar system, even though the majority of them won't speak English or will have a prison record as long as Ithaca's winter. Needless to say, I went to class and paid so much attention to the professors that

I could see them through my closed eyelids. Where's those teenage dreams when you need them? After class, I went to the career services office in the Hotel School to see why I had spent \$100,000 over the last four years.

They told me that with my education and experience, I might be able to replace Dick, our house's cook, in another three to five years. Of course, I might have to attend trade school first to iron out any wrinkles. After vomiting a few times in the library... get out of here. Did you actually think Otis was in the library? Anyway, I went to do my duties that any undergraduate wants to do for his university. I went to my TA job at TCAB. I love helping the students learn about the perfect way to run the world's most





screwed-up restaurant, a restaurant that changes menus, themes, and management every night of the week. The pay check, folks. I do it for the paycheck. Obviously it isn't going to look good on the resume that I send to the house. Eight hours later, as I was walking home in the pale moonlight and singing Fly Me To the Moon, I thought to myself how lucky I was to have to work for my tuition dollars and everything else I need. Thank God air is free. I walked down the steps of the bar-room hoping to find my favorite blue-collar sport on the TV. My Browns were playing the always popular Buffalo Bills (we won't discuss the final). I found people, who's biggest worry is whether or not Star Trek will come back, watching the station we all love to hate... Fox. I went to class, and worked for eight hours hoping to find a shred of sanity when I got home. I found another one of those Aaron Spelling productions. That through me over the edge. I went upstairs and began doing the one thing that makes an Otis happy. I relaxed. I called the woman. I washed my face. I talked to people. I drank a (stress on a, I didn't want the Cornell police thinking that I

had a party in my room) beer. And I finally got to see the Browns lose in between a skit from Beavis and Butthead and a cleavage shot of Dr. Crusher. I ask myself why I will miss this place when I am gone. I just want to get that piece of paper and put the past behind me. The truth is that these are the best days of our lives, my brothers. Why do so many of us whine and complain each day about everything. Carefree and reckless should be our way at such a young age. As I read through the Cornell Daily Sun on my throne and decided how to finish this article, I wondered why the Cornell Police and the administration of such a fine institution are trying to rob of the one thing that makes us different from them. Our youth. We've got to grasp it while we can, no matter what anyone says or does, because it doesn't last forever. A year from now, I'll be receiving my first Traveler as an alumnus. There will be no day in the life of an Otis. Otis will be gone, because my youth will be overcome by responsibilities. I only hope that someday we can all bring back, or keep in the case of the actives, that little hint of an Otis in us all. Delusions of grandeur or a memory of stolen youth?



Wayne E. Kuhn 'GR (0288) [12705 SE River Rd., Mann Terrace #107-T, Portland, OR 97222] commented that the Spring '95 Traveler was very well done and interesting. Brother Kuhn generously setup a Fraternityship a number of years ago, much of which was later embezzled from National by a Mr. Harris. Alumni who wish to make donations to the Fraternityship are urged to do so. The Fraternityship is *\*not\** a scholarship, but rather is an effort to recognize those who may contribute most to our society of the future.

Clarence F Bent DVM '39 (0334) [Embassy Mobile Home Park, 16416 US-19 N, Lot 1704, Clearwater, FL 34624] had new mitral valve and pacemaker installed last April. We wish him a full recovery.

R. Stephen Hawley '43 (0403) [8249 Bank St. Rd., Batavia, NY 14020] spends winters in Green Valley, AZ. Robert Reid '39 (0346) is living there. They had not seen each other for 55 years, but have renewed their friendship.

Robert D. Flickinger '47 (0434) [801 Le Brun Rd., Amherst, NY 14226-4206] is enjoying retirement, living in Venice, FL in the winter, and Western NY in the Summer.

Roy S. Clarke '49 (0441) [8333 Verona Dr., New Carrollton, MD 20784] made an extremely generous donation to Cornell Acacia. THANK YOU!

Dwight S. Miller '51 (0472) [Schultzville Rd., RR2, Box 207, Clinton Corners, NY 12514-9619] saw Jamie Kerr '51 (0485) and wife Sue at their 50th reunion at Kent, CT.

Joseph I. Wilford '52 (0497) [2035 Harmony Lane, Glenside, PA 19038] has retired from the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard and the



## An Acacian Abroad

**Daniel Turinsky (#1004)**

The world is a very big place. Although that may not be the most profound statement ever made in a Traveler article, it is nevertheless true. It is also the reason why it is so nice to have a place to come home to. At Cornell, that place is Acacia.

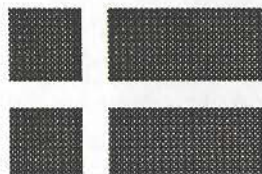
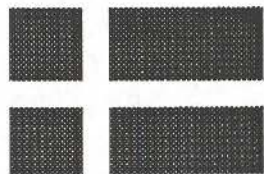
I am writing this article in a computer lab in the offices of the Denmark International Study Pro-

gram in Copenhagen. I'm surrounded by American students speaking English, and, to be honest, it does not seem very different from any of the computer labs back in Ithaca. However, when I walk out these doors it becomes obvious that I am certainly not in America anymore.

Narrow cobblestone streets and wide pedestrian walkways fill every inch of the city. There is a statue to be seen on every corner, and the best hot dog stands in the world lie waiting only a

minute away from anywhere you happen to be in the city. Speaking of food, I suppose it goes without saying that if you like danishes, this is the place to be. Except in Denmark, unlike the rest of the world, a danish is not a danish at all, but is vienerbrod, or bread from Vienna.

Denmark is a unique country, and I think that is something very important. The Danes have their own identity that they take great pride in. I think everyone at Cornell Acacia can, and should, relate to that. The world is still truly a very big place. Even though it is impossible not to find a McDonald's or Burger King on every street, and I am able to e-mail an article from Copenhagen to Cornell in a matter of minutes, the fact remains that I am clearly not at home.



## A Lesson Well Learned

**Jason McKee (#1005)**

This summer I worked two jobs. Half of the summer I spent working in a biochemistry laboratory and the other half I spent working at a camp on Lake George. The latter filled my brain with interesting facts that will probably have little relevance to the rest of my life. The former gave me valuable insights into life and interpersonal interactions. Surprisingly enough, medical and graduate schools will probably look more favorably upon the lab job.

The reason I wrote this article is not to complain about the lack of priorities in the world but to relate the story of a lesson that was taught to me while working with thirteen year old kids and which I think is key to becoming a better brother. A person should never consume himself with pride or let his ego overtake his actions. In other words, don't be ashamed to admit when you've done something wrong.

Now you're probably on the edge of your seat wondering what terrific story I'm about to tell you. Unfortunately, it's nothing that grand. Part of my job was to lead a day hike. I decided to go to the top of a nearby mountain where a plane had crashed in the seventies. I had done the same hike the previous year and found many pieces of wrecked plane. So I filled

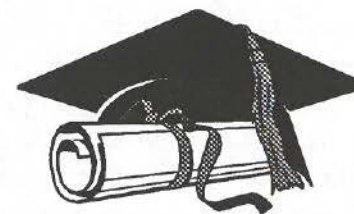
the campers heads with grandiose images and we set off to find the plane. Needless to say, I took a wrong turn and got horribly lost. Actually, I knew where I was, I just had no idea of how to get from there to my destination.

If the story is boring you and you're drifting off, start paying attention now because this is where the lesson comes in. So like a true macho guy, I pushed onward with the words "The trail should be just over that hill. We just have to go bushwhack." Natu-

rally, things didn't work out. Some kid stepped on a bee hive and in seconds bees were everywhere. Nine out of fifteen kids got stung and, of course, one

was allergic. We all got off of the mountain alive and spent the next half hour in the infirmary.

Since then it has always been in my mind that if I had admitted that I was wrong and had been willing to backtrack we could have had a great day. I guess that the point of my article is that you should never be ashamed of making mistakes. If I had a nickel for every stupid fight, that I've seen in the house and elsewhere, I wouldn't need my parents' help to afford Cornell tuition. Everyone lets their pride interfere with their life. Now I think that I am more aware of it and can make an effort to be a better person and brother.





## Tradition or Stupidity?

Patara Yongvanich (#1006)

After living in the house for a year, I grew to dread answering the house line. If it wasn't the Cornell Daily Sun trying to solicit us to betray other fraternities, it was a brother's girlfriend using the house line as an answering service. Roll number would always be called and that unfortunate soul with the highest roll number would have the honor of answering the phone, running through the entire house trying to find a brother, finding out that he wasn't there, and after all that come back to the phone to discover that the person had already hung up. Was the roll number rule a tradition or just a mini power trip that older brothers could enjoy? After a while of hearing roll number being called

for everything from moving the dining room tables for Chapter meetings to cleaning up spilled milk on the barroom floor, I just got sick of it. Even if I was the highest roll number in the room, I wouldn't budge. I would call GPA or IQ or even bodyweight. As other people caught on, the stupidity of the roll number rule being apparent to most, it no longer held water. It's little things like the roll number rule that has led to a lack of respect that younger brothers have for older brothers. Things have to change. It's funny how such an important thing as mutual respect can start from such a menial thing as answering the phone. There's something to think about.

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where we were staying. Since both of us had just turned 21 three or four days ago, we had to do it. This was our downfall for the rest of the trip. That night, using the system of a brother's parent at our Parent's Weekend Casino Night, Jason and I were up \$200 and \$125, respectively. However, the concept of quitting while you are ahead never struck us. By the end of the night I had won \$35, but Jason had lost \$10.

Then came Omaha, Nebraska.

Why Omaha? Well, it is the only thing between Chicago and Denver. Much to our dismay though, we saw a sign for an Indian Reservation casino. Thinking we were the regular high rollers and that we *could've* won a lot on that riverboat, we figured, what the hell. Thirty minutes after getting there, we left...stunned and shocked. I don't really want to discuss the amounts. But we were headed for bigger and better things...Denver.

Denver was the highlight of the trip, for me anyway. I was able to get tickets to an R.E.M. concert in January in the hope of driving through Denver on my way home. The dream had been realized. My first time ever seeing my favorite group in concert and it lived up

to expectations, even though Michael Stipe looked like a mere fly from the distance we were sitting.

The next couple of days involved short distance drives, but ended up taking a long time except during one part of Colorado where we wanted to see just how fast my car could get.

Jason took about one roll of film every five miles from Denver to Bryce Canyon to Las Vegas, our final stop between Ithaca and home. Jason was still shell shocked from our Omaha experience and decided to play once and quit. That was a wise move as he ended up winning. The rest of the night we just toured the innocent city of

Las Vegas and soaked up the lights of the city.

The next day was the drive home, it took quite awhile because of our diversion down south but we finally made it. Now the only thing to look forward to was work...ugh! It was a wonderful trip that should be experienced with friends. Now I can't wait to do the same thing after graduation to who knows where?





my mind off school and bowling. I still had no taste for Greek life.

Everything started to change on Super Bowl Sunday. I wanted to go to a Super Bowl party, but everyone I knew was going to a fraternity party. Pep, who was coming to Acacia's Super Bowl party as a rushee, invited me along. All the brothers made me feel welcome. I had a great time (even though the Niners won again) and I said I would undoubtedly be back. Matt invited me to the upcoming Thursday bar night. I hung out with many of the brothers and even met two brothers who shared my major (which has since changed), computer science: Todd Peskin and Kevin Slesinsky.

I started to feel like I had missed out on something, not having rushed at Acacia or anywhere else. Matt planted the seed in my head by asking me if I would ever consider pledging Acacia. I was flattered, having been to the house only twice. I told them I would seriously consider it.

It was time to think of

what I would get out of pledging and what I could add to the house. My future living arrangements and social life after freshmen year were uncertain. If I were to pledge Acacia, I would have a nice place to live for the rest of my Cornell career and I would have a great group of friends. In return I felt I could bring brotherhood and leadership to the house. My only fear at this point was that it would be too late to pledge.

I visited Matt and Derek and told them how I felt. They invited me to a couple dinners at the house. After the dinners, I wanted to pledge even more, but I didn't have a bid. However, on Tuesday, February 5th, the night before the pledge ceremony, I was just about to leave for bowling when brothers Matt Hartman, Derek Deich, and Jason Wang showed up at my door, with a bid in the hand! Being elected to membership at Acacia was probably the best thing to ever happen to me besides being accepted to Cornell. And I said I would never pledge a fraternity!

## I Went to Join ACACIA . . .

**Matt Hartman (#1008)**

Speaking to all of the current brothers, most would not have pictured themselves becoming "Fraternity Men." I am no exception. As a timid and naive freshmen/pledge, I had no idea what I was getting into or all of the opportunities that I would have. One such opportunity presented itself last Spring when our social chair, Dan Turinsky, volunteered me for the Greek God Pageant. For those who do not know, this "pageant" is the frat boy equivalent of the Miss America contest and raises money for the Cancer Society.

Not knowing what I was getting myself into, I agreed to represent ACACIA. It was only later that I learned of the categories: favorite super hero, swim suit, and formal wear. It should be emphasized that most of these categories are

taken very loosely (I was one of three wonder women). I will let you imagine some of the other stunts that forty guys can pull in front of a standing room crowd of one thousand plus.

It is difficult to put into words what I felt and experienced with this contest. I didn't win and did not even make the final cut. However, that was not important. I had hundreds of girls goggling over my well-sculpted body—but that wasn't important either. Nevertheless, when every brother and pledge came out to cheer for me (and laugh with me), I felt an enormous sense of pride and realized how lucky I was to be an ACACIAN. And heck, if I had never joined ACACIA, I would have probably been playing on my computer that Friday night—and would have never known what could have been.

