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Chapter Stages Good Rush; Nets Nine Excellent Men;



Here are some of the men who comprise our new pledge class. They are, from l. to r.: Jerry Czerniejewski, Ron Tesarik, Chuck Field, John Bacon, Steve Browne and Len Copeland. Missing are John Bacon, Dick Berndt and Don MacVean.

The undergraduate chapter staged its first rushing period under the new deferred rules and came out on top with the pledging of 9 men of excellent quality.

Under the guidance of Chairman *Bob Warne* and his able committee, the chapter moved forward with speed and determination. Prompted by the enthusiasm displayed by Chairman Warne, the entire undergraduate membership worked hard and long to bring us this successful season.

The new pledges are:

John MacDonald Bacon, Hamburg, N. Y. John is a member of the class of 1959 and is studying agricultural engineering. He has been elected president of the pledge class.

Richard T. Berndt. Dick comes from Seekowk, Mass., and is an Ag student, class of '59.

Stephen Duane Browne, Avon, N. Y. Like Dick Berndt, Steve is an Ag student, '59.

Leonard H. Copeland comes from Elizabeth, N. J. He is a student in the school of mechanical engineering and is a member of the class of 1959.

Jeromy Czerniejewski. Jerry comes from Hamburg, N. Y., and he is an Ag student, class of 1959.

Charles Henry Field is another agriculture engineer of the class of '59. His home is Galway, N. Y.

Donald Stuart MacVean is from Valley Stream, N. Y. He is an Ag student, '59.

Richard G. Talboys comes to us from Maywood, N. J. Dick is a student in the school of Arts and Sciences. His class year, as the others, is 1959.

Ronald Floyd Tesarik, Toledo, O. Ron is an electrical engineer and is

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Philip E. Baber '55 Killed In Tragic Vehicle Crash

Philip E. Baber, Jr. '55, United States Navy, was killed in a tragic automobile crack-up near the Pensacola Naval Base on February 10, 1956.

The accident occurred at Fort Walton Beach at a road intersection near Saufley Field Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Pensacola, where he was stationed.

Brother Baber exemplified the finer type of American. During his high school training he was prominent in athletics, playing varsity basketball and soccer. He was interested in music and took up the study of the trumpet, which he learned to play with unusual skill.

At Cornell he was an active member of the chapter as well as an active citizen of the university. He was

a member of the Cleff Club, the Rhythm Club, the Concert Band and the Big Red Band. He was also librarian for one year and assistant conductor of the Marching Band.

Brother Baber was buried in his hometown of Keesville, N. Y. A large number of his classmates were in attendance at the funeral.

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Suiter Reports

Shorty Suiter '22 is a regional manager for Johns Manville. He reports seeing *Whit Whitson* '23, *Jim Strong* '20, and *Everett Enos* '22 at different times during the past year. He states that it was great to see some of the old gang. Shorty lives at 308 Delaware Ave., McDaniel Crest, Wilmington, Del.

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John Male '58Editor

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Chapter Pledges

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also a member of the class of 1959.

We are proud of this class. We certainly hope that all of you will make a special effort to "come home" for Founder's Day Weekend to meet these prospective members.

A special vote of thanks must be extended to all of those alumni who were so helpful with their recommendations of prospective pledges. Those recommendations, as always, formed the foundation for our entire rushing program. We trust that we shall continue to have such fine cooperation in the future.

We are very satisfied with our class of nine men. However, we have no intention of "letting up" in our efforts to keep on pledging more men. As you know, Acacia has always managed to do a little better during the deferred rushing period after formal rushing and we can see no reason why this year should be an exception. We are still working, still making our normal contacts, and we hope that we will be able to report to you in the next issue of this newsletter that we have pledged even a few more men.

The problems which have confronted us, and all Cornell fraternities, during this period of transition to deferred rushing seem to have been overcome. We are certain that our pledge class is composed of the type of men Acacia has always stood for. As a consequence, we feel that the obstacles of deferred rushing are no longer with us. The battle has been a tough one, but we are delighted to be able to report that we've come out on top!

Acacia Brothers Send Us News

Bob Squires '53, of Andrew Street Road, Massena, N. Y., is a salesman for Homestead Dairies, Inc. They are in the heart of the St. Lawrence Seaway and Power Development Project, and Bob reports that business is booming. He has a son born July 23, 1955. He also tells us that *Bob Howe '51* is the father of twins.

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Mac deVesty '53 was recently discharged from service. He and his wife liked it so much in Albuquerque that they decided to make it their permanent home. He is now in private law practice with Marron & McRae.

He reports seeing *Earl Ginter '53*, and his wife last fall Mac states that he is especially glad to receive the Traveler, as he has been so long out of contact with the old gang.

Mac's new address is 140 Silver S.W., Albuquerque, N. Mex.

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Ed Richmond '16 is an Entomologist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. At present he is Plant Quarantine Inspector-in-charge, at McGuire AFB. He also covers Dover AFB, in Delaware. Ed's home is at 14 Circle Dr., Moorestown, N. J.

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John Hayt '54 is a 2nd Lt. in the Army, now stationed in Korea. His present job is Company Commander of a new Division recreation center. He is married to the former Emilie M. Shaffer, who is living in Tokyo. He reports that he met *Bob Vanderhoek '53* in Korea. Bob is a 1st Lt. John is planning to finish his last year of Law at Cornell in '57. His service address is Co. D 6th Tank Bn. APO 24, San Francisco, Calif.

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Dave Hower '52 is an Industrial Engineer for Sharp & Dohme, managing the packaging of all fluids and ointments. He writes that he was very pleased with the improvements to the house when he was in Ithaca for Parent's weekend. Dave's address is 2121 Pine St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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Leland Spencer '18, of 24 Cornell Street, Ithaca writes that he will have a sabbatical leave in the spring of '56. eH may do some travelling and hopes to see many of the old guard. He assures us that if he does he will report on them.

Jim Symons '54 is a graduate student at M.I.T. He has completed his summer work concerning the biological degradation of detergents, and has now started on his doctoral thesis problem. This is a project sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, and is for the investigation of the Nitrogen Relationships during the Stabilization of the Glucose by Activated Sludge. Jim's roommate is *Doug McIlroy '54*. Doug has embarked, according to Jim . . . "A little less strenuously on a PhD program in Mathematics . . . ETA '58. He puts in his time with M.I.T.'s Whirlwind Computer, a marvelous machine which can do anything if properly fed and cared for. Whirlwind recently typed out 'illegal character' in response to McIlroy's name. Doug has been computing for several persons and correcting papers for others." Both Jim and Doug live in Room 321-A, The Graduate School, M.I., Cambridge 39, Mass.

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Bob Ogle has assumed duties as Director of Services, in the Breeding on Leghorns. He states that it is much like extensions work, requiring a great deal of travel.

Bob is happy to see some of the 4-H members he worked with while on the staff, now in Acacia. He reports that time to visit the chapter is limited because of the pressure of business. However, we think that the 18 grandchildren of which he can so rightfully boast, may also be taking up some of his time! Bob, at writing, was building a new home on Townline Road, R.D. 3, Ithaca.

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Charlie Emery '50 is a dealer in farm supplies. He says that about the oldest thing in his family since he left Cornell is the car. Charlie and his wife Betty, are hoping for a sister for Scotty, age 2, in February. He writes . . . "We're struggling to get this farm machinery business out of the red, and that means long days and short night . . . have not been able to keep in contact with the old gang . . . sure would like to have a chance for a confab before old age creeps in . . . the Traveler is the link that keeps once strong friendships from fading with time." Charlie's address is Selkirk, N. Y.

Chapter To Celebrate Founder's Day



The new house officers, recently elected are, back row: Ed Conroy, Bob Erb and John Male. Seated, Bob Warne, Jack Cooper and Dave Reibel. Not present when this photo was taken was Frank Walsh.

Cooper Elected President In Recent Chapter Elections

Jack Cooper of Westerlo, N. Y., was elected to the position of chapter president in elections held recently at the chapter house. His assistant and vice-president is *Dave Reibel* of Ray Brook, N. Y.

Also elected during this period was *Bob Warne* of Elmira. Bob is now chapter treasurer. *Frank Walsh* of Gary, Ind., has been elected secretary.

The new senior steward is *Bob Erb* of Wantagh, N. Y. Junior Steward is *Ed Conroy*, Cumberland, Md.

Rushing chairman for the new year is *John Male*, presently editor of this newsletter. The new editor and alumni secretary is *Bob Gardner*. John comes to us from Honesdale, Pa., while Bob makes his home at Barker, N. Y.

The new officers have already assumed their respective duties in the affairs of the chapter. We are looking forward, under their leadership, to another successful year.

A vote of thanks also goes to the officers who guided the chapter during

the past year. They are *Bill Beischer*, *Bion McClellan*, *Bob Warne*, *George Mueller* and *Roger Soloway*. These men have had much to do with the successes of *Acacia* during the past year and are deserving of our gratitude.

Don't forget to make it back for the Founder's Day celebration in April. That will give you an opportunity to meet the new officers.

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Ed Sunderville '35

Assigned To Germany

Ed Sunderville '35 writes, "After being in Ithaca for 3½ year as Assistant PSM&AT at Cornell in charge of the Veterinary Branch of the ROTC we have received word that my new assignment will be in central Germany. We are all looking forward to that assignment for 3 years." Ed is now living at 216 Forest Home Drive in Ithaca.

April 13-15 is the weekend set aside by the chapter for the celebration of our Second Annual Founder's Day Weekend.

After the success of last year's fete, it was decided that we should make Founder's Day an annual affair. This year we celebrate the occasion for the second time.

We are expecting a large turnout of alumni for this very special reunion.

This year the affair will begin with an informal registration period at the house starting at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 13. From this initial point of departure, we are planning to move forward through a whole succession of happy events. Plenty of time is being set aside for the informal get-togethers you have all come to favor.

Banquet To Be Held

Official celebration of Founder's Day will be held on Saturday evening, April 15, with a banquet at Taughanock Farms. This is the inn, you will remember, that proved so inadequate for our party last year. We have already been promised the best in accommodations and in good food!

The main speaker for this banquet has not yet been tapped, but we are certain that we will be providing you with just the right sort of a program. We will have some other entertainment, too, at the dinner.

Of course, the dinner is not the only "official" portion of the weekend. An Alumni Corporation has also been scheduled. The meeting will take place at the chapter house at 5:00 p.m. on the 14th. This meeting is an important one and we are expecting a large gathering for it.

Other events are scheduled, too. There is baseball on the program, a drama club presentation, a fine lecture. It is definite that we will keep all of those interested busy, but we have not forgotten that many of you will simply want to sit and talk and reminisce. Such free time is amply provided for.

Tours Provided

The chapter will keep many of you busy by giving you guided tours of the newest points of interest on the cam-

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Bill Bunyan '51 writes that he was married in 1950 to the former Margaret Weigand, of Ithaca. They have a son, John, 1 year old, and a daughter, Susan, aged 3½. He has had his own public accounting firm for three years. Bill is past-president of a local service club. His address: 8834 Reading Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

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Wayne Rothenberger '11 reports that he is still Financial Secretary and Custodian of Building and Grounds at Perkiomen Preparatory School. He has been Worthy Patron of Eastern Star for 32 years. His daughter is Dean of Lasell Junior College at Auburndale, Mass. Another daughter is a Captain in the Army Reserves and head of the Occupational Therapy Department in the Veterans' Hospital at West Haven, Conn. He was sorry to read of the death of his former roommate, *Charles Harrington*. His address is 526 Main St., Pennsburg, Pa.

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John Alexander '16, has just been elected President of the American Real Property Federation at their annual convention at Hotel Biltmore in New York. This is a legislative organization for the 40,000,000 property owners in the U.S.A. to protect property rights. John's address is 327 Burntside Dr., Minneapolis 2, Minn.

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Dick Hanks '55 is now a student at the University of Buffalo School of Dentistry. He writes . . . "Thirty hours of classes a week plus an equal number of hours of outside study make for a full week . . . tell *Marty Offenberger* to get on the ball and come to Buffalo . . . this campus needs more Cornell talent."

Dick was pleased to head that *Jack Cooper* won the Thompson award, and feels that the chapter couldn't have made a better choice.

Dick resides at 8283 Main St., Clarence, N. Y.

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Jim Cameron '09, of 240 Fairfield Ave., Bluefield, W.Va., has been active this year as District Chairman of Vocational Guidance for the Kiwanis Club. He also worked for the local chapter of professional engineers.

Guy Wollenweber '11 writes that he had a series of unfortunate accidents. He slipped and broke the right femur and when nearly recovered, fell again while on crutches, and broke the left femur longitudinally. He feels that his career is ended, and advises young men to prepare for their old age, with no less than \$25,000 to pay for possible medical expenses.

He still corresponds with some brother Acacians of the 1909-1911 period . . . *Poppie Wait*, of Sturgis, Michigan; *Steve Wilson*, St. Petersburg, Florida; *James Cameron*, Bluefield, West Virginia; *Paul Thompson*, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan. He reports having seen *Everett Palmer* several times in Pasadena, and that *Nick Carter*, and *Jim Farnsworth* called on him.

Guy's address is 540 16th St., San Bernadino, Calif.

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Harold Murray '29 is head of the Department of Horticulture at McGill University in Quebec, Canada. His son is with the Canadian Macroni Company learning the radio-television business in preparation for engineering at McGill. He hopes to get to Ithaca next summer to see those of the old gang who are still around Ithaca. Harold's address is 1 Maple Dr., Ste Anne de Bellevue, Quebec, Canada.

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Charlie Geyh '53 was discharged from the army in December, 1955, and was married to Patricia Keeney of Milwaukee. He is now back at his job as Chemical Engineer at DuPont, after a honeymoon in Florida. Charlie reports that *Scott DePalma '54* is married and now at Elgin Air Force Base in Florida. Also that *Lem Wingard '53* is now out of service. Charlie's address is 2726 LaSalle Ave., Niagara Falls, N. Y.

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M. Truman Fossum '40 writes that after 10 years of struggling he now believes that the field of research and work he has been trying to develop is now beyond the point of personal responsibility. A notice from the U.S. Department of Agriculture points out that Brother Fossum will continue with major responsibility for

marketing research on the horticulture specialties. He is working, of course, in Washington and lives at 4122 Edmunds St., N.W., Apt. 302, in Washington, D.C.

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Marcus A. McMaster '21 is a plant quarantine inspector with the USDAARS. He lives at 515 St. Paul's Ave., Cliffside Park, N. J. He writes that he and his wife, Helen, have been living at this address for 15 of their 26 married years. They are on the west slope of the Palisades across the Hudson River from Grant's Tomb and seven miles north of the Hoboken Plant Inspection House.

Brother McMaster writes, "I often wondered if any other past president of the Cornell Chapter was wearing a tiny gold gavel suspended from his Acacia triangle pin, as I do. That was suggested to me when I stayed at the Columbia Chapter House in New York, a weekend in 1925."

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Al Hagedorn sends us a new address. He is now living at 23600 Long Valley Rd., Hidden Hills, Calabasas, Calif.

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Founder's Day

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pus. We know that many of you have not yet had the opportunity to inspect the many new buildings on the hill. Those interested will have the chance to visit these sites and give them a thorough going over.

The weekend will come to a close on Sunday, April 15. We'll have breakfast at the house after church services and dinner will be served starting at 1:00 p.m.

All in all, we have tried to plan a weekend that will give each of you something to look forward to. We have already sent you a schedule of events along with a reservation envelope. We hope that you have already used that envelope. If not, please make use of the substitute which is hereby provided.

Last year's Founder's Day Weekend was a great one. We need only your presence to make this one even bigger and better!