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The New House

Old "708" is no longer the home of Acacia, altho "708" will always bring back fond memories to those that have lived there. The growth of the active chapter has made it necessary to move into a larger house.

Our new number, "614", happens to be as nearly as possible a location on East Buffalo that corresponds with 708 East Seneca. The alumni in town joined with the active chapter in considering this move. It is, in reality, a step forward towards our own new house which we hope to have some time in the future.

There is a tennis court in the rear of our new home and there is every indication that it will always be in use, if not by Acacians, by our fair co-ed neighbors, who live next door.

The house itself is a frame building finished in stucco and, as the picture shows, is very roomy. large porch will be greatly enjoyed in the summer. On entering the house one finds a large hall and open stairway. To the left is a small card room with a large bay window facing the front. To the right is a room about ten by twelve, also with a bay window facing the front, which is in part a music room, for here is where we keep the Victrola. To the rear of this is the chapter room which is much larger then the corresponding room at "708." The large, fine picture of the "Rolling Ocean" above the fireplace, the piano in one corner, ex-President Taft's photo, and other articles which our alumni will ever associate with the chapter room, are all here. Here is also the store which is doing a thriving business.

To the rear of the chapter room is the office where daily our esteemed treasurer and steward wrestle with the various financial problems of the chapter. From the chapter room or from the open hall one enters the pool room, a new room for the Cornell chapter, made possible thru the great generosity of alumni Bro. Dallenbach. North of the pool room is another room which is used as a study. Below the chapter room is the furnace room and back of this the kitchen, which, by the way, is quite a bit larger than the one at Below the pool room is a "708." large dining room which will hold thirty men. In the large fire place here we expect to have some big, roaring fires this winter during our evening meals, provided that we can get something to burn. There is also one other room, in the basement which furnishes storage room for the steward's supplies. On the two upper stories are twelve rooms, nine of which are used for studies, each capable of holding two men, and most of them will easily hold three. The other three rooms are used as dormitories.

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The "Argos" is Safe

Our ship had favorable weather for a long time and avoided the treacherous shoals and hidden reefs. One day, however, when almost within sight of our destination a great storm came up. For a time it was hoped that the staunch vessel would weather the gale but at last it was seen that the combined efforts of the ship's company at the sweeps availed nothing.

However, some of the crew were not willing to give up without first doing everything within their power to save the ship, and so it is with gratitude that the present active chapter wishes to acknowledge the untiring efforts of those who sailed our craft during the war and helped us in the past year to build up the Cornell Chapter of the Acacia Fraternity to its former rank and strength. Special mention is due Brother Oliver Dynes, former corporation secretary-treasurer, and Brother Robert Chamberlain. former president of the corporation.

During the latter part of the war the last of our active men were called into the service leaving "708" in the care of the alumni members in town. Last fall seven men, Morgan, Tyler, Hobart, Mc-Master, Cushing, Wolf and Strong, came back into active membership. Through their efforts the active chapter was filled up to thirty-seven with three pledges at the end of June, 1920. This fall eighteen of these men returned, and are now working

to make Acacia one of the strongest and best fraternities on the hill.

With our increased membership which is far above any previous number reached we found "708" too small and so moved to 614 E. Buffalo Street, a descrip-

tion of which is given on the second page.

Since all of the present active chapter have been with the fraternity for a short time it is our earnest desire that the alumni help us with suggestions or constructive criticisms.

Impressions of an "Old Man"

The editor has just called out, "Deat! do you have your little article written?" So you see he must shoulder the blame for this bit of "butting in." It certainly is fine to be back in dear old Acacia, and it is my hope that inasmuch as the writer is the only "real old active" of prewar days, he may be given opportunity to help in some slight way in the rebuilding of Acacia at Cornell. The story of how Cornell Acacians enlisted and died in Uncle Sam's service might be related; or the story of the special meeting of the Cornell Chapter of Acacia in Calais, France on the twenty-first of April, 1917-Capt. C. W. Harrington in the chair, and Buck Private E. P. Deatrick acting sentinel, tho probably not constitutional, might be interesting to relate. A word about the great work the boys who returned to "708" immediately after the war have accomplished in building up Acacia would be more opportune. From nothing these men have built up a chapter of more than twenty men in less than two years. This rapid expansion necessitated moving into new quarters, concerning which other columns inform you. We all are very happy again.

There is but one "impression" that comes to this "Old Man"-old, well the boys say "he holds his age well"an impression or rather an idea which might be offered for discussion. As always, there are those among us who find it very hard at times to struggle along with the cost of getting an education. Our alumni in town have always given these men aid, in the form of loaning money or endorsing their notes. Is this not a burden which ought to be distributed more evenly among our alumni? My only suggestion would be that those of our brothers who are out and have made their fortunesbe they large or small-write us whether it might be possible for worthy Acacians to borrow a bit of money once in a while. Might it not be possible for the secretary to carry the names of the brothers who could readily loan a small amount of money to residents of "614," and help a brother Acacian in time of trouble? Our chapter would in all probability be stronger scholastically and financially if some of our men could borrow some money to help them thru. Write us your own suggestions.

E. P. Deatrick.

The 1920 Conclabe

A Resume by Our V. D.

The thirteenth annual Conclave of the Acacia Fraternity was held in Minneapolis September 20th to 25th under the auspices of the Minnesota Chapter.

The Conclave, judging from the talks of the Grand Officers and of former representatives, was the most successful ever held. Undoubtedly the fact that every chapter and alumni organization was represented will account for some of this. The spirit of the Conclave seemed directed toward a greater unity, not only in the fraternity itself, but between the various chapters and the Grand Fraternity as well as between the Chapters and their alumni. It was this unity which made it possible to accomplish a great amount of constructive legislation. Some of the most important steps forward weredual representation for each chapter, one representative to be from the active chapter and one from the alumni. The alumni representative is to be the Chapter adviser. The chapter adviser will be selected by the active chapter subject to the approval of the Grand council. This rather radical change, it is hoped, will stimulate the interest in the fraternity, which we must have.

An amendment which provided for an increase in tenure of office for the Grand Officers, with overlapping terms was passed. Another amendment settled the old Greek question. It was to the effect that no member of a national social fraternity will be eligible for membership in the Acacia Fraternity, and any member who affiliates with such an organization shall forfeit his membership in Another amendment pro-Acacia. vided that the Grand Officers be installed by the Grand Council on February first after their election. and take over their offices then in order that they may have a time in which they may accommodate themselves with their new offices. Still another amendment provided that the Grand President may call a meeting of the Grand Council without refering it to the chapters for a referendum vote. The office of Grand Editor was separated from that of Grand Secretary. The publication of the "Journal" will be resumed this year with four editions per annum.

It is impossible to say anything more of the business end of the Conclave without speaking of our hosts. It would be impossible for any body of men to be more hospitably welcomed or royally entertained than were the delegates and visitors at the Conclave. It would be practically impossible to have accomplished so much were it not for the hours of recreation cleverly interspersed with the hours for meetings which were full of important work. The forms of recreation were auto trips and real dinners, at various points of interest of which Minneapolis has more than her share.

The Minnesota Chapter is to be heartily congratulated for having a man of Brother Comstock's caliber to conduct this part of the Conclave in such a systematic and punctilious manner. The delegates only regret

is that every Acacian cannot attend at least one conclave, for it is impossible to bring back the message to the chapter in the way in which they were impressed on him.

The Cornell Chapter was represented, in addition to the regular delegate, by Brothers Enos and Anderson.

The Grand Fraternity publication will contain a complete report of the Conclave and will be out in the near future.

R. B. Mihalko, V. D.

Social Life at "614"

social calendar has been fairly well filled this fall at Acacia. To date three parties have been held, all of them complete successes in The new Home at every way. Acacia affords more space for those who "trip the light fantastic toe" to give expression to their ideas of the aesthetic in dancing. Every one in the house has been loaded to the deck with university work and the parties have been entered into with a spirit that always characterizes that play which follows hard work. We are especially fortunate in having among us a few real musicians who are at times given an opportunity to demonstrate at our parties. Between them and the Victrola we have not lacked for good dance music.

A few fellows in the house who have hitherto shown either partial or total immunity to that malady of the feet, known as "Jazz," have of late shown a sudden and striking susceptibility to it. A few lessons and a little coaching from the "jazz hounds" on the side lines are bringing them into shape. As a matter of fact "Andy's" well known characterization of the worst "jazz hound" in the house has been challenged by our new devotee, "Bones" Enos, who bids fair to take first place and hold it, thereby putting "Andy" among the "has beens."

The first party was held on October fifteenth at a time when we needed a social affair to give us the proper psychological set of mind necessary to enable us to view our heavy first semester schedules in the right light. We have for our next door neighbors the Delta Sorority, and on this memorable night the D. Z. girls were the objects of our hospitality. They are not as "dizzy" as their Greek letter name might suggest. The punch bowl was in evidence and proved to be a popular attraction.

A few members were always willing to give the visitors lessons in pool playing and altho the proficiency gained by some was not sufficient to warrant a discontinuance in instruction, the table proved to be a source of some little amusement. The pool table, by the way, was recently donated to the Chapter by our much respected alumnus in facultate, Dr. K. M. Dallenbach. The boys certainly appreciate his munificience and enjoy the table more and more as time goes on.

In due time and due form the aforesaid musicians in the house namely, Kezer and Livermore, were summoned to the piano and to the strains of "jazz" which followed there was found to be a ready response. Brother Bott also took an occasional

turn at the ivories while "Jim" Livermore was unchallenged at the cornet. "Jim" doesn't claim to be the only "wind pusher" in the house but does claim the distinction of being able to set this faculty to music. When the orchestra became tired or desired to dance, the "Vic" was always the untiring source of "jazz" strains. Every one reported a good time and judging from some remarks recorded in the guest book by the ladies, Acacia went on record as having made very good friends of our neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clark and Mrs. J. Cunningham officiated in the capacity of chaperones and likewise reported an enjoyable evening.

Our next social function was on the occasion of Hallowe'en and assumed the form of a regular old fashioned, bonafide Hallowe'en party with lack-'o-Lanterns, witches, ghosts, goblins 'n' everything. "Deat" to start off the party rehearsed the time honored myth dealing with the evolution of the horse shoe superstition and the significance of arched door-ways and related topics. After this everybody indulged, if possible, in a reversion to childhood days and partook in all or part of the Hallowe'en games. These pastimes consumed a large part of the evening but an hour was left for dancing. Brother Kern was with us for the evening and his presence reminded us of some of the good times last year at "708." We were honored by having with us Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Reed. Mr. and Mrs. Heath, Dr. and Mrs. K. M. Dallenfach and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chamberlain.

Our third and last party to date was an impromptu one of meager dimensions-the day of the Cornell-Columbia football game. The fact that we won the game by a substantial margin lent unusual spirit to the members of the party. Scammell came over from Syracuse for the game with a party of six, and he deserves the credit for the party as it was not arranged until we learned that he was to be with us. Brother Gridley, of New Rochelle, Brother Walker from the Columbia Chapter, and Brother Hawks of the Syracuse Chapter were with us over this week end. Brother Gridley was also with us at the time of the Cornell-Colgate, and he has now decided that Cornell has come back to her own in the football world.

It has been the custom of the fraternity to hold Thanksgiving parties and one was planned for this year on November twenty-sixth but unfortunately and to the keen disappointment of the members of the chapter it was decided to cancel it. The committee in charge had already made all arrangements for the music, programs, favors and eats, before it became evident that it would be unwise to hold the party at the scheduled time.

At the informal house meeting on Monday November twenty-second it was pointed out by four or five members that the date set for the party was coincident with a Chapter meeting downtown at which state officers were to be present and after which a banquet was to be served. This was deemed to be sufficient cause for the giving up of the dance as a large number of the alumni would probably like to be present at this function. Altho the party was planned nearly

three weeks ahead of time the occasion of the Chapter meeting did not happen to be noticed or at least was unspoken of until the time mentioned above. With this issue of "The Traveller" go the hearty wishes of every member of the active chapter to each and every alumnus for the very best that a New Year can bring.

Tyler

Athletics

The big Red team has made the football world open its eyes this fall. Dartmouth succeeded in defeating them 14-3 but this is the first time since the fall of 1900 that Cornell has scored against the Green aggregation. Cornell has defeated St. Bonaventure, University of Rochester, Colgate, Union, Rutgers and Columbia, piling 231 points to her opponents 40. She stands fourth in number of points scored. Much credit is due Coach Gilmore Dobie for these victories.

When war broke out in 1917 Cornell warriors enlisted to fight for Uncle Sam and naturally the fame of Cornell's football team suffered for a time. The squad consists of about sixty men who are practically green from the start. With these slow, green, but fairly heavy men to work with Mr. Dobie started out on the thirteenth of September to develop a team. It has required a lot of hard work on the part of the coach and men to make these records, of which we are proud, even if we did have to bow to Old Penn.

The Freshman made a creditable showing this year. Coach Eckley, '16, has developed some good material which will take the places of those graduating from this year's 'varsity team.

The "Frosh" lost their first game to Mansfield by a 7-0 score. Penn Freshman took the last game 14-7 after a hard fought battle. The two intermediate games were easy victories. Wyoming Seminary and Columbia Freshman fell before the fast Red yearlings.

The track team is staging a comeback this year and will make up for laurels lost during the war. Coach Jack Moakley has developed wonderful teams in the past but this year's aggregation will go down as a top notcher. He wins by team work and not thru individuals. The Cornell harriers won first place at the Intercollegiate meet held at Syracuse. Ten Cornell men crossed the line before a Harvard man when Harvard invaded Ithaca.

At Yale, the Cornell harriers took the final meet in this country. They have now gone to England as true representatives of America.

The Soccer team is putting up a good fight this year. Coach Bawlf has developed a team to be proud of, altho they lost to Yale and Penn by a one point margin, they gave Harvard and Haverford a good beating.

Whitson

Married

Brother William C. Andrae to Miss Ida Reed of Ithaca, N. Y. Brother Bertram Y. Kinzey to Miss Gertrude Sargent of Mount Vernon, N. Y.

Important Rotice

Several weeks ago reply postals were sent to all alumni at their last known address. This was an attempt on the part of the active chapter to obtain the present address of every alumnus. Of the one hundred and fifty cards that were sent out seventysix were returned, with the address corrected or verified, and thirteen were returned unclaimed. A bit of mental arithmetic shows that the active chapter is without the address of seventy-four of our brothers. This issue of "The Traveler" is therefore being sent only to those whose address is known. It would be greatly appreciated if each of the recipients of this leaflet would run over the appended list and inform the editor

of the correct address of any brother with whom he may be in touch.

Important as this information and request is, the primary object of this note was to report the receipt of a particular card. It was sent by Mr. E. Pittinger, grandfather of Brother Edward Souter, who informed us that "Ed" is in the American Protestant College in Syria, teaching English. Mr. Pittinger is a Civil War veteran and a Chapter mason. He became an "adopted Acacian" last year when he visited us while here attending his grandson's commencement and it is noted with a great deal of pleasure that our "grandfather" expects to pay us another visit this year.

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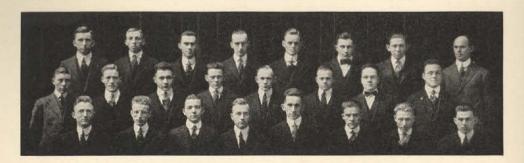
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