

## Setting Sail on Cayuga Lake

—Peter Rimshnick (1060)

On two beautiful Sundays in early September, the brothers of Acacia Fraternity joined one of our most honored alumni, Jim Showacre (447), on Cayuga Lake for some late summer sailing. Varying in experience from accomplished (e.g. Mark Elliot (1081)), to complete beginner (yours truly), we embarked on our journey not knowing quite what to expect. However, with the ever-patient, and always helpful Jim as our Captain, we turned out to be a quick study in the methods of jibbing and tacking, trimming and beating.

Sailing and Acacia have long gone hand in hand. For years, Jim and actives from the Cornell chapter raced competitively. Looking to revive this tradition, and teach some youngsters how to sail, Jim kindly invited us out with him. The six spots available quickly filled up, and before we knew it, we were out in the sunshine on the lake, looking rather silly as we attempted complicated sailing maneuvers. Slowly but surely we caught on, and after the first 4 hour session, we were pretty confident about our sailing abilities. Thus, when we went out the following week, we were audacious enough to put up the spinnaker and race downwind, testing the mettle of Jim's old but strong and solid ship, The Shamrock.

Sadly though, summer in Ithaca dissolves as quickly as it comes, so we had to put the main and jib away until warm weather again returns to the Finger Lakes. But, in 6 or 7 months, when the temperatures again rise and the sun shines its warmth upon Cayuga's waters, the men of Acacia will certainly will be back on the lake, with our sails filled of wind, and our hearts filled with enthusiasm.

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## Homecoming Tailgate

Enjoying typical fine Ithaca weather, from blue and beautiful to a dreadful downpour in only hours, Acacia gathered outside Bartels to celebrate the return of our alumni and possibly a victory by the Big Red. Nearly a score of alumni made appearances throughout the weekend. Pictured right are some of the alumni and actives, who made it out early Saturday morning to eat hamburgers and hot dogs before the big game.

—Seth Jacobson (1092)



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# Fall 2005 Chapter Roster

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# A Message From Our Corporation Board President

Greetings! The 2005-2006 fiscal year began with yet another Northcote challenge. The End Room porch began to sag, and had to be completely torn down and rebuilt over the summer, at a cost of over \$25,000. The project required a structural engineer, general contractor, stone masons, and an inspector. In addition, the original hot water boiler (installed in 1960, which heats the wing, dining room, kitchen, rooms 36 and 37, and 469) was replaced (with a pair of smaller, high-efficiency boilers operating in tandem), as planned, for another \$21,000, as was the front portico roof (\$2,400). As usual, we've also had to deal with a few unanticipated maintenance expenses (leaking ceilings, broken toilets). Fortunately, we should have no difficulty passing the Cayuga Heights annual inspection in October for our Certificate of Compliance. However, we will be hard pressed to complete our 5-year maintenance plan without significant income (spelled DUES and DONATIONS). Planned improvements are deferred at least another year, including replacing the rest of the original double-hung windows on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors (at least 10 of the 30 windows estimated at \$700/window), converting cook's/weight room bathroom to laundry room (\$4,500), and expanding/paving/illuminating the back parking lot. Since nobody has stepped forward to take over the Treasurer's role, I continue to hold the roles of both President and Treasurer, plus I maintain the Alumni database.

I am encouraged by the number of contributors (95 donors, \$11,440) for 2004-2005. Special thanks to Arthur Heuser '47 (445) for his generous financial contribution towards the replacement boiler. Likewise, David Fischell '75 (800) donated an equal amount to use for any purpose. Think about contacting some fellow classmates whose names don't appear on the honor roll and urging them to fulfill their financial obligation to our fraternity. If you haven't contributed, please consider showing your financial support today so Cornell Acacia can continue to flourish (although it sometimes feels more like survival).

The Active Brotherhood is a great group of young men, and I'm sure the most recent initiates will continue to make Acacia an organization we are all proud of. The Actives have extended four bids after a Fall Rush, and are already planning for the Spring Rush.

I hope to hear from all of you, and see some of you during the year. Suggestions for stimulating interest from Cornell Acacia Alumni is encouraged, so please email or call me if you have ideas and want to get involved. Stay healthy and stop to smell the flowers!

Faternally,

Steven L. Stein '73 (787)

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## Acacia Fraternity Foundation Donations

Tax-deductible contributions to the Cornell Chapter Account of the Acacia Fraternity Foundation can be made at any time and should be mailed to:

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Checks should be made payable to "Acacia Fraternity Foundation." Use of the chapter's Foundation is limited to scholarships and qualified educational expenses.

## Donations to Acacia's Cornell Endowment

Donations to the Cornell University Endowment can be directed to the Cornell Acacia Fraternity portion of the endowment through specifying the "Arthur Lee Thompson III Memorial Scholarship Endowment" when donating.

Our current Cornell University endowment share value is approximately \$450,000. Our money grows based on the performance of the endowment portfolio. The amount that brothers receive is roughly equivalent to the gain on the investment for the year divided by the number of brothers on financial aid. The financial aid office administers the funds to brothers on financial aid based on the fraternity president's advisement, provided the dispersal is sound judgment. This past year, all Active brothers on financial aid received \$1,200 in grants each.

# Venerably Speaking

-Noe Bautista (1073)

In my four years of being a proud Acacian, I have seen our beloved Fraternity push forward with great momentum, and I cannot think of anything that I have done in my life that I am prouder of than just being a part of the whole. Our legacy has continually been taken to higher plateaus because the men that have joined our ranks have taken ownership of this fraternity and have been passionately devoted to her.

The devotion of various brothers over the years to this house was confirmed by the record number of alumni that came back to Northcote for homecoming. Hearing alumni tell stories and swear that their experience at Cornell would not have been nearly as memorable had it not been for their time in Cornell Acacia was truly inspiring. The time spent with alumni reminded me that we do not make the individual sacrifices that we make for our beloved fraternity only for the here and now. We, alumni and actives, do what we do because of respect for the many dedicated generations of Acacians that came before us and the promise of future Acacians. I remind

everyone that has ever declared 'I am an Acacian/ I am Proud of it' to remember the date that we all have at Northcote for our centennial in 2007.

Acacia has most certainly continued its award winning pace from last year (Outstanding Chapter award 2004-2005). We have expanded service projects, such as our 'Santa's College Days,' as more members of the Greek System have willingly joined our efforts when we have approached them. Our Fall Rush efforts have been very successful as we have 4 men that are pledging this semester. We had a Brotherhood/Leadership retreat at which brothers got to unwind and talk about their visions for the future of the Fraternity.

The social scene at Acacia has once again proven to be the best on North Campus. We are accomplishing all these things but have serious restraints in our



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budgets and because of recent repairs so does the Corporation Board. Please consider all the above things when making your contributions, but as stated before alumni can shed light on more than just financial troubles so please come to visit.

Though the challenges are great, the future looks as bright as ever, and I have full confidence in the ability of the men that have already stepped up to lead the active chapter into the future. Our Fraternity has a date with a thriving destiny and the men that care for her have already demonstrated that they will answer any challenges as they arise.

## For the Good of the Brotherhood

-Paul Junek (1083)

As the brotherhood chairmen for the fall semester, I took it upon myself to organize a retreat to my family's summer home in northern New Jersey. The retreat was planned for Fall Break to give brothers enough time and to hopefully avoid prelims. Despite the effort to avoid schedule conflicts, only a handful of brothers were able to take time off of their weekends to stop at the house.

A small group of us left on Friday evening in heavy rain. We stopped at Mark Elliot's (1081) home on the way down where his mother cooked us all a great dinner of steak and potatoes. Our bellies full, we continued on the three hour

drive in the rain and arrived at the house late that night. The next morning we awoke to more rain. It rained heavily all that day, preventing us from doing much of anything outside. Roman Markh (1072) and Evan Helmsorig (1079) however, were not deterred. They put their swim trunks on and went out in the rain. Roman fished in the heavy rain, catching a couple of bass. Evan dove in the 60-degree lake for a brief swim. The two kept warm by hopping into the hot tub.

Despite a forecast calling for heavy rain for the next 3 days, the weather held off, providing us with overcast, but no rain. The rest of the weekend was relaxed and lazy. Seth Jacobson (1092) never woke up before noon; we all watched movies together, went fishing, and did some reading. It was a fun and relaxing weekend for all who stopped by. The trip will hopefully become a tradition.

## Spring Pledge Project

—Drew Eisenberg (1094)

Every year Acacia requires the new pledges to unite and work on a project that will improve the fraternity for years to come. The spring 2005 pledges were the first in a couple of years to commit themselves as a group to do a "pledge project". The project consisted of building a permanent platform to hold the DJ in the dining room for use during social events. Originally, during our events, the live DJ performed on top of two large tables in front of the sliding glass doors of the dining room. The tables' location was an inconvenience for several reasons. Firstly, the tables suffered

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from dents due guests dancing on them. Secondly, they began to sag due to the weight of the DJ and his equipment. Thirdly, their location created a dangerous fire hazard, since they completely blocked the only exit in case of an emergency. It was a reoccurring problem and the pledge class decided to remedy the situation.

Over the previous summer, Drew Eisenberg (1094), Seth Jacobson (1092), and Yuri Sylvester (1096) designed a perfect table to be permanently installed in the dining room that would cause no safety concerns. It was, appropriately, a 3-4-5 triangle placed in the northwest corner with the dimensions of 8' by 10'8". With the help of Drew Eisenberg's carpentry skills the project was possible. Around the beginning of the academic year, they built this table, using a budget of only \$300. This budget covered the materials, such as lumber, hardware, and paint. During the first two weeks of the semester, every afternoon the entire pledge class labored outside in the warm late summer days using Jim Showarce's (447) tools. The table was prepared with a 2 x 4 frame, a plywood top, and 4 x 4 legs. In addition, the table was stained and sealed, so that it matched the current furniture in the dining hall, as well as protect it from accidental spills. With this sturdy design, the table could withstand endless hours of the best parties. To complete the project, Chris Danicic (1090) and Matt Meister (1091) painted a crest on the front panel that protected the legs of the platform.

Since the construction of the platform, we have used it twice and it greatly improved our events by adding more dance space and proudly displaying our crest and flag. It also improves the safety of our events by adding a fire exit. The pledge class sees it everyday and it reminds them of their class unity and strong bond to create this table that will live on through many years of use and fun. They are proud of their accomplishment to be the first in the last few years to create something unique to improve life at Acacia.

## *Meet the Fall Pledges*

— *by Yuri Sylvester, 1096*

As we begin our last academic year before our centennial, Acacia is proud to have four new pledges for the fall semester. Increasing the size and quality of the brotherhood has been one of the main priorities of our chapter in recent years. The Strategic Plan that Cornell Acacia presented to the National Fraternity before ALA this past summer stresses the importance of the need for recruitment, as it is crucial for the future of Cornell Acacia. We, the actives and alumni, have to work closely together, so that others may share a similar fraternal experience.

The prosperity of Acacia is what we make of it, and that is why I am very proud of my brothers who have worked hard to attract these motivated men to Acacia. I foresee much prosperity for the Cornell chapter of Acacia because our new generations strive to better the brotherhood. However, we still need the involvement of our alumni, who can contribute by referring people to Acacia, spreading the word about their experiences as actives, and by paying their dues so that renovations can be made to the house.

The pledges, who come from very diverse backgrounds, were officially inducted on October 18, 2005. The expected pledge period for this semester is six weeks, so pledges have much to learn in a short period of time. Andy Coyle '08 (left on picture) is a transfer student from Syracuse University, and is a sophomore majoring in Industrial Labor Relations. Andy's connection to Acacia is through his older brother, alumnus Michael Coyle (1061). Jason Wang '07 (second from left) is a junior majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering. Carlos Mendoza '08 (third from left) is a sophomore majoring in Economics. And last but not least, is Yu Tao Zhao '08 (second from right), who is a sophomore majoring in Applied Engineering Physics. At the far right of the picture is active brother and Senior Dean/Pledge Educator Bradley Ayres.

I sense that this pledge class will have great unity because all of them are easy going and sincere. Even though, they have only been pledges for a few days, I can already tell that they will be a great match for Acacia, as they are very inquisitive about the structure and organization of the house. Let's just hope that they don't lose their pledge pins on the second week of the pledge program!

*2005 Fall Pledges*



## Cornell Acacia: A Hundred Years — Brad Ayres (1070)

Since the last issue of the Traveler was sent out, we have made exciting progress on the Cornell Acacia history book project. During the summer, I lived in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and had access to a wealth of information in the university's archives about Acacia's inaugural chapter. In addition, I also had access to every Triad published before 1960, which made for some interesting reading about both the Cornell chapter and the fraternity as a whole. Additionally, we finally got our hands on copies of previous Acacia history books, like Acacia Fraternity: The Third Quarter Century, which will prove valuable as we chronicle our own chapter's history. And yes, we have actually started writing the book.

Although we have access to a variety of resources about the chapter's history, we still have not fully explored our most valuable source of information: You. If you have any anecdotes, whether serious or hilarious, that you think would add to the book, please send them to us either via e-mail at [acacia@cornell.edu](mailto:acacia@cornell.edu) or via snail mail to Northcote, addressed to the chapter Historian. Likewise, we would value greatly any old pictures you could send us. While we cannot guarantee that you will receive your pictures back, we will put forth every effort to keep them

in good shape and return them to you.

Finally, the printing and binding of the books will bear a significant cost. We sincerely appreciate the generosity of the brothers who have contributed to the project so far. Although we have raised \$400 for the project, we would like more to help cover the estimated \$3000 upfront cost of producing and distributing the books. Again, any brother who donates \$100 or more will receive a complementary copy of the book, and will be recognized in the book as a contributor.

Thank you for your support of our endeavor! We hope that the history book does justice to our chapter's rich heritage.

### Alumni Weekend: Summer '05

#### Juan Ramirez (1084)

During the summer months, campus becomes quiet, and the student population drops significantly. The quads are emptied of their usual burdens. Most of the students escape Ithaca for the summer and pursue exciting internships and jobs. Others go home and relax during their few months of freedom. A select few remain in Ithaca and enjoy the great summer weather and each other's company.

There are only few instances where life

returns to campus with vengeance. Alumni Weekend is one of those instances where life returns to the campus. During the course of these three days, one realizes that this campus will hold fond memories for many years after graduation and then the usually inevitable departure from Ithaca. Every aspect of the university holds some nostalgia. Buildings, statues, desks, rooms and open spaces each may have some special meaning to those returning, and Northcote was nothing different.

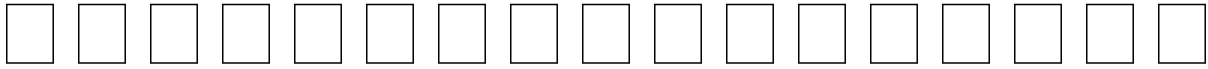
As part of our summer house manager staff, I attempted to make the house as welcoming as possible. We arranged for some refreshments to be at the house during this weekend to assure that our alumni were comfortable. Though the summer air was humid and warm, Acacia's house received several of our alumni from the classes of 1955, 1950 and 1960. Brother Frank Tetz (554) '55 and his wife Nancy Tetz came with Brothers Neil Sharp (560) '55 and Jack Shepardson (552) '55. They were followed by Brother Charles Deakyne (446) '50, Larry Phillips (559) '55 and Ted Mosher (623) '60. Each alumnus that returned remarked on the changes that had occurred in our home.

They spoke of how the dormer was used as sleeping area for the entire house. They described the intricate alarm system devised for waking brothers in the dormer and how essential pledges were to that system. They pointed out each modification made to the house and spoke of the days when the wing did not exist. They described fights in the dining room which is now our commons area with couches and a piano. They spoke of parties and mixers in the bar room, and it becomes apparent that the house is almost a character in all these stories, and though things may have changed greatly from their days at Northcote, the fraternity remains a home that they can enter without reservations.

It is a great thing to have something that will remain on campus as an anchor even fifty years after your final departure. Buildings on campus rise and fall. Professors enter and retire with the coming of time. Northcote, our home, will hopefully remain as a steadfast landmark

25th Anniversary Bench at the University of Michigan





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### Cornell Chapter Centennial History Project Update

By Tom Balcerski (1063)

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Since the last issue of the Traveler in the spring, a team of brothers have been steadily researching, writing, and planning the project that will produce Cornell Acacia: The First Century.

Brad Ayres (1070) has chaired the committee and led the charge to find an affordable printing option. On the research side, Juan Ramirez (1084) has begun research of the founding fathers and the Masonic days of the fraternity, while Tom Balcerski (1063) is working on the post-World War II period with new-found zeal. Other efforts have been made by Neela Sandal (1093) and Eric Fish (1095) in the research process.

A meeting was held on Sunday, October 16 of the Homecoming weekend. Topics discussed include financing the project and historical findings so far. A separate e-mail list has been created for all brothers interested in the operation of the committee. To join, simply let Brad Ayres know ([bjaz27@cornell.edu](mailto:bjaz27@cornell.edu)).

While this team is busily working to see our history come alive, another and perhaps more dedicated group of alumni have contributed financially towards the project. As the time of this writing, the alumni secretary, Steve Stein, has informed of \$365 total donations. To date, June Young Hur (1053), Charles Huffine (0931), Michael Cvijanovich (0981), Paul Molnar (1014), Brian Sivillo (0993), and Tom Balcerski (1063) have all contributed. Their donations will go towards a growing fund earmarked for printing.

Although the participation level has been encouraging thus far, more help is needed. A survey of questions has been created and is included as part of this newsletter. Responses have come so far from John Carpenter (0959), Paul Molnar, and John Abrahamson (1039) and have heard from Jerry Kreider (0720), Bill Cammuso (0962), and Tom Zimmerman (0986). Please help better our fraternity's record and send back answers to your questions. The survey is also available electronically on the Yahoo! Group webpage (<http://groups.yahoo.com/cornellacacia>).

Interviews have been conducted so far with Brad Schmidt (1025), Steve Stein (0787), and Jim Showacre (0447). We also spoke with Bob Bradley (365), Art Heuser (445), and Roy S. Clarke (441) on the phone. Start thinking about some of the questions at the end of the article because we may be calling you soon!



### Introducing the Centennial Horizon Newsletter

By Paul Molnar (1014)

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The Cornell Chapter of Acacia Fraternity is rapidly approaching its one-hundredth anniversary! This is a significant milestone for any fraternity given today's campus political climate and other challenges fraternities face today. Our Chapter has faced and overcome significant obstacles throughout the years while celebrating many great moments.

The chapter is beginning to plan its centennial activities. Brother David Klesh is leading the effort to plan a centennial celebration during the summer of 2007. Brother Brad Ayres (1070) is heading a project to assemble a publication containing the history of the Cornell Chapter.

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep alumni informed about the centennial planning process. We will publish a new edition of this newsletter inside the next four Travelers leading to the spring of 2007.

This particular edition contains opportunities for you to offer your input for either the historical publication, the centennial celebration, or both. We have created surveys that we invite you to fill out and send to us either by email or to the Fraternity house.



## We Need Your Ideas!

By David Klesh (1037)

Our centennial celebration will be most memorable if we have input from the maximum number of brothers. We want to know what brothers would like to see in order to celebrate our hundredth year. In order to make this happen, please send an e-mail to David Klesh at [DavidKlesh@hotmail.com](mailto:DavidKlesh@hotmail.com) in response to the following questions:

- 1) What time of year should the event be held to maximize attendance? Are brothers more willing to travel to Ithaca during the summer months, or during the spring?
- 2) What types of events would you like to see? We would like to have a formal banquet. Would brothers be interested in other events, such as a golf outing or a seminar on important topics such as investing?
- 3) How can we make the event family-friendly? We would like to have brothers attend with their families, and we need to make sure that families will want to attend our events.
- 4) Would you be willing to contact brothers with whom you were active? We would like to have "captains" contact brothers from years near their own graduation.
- 5) Do you have any other ideas that would help make a great event?

We are counting on a large turnout. We extend a special invitation to you if you have not been to Northcote in recent years. You will love what you see and be proud to be part of such a wonderful Fraternity.

There are many ways you can help make our Centennial Weekend happen:

- Plan to attend the festivities.
- Answer the survey questions to the right, as well as the questions listed above.
- Pledge to contact the Brothers with whom you were active.
- Suggest an event for the Centennial weekend.

Contribute money to the History Project (see the dues notice in the *Traveler*).



*Northcote 2005*

## Winter Scenes of Chapter House



*Northcote, front view, December 1950*

### **Cornell Acacia Centennial History Project Survey:**

1. What year did you pledge?
2. Describe the pledge process?
3. What was the big brother process like? Who was your big brother?
4. How did FAW/Hell Week go? What were your expectations going into it?
5. Describe how you felt during the Ritual of Initiation?
6. As a new brother, did you live in the Chapter House?
7. Describe what fraternal living was like during your days as an active? What activities, way of life, or cliques existed?
8. How was the brotherhood been during your time at Acacia? Describe some of your brothers.
9. What house offices did you hold? Describe them.
10. How did your leadership skills grow as a member of Acacia?
11. How has Acacia prepared you for your future endeavors?
12. What changes occurred during your time as an active brother?
13. How has the infrastructure and mood of Northcote, our home, changed since you joined?
14. What interactions have you had with Cornell Acacia alumni?
15. What relationships did you have with the National Fraternity of which we are a part?
16. What does Acacia mean to you today? Then?
17. What do you think the future of the Cornell Chapter is?
18. What are you doing now?

Please email your responses to Tom Balcerski ([tjb36@cornell.edu](mailto:tjb36@cornell.edu)) or mail to the chapter house.



## Alumni Mailbag

William Gibson '48 (0437) [20 Grandview Ct., Danville, CA 94506-6100; [wbgibson2@cs.com](mailto:wbgibson2@cs.com)] congratulates those who have taken such good care of it. Being in CA for the past 47 years makes Cornell seem so far away.

Arthur Heuser '47 (0445) [1350 Pinecrest Dr., Rock Hill, SC 29732-9029] sent an extremely generous check with a note "this is to help with the boiler". [Ed. THANK YOU, Arthur!]

William Stevens Jr. '55 (0553) [3211 Moonshadow Ln., Garden City, SC 29576-8240; [steven-satgc@aol.com](mailto:steven-satgc@aol.com)] and wife, Carol, are still enjoying good health and retirement. They are traveling a lot to such destinations as Italy and Thailand this year. Although unable to attend his 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion, Bill would like to hear from any Brothers.

Carey Fletcher '58 (0596) [428 Kawaihae St., #304, Honolulu, HI 96825-1290] and wife, Phyllis, keep busy with daily exercise and bridge games. Twice a month, they give a slide show of their travels, having visited all 50 states, 45 countries, and been on 21 cruises. Carey enjoys the Traveler, which is well put together.

Edgar Francis '65 (0673) [Box 826, N. Truro, MA 02652] sold the family business last year and is enjoying the freedom. Winters are spent in Palm Desert, CA, summers on Cape Code, and fall and spring traveling between the two. Edgar has two wonderful grandsons. "Life is good – it's just too short. This is not a dress rehearsal – get the most out of it!"

Richard Brewer '65 (0687) [RR 3, Box 204, Albion, IL 62806-9550] retired on 3/31/2004 and has a summer residence on Piseco Lake in the Adirondacks in Hamilton County, NY. Visits Dave Owens '65 (0678) each year in Poplar Ridge, north of Ithaca.

Jerry Kreider '68 (0720) [9 Narbrook Park, Narberth, PA 19072-2123; [jerrys2k@comcast.net](mailto:jerrys2k@comcast.net)] is looking forward to 3 weeks in New Zealand in mid-October, pretending to be retired when he is not! Enjoyed see-

ing David Gorelick '68 (0717) at his son's wedding on 5/30/2005 in suburban Philadelphia.

Stuart Hantman MD '71 (0756) [28 Founders Green, Pittsford, NY 14534-2165] and wife, Carol '73 enjoyed a wonderful dinner with Steve Stein '73 (0787) and wife, Mary, at Taughannock Farms Inn recently. Daughter, Melissa ('01) received Masters from NYU and started a new job as public relations director at NY Presbyterian Hospital (Cornell Weill Medical College). Son, Marc, graduated from U of FL and is engaged to his high school sweetheart, Samara Krauss. Marc is now attending law school.

David Fischell '75 (0800) [71 Riverlawn Dr., Fair Haven, NJ 07704; [drfischell@exit109.com](mailto:drfischell@exit109.com)] has been a busy alum as of late and he now chairs the advisory board for the new Cornell Dept. of Biomedical Engineering. Dave is even more excited that daughter, Erin, a high school junior, is interested in Cornell Engineering! Amazed and excited about the current revitalization of Cornell Acacia, Dave offers congratulations to all on the recent National Awards. Dave made a large financial gift "to help keep Acacia going". [Ed. We have put the money to good use. THANKS!]

Robert Rudolph '75 (0804) [128 Black Oak Dr., Elkton, MD 21921; [Rudolph@battelle.org](mailto:Rudolph@battelle.org)] writes that eldest daughter, Claire, is sophomore at Salisbury University, and youngest, Kate, is now a high school senior. Bob's time will be spent with college visits, watching soccer games, playing volleyball, and mountain biking.

Paul Herrington '81 (0882) [P.O. Box 307, 31 Elm St., Niverville, NY 12130-0307] and wife, Lisa, spent 12 days in China this year and returned on 2/2/2005 with daughter, Leia, whom they adopted. The trip was a wonderful experience, and almost all of the people they met spoke some English. The worst part of the trip was air pollution, especially in Beijing. Leia, who will be 2 in November, drives their son, Luke, a bit crazy at times, but generally they get along very well. The Herringtons' lives now revolve around their children, but they hope to reconnect with their "Acacia gang" in the next year or two. Paul says "keep up the good work @318 Highland! You guys are doing us alumni proud!"

John Graham '81 (0883) [19 Rini Ct., Glen Head, NY 11545-2407; [jgraham1@optonline.net](mailto:jgraham1@optonline.net)] can't believe he has two kids in college. Jen is at Bucknell (got the "nell" right, anyway) and Alex attending Syracuse (might he join the Syracuse chapter of Acacia?). Spoke to John Friedlander '81 (0877) who made captain in the Navy last year and Paul Herrington '81 (0882) who added adopted second child, Leia, to his family. John never realized Paul was such a Star Wars fan, since the two children are Leia and Luke!

Andrew Mercer '82 (0890) [103 Royal Ct., Williamsburg, VA 23185-3234] and Little Sister Pamela Gros Mercer '79 (L010) have been married almost 22 years. They have 3 sons – Nicholas (12), Christopher (9) and Parker (9).

Christopher Deane '83 (0908) [304 N. Addison Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126-2306; [chris.deane@fhp-ww.com](mailto:chris.deane@fhp-ww.com)] helped Little Brother Curtis Alliaume '84 (0919) and his wife, Karen, move into their new house over the summer. The whole Deane clan (wife & 3 daughters) helped out and had fun. Her two Cornell parents had to explain to their oldest why it was a problem that she attended a Harvard recruitment night.

Charles Huffine III '86 (0931) [563 Bram Hall Dr., Rochester, NY 14626; [chuck.huffine@searbrown.com](mailto:chuck.huffine@searbrown.com)] is moving to Denver, CO in the fall to head the Transportation Division at Stantec, which acquired Sear-Brown last year.

Todd Peskin '95 (0994) [12657 Granite Ridge Drive, North Potomac, MD 20878-3468; [tep1@cornell.edu](mailto:tep1@cornell.edu)] and wife, Robin are the proud parents of Jason Leo Peskin, born 8/21/2004. Todd has seen Dan Davidson '97 (1012) and Ray Wang '97 (1009) in New York City.

Daniel Turinsky '97 (1004) [9 Schenck Ave., Apt. 2A, Great Neck, NY 11021; [dturinsky@hotmail.com](mailto:dturinsky@hotmail.com)] and wife, Samara Friedman '97, are thrilled to announce the birth of son, Zachary Ryan Turinsky on 5/11/2005, weighing in at 7 lbs 11 oz. All are happy and healthy.

Thomas Ricketts '03 (1051) [223 Elm St., Halifax, MA 02338; [tlr23@cornell.edu](mailto:tlr23@cornell.edu)] recently started new job as Process Engineer at Anika Therapeutics in Wo-

burn, MA. Tom plans on seeing Northcote and as many Brothers as he can during Reunion Weekend in June.

Nobuyuki Anthony Nemoto '04 (1059) [247 W. 63<sup>rd</sup> St., Apt, PE, New York, NY 10023; [nn36@cornell.edu](mailto:nn36@cornell.edu)] has been living with Mike Nasatka '03 (1045) on the Upper West Side since graduation, but planned to move to his own place on the Upper East Side over the summer. Still working for Accenture. Keeps in touch with Ray Wang '97 (1009), Ilya Cherepakhin '03 (1058), Gamelin Telesfort '04 (1055), Dave Klesh '02 (1037), Scott McQuade '03 (1050), Tom Ricketts '03 (1059), and others. Looks like Northcote is in great form!

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Robert Keir '45 (0425) - 12/2004

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