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HOMECOMING 2014



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As I always like to say, Homecoming is my favorite holiday of the year. This year's version definitely did not disappoint. Over 25 alumni,



guests, and sweethearts made their way back to the hill to celebrate the Acacia Fraternity and Cornell's 150th (sesquicentennial) birthday. Without a doubt, these alumni brought back with them much of the excitement, passion, and energy that they possessed as actives.

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Fall 2014 Chapter Roll

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Senior Dean
Chemistry
2016
Estero, FL

Sho Iketani (1175)
Venerable Dean
Biological Sciences, Economics
2015
Cupertino, CA

Vansh Dassani (1198)
Junior Dean
Electrical and Computer Engineering
2017
Dubai

Dana Stiefel (1191)
Rush Chair
Mechanical Engineering
2016
Wendell, MA

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Tresurer
Biological Sciences
2016
Honolulu, HI

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Information Science
2015
Brooklyn, NY

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Mechanical Engineering
2015
Shenzhen, China

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2015
Flushing, NY

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Computer Science
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2014
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2015
Reading, MA

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2016
Singapore

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2017
Dubai

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(abroad)
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2015
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Mechanical Engineering
2015
Westport, CT

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(abroad)
Environmental Engineering
2016
Kennebunk, ME

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Engineering
2014
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Biological Sciences
2017
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Biological Engineering
2015
Chappaqua, NY

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Policy Analysis and Management
2014
Pawling, NY

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Biological Sciences
2015
Tulsa, Oklahoma

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Dean of Scholarship
Architecture
2017
Zhengzhou

FROM THE EDITOR

I am an Acacian, and I am Proud of It

As we near the midpoint of my second to last semester here at Cornell, I look back to the great times I have had in Northcote and the amazing people I have met. Making this semester's Traveler has reminded me of the amazing opportunities this organization has provided me over my entire undergraduate experience. As Dean of Alumni Affairs, I would like to thank everyone for the extreme generosity and kindness that you have given to myself and my fellow actives.

Since the start of the semester, the men of Acacia Fraternity have been active in many different events, ranging from the Alpha Phi Phi philanthropy event to Homecoming to mixers and brotherhood events. These occasions help to not only bring the brotherhood together but to establish lifelong friendships and moments we will never forget. I am happy that we have also increased relations with alumni, who in part lead the direction of the future of this organization.

I have taken the design from Brother Jackson Foo from two semesters ago and added some more pictures and visuals. I hope that this gives a greater insight into the daily life of a Cornell Acacian. Please enjoy this issue of the Traveler, and I hope that by reading this each and every alumni is reminded of the good times that were had and the benefits Acacia and Northcote has provided for their futures. Please feel free to contact me at any time, and I look forward to planning more alumni events in the near future.

Faternally,

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A Message from Our Corporation Board President



Photo Credit: Brother Shane Soh

And so we begin the journey into the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year after a rather uneventful year. Last year we completely rewired the Ethernet, made exterior repairs, replaced the light fixtures in both the Living Room (\$700) and Foyer (\$2,000, including installing 2 new ceiling boxes and removing the one existing box), and the Bar Room floor was replaced with a durable Antigua Brown epoxy floor (\$ 19,400). By our standards that was an “easy” maintenance year!

The Corporation Board has been busy planning for and prioritizing future capital improvement projects. Thanks to Director Hanny Martinovici 2006 (1071) we have a solid plan for what projects will be done, how much they will cost, and when we can afford to complete them. We are setting aside \$3,000/month into our “Sinking Fund” which allows us to accrue and monitor the capital for future projects. Later this fall we will be renovating the 2nd Floor Office which is without question the least attractive of any room in Acacia.

We expect that entire project will be paid for from our AFF Funds, so the Corporation will be fully reimbursed for the related expenses. Of course, our AFF account could use some donations (which are tax-deductible) so we can afford to do this and other projects as well as assist the Active Chapter's participation in leadership events such as the Leadership Academy and Conclave. Future projects

include a long-overdue kitchen renovation, new floor coverings for the Wing rooms, and new floors in the 2nd and 3rd floor hallways.

The Actives have a new cook this year, Ray Stevens. While I haven't yet tasted any of his cooking, I've heard nothing but good things about him and his cooking from the Actives. Welcome, Ray!

Please email or call me if you have comments, concerns, suggestions, want to get involved, or simply want to say hello. It would be wonderful if I heard from some of you so I know you are as concerned, yet encouraged, as I am about the future of our beloved Acacia. The Mailbag column was again extremely short because hardly any of you sent any news to share! Further, only 65 Brothers contributed in 2013-2014. We can certainly do better than that!

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Excellence, in a Nutshell



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I have had the fortune of being a brother of this chapter for almost three years, and as I enter my final year, I am elated to report that I truly believe that the chapter is in its best ever state. Though the number of actives we have is currently less than before, we are flourishing in all sectors of chapter life.

The house itself is beautiful as always and we have been working to maintain its cleanliness. We have hired a new chef starting this semester and the food has been amazing. We have had a steady array of social and rush events and expect returns in the near future. Homecoming was a tremendously fun and well attended event. We attended Conclave in Nashville, TN this past August, receiving three chapter awards and six individual awards. I encourage you to read the rest of the articles in this issue for further details.

As my predecessor, Brother Weingart, noted in previous renditions of *The Traveler*, the Greek environment has been rapidly changing. We have worked hard to adapt, and though perhaps last year was not the most successful year, I think that we have found our place. As many changes in the upper levels of administration loom in the future - current President Skorton is leaving to lead the Smithsonian, being replaced by Elizabeth Garrett of USC; Vice President Murphy is retiring; Provost Fuchs is leaving for University of Florida - I believe that we can accommodate any changes to policy that may come.

Finally, I wanted to take a moment to thank you, the reader. It is your support as alums and friends that allow our chapter to function at such a high level, and we would not be in the same place without your aid. If you ever have any concerns regarding where your gifts and contributions go, please feel free to contact me by phone at 408-417-0580 or by email at si75@cornell.edu at any time and I would be more than happy to talk with you.

The future of Cornell Acacia is bright. I am proud to be an Acacian.



Cornell Acacia Seniors pose before graduation ceremonies in May with Brother Alumnus Balcerski



The Acacia Representatives from the Cornell Chapter pause for a photo at the biannual Acacia Conclave Convention

Things Are Falling Into Place



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This semester marks my first semester living at Northcote, as well as my first full semester as Junior Dean. While we're presently approaching Fall break, this semester has been fairly active for the house. Orientation week is always a busy week as the majority of the house volunteered as Orientation Leaders for the incoming class of 2018 (and '19 in the case of Architects), yet we still found time to have fun and bond as a brotherhood.

My focus for Orientation week events, and this semester as a whole, has been improving relations with Cornell's Panhellenic Sororities. It's always a difficult task as sorority schedules are planned months in advance, and many mix with the same houses, but I believe this semester we've been making strides as a house. We have already mixed with one of the Multicultural Greek Letter Council (MGLC) sororities and have plans to mix with them again at a later point. We also

have a scheduled mixer with Phi Mu, the new sorority on campus this year. One of the philanthropy events we participated in this semester was Alpha Phifa, a new event where Fraternities play soccer to raise money for a charity of Alpha Phi's choice. We are slowly but surely strengthening ties with sororities by becoming an active presence at their

well. It's great to see the senior class so heavily involved with the house, providing an exemplary model for new brothers to follow. While our numbers are limited at present, our sense of brotherhood has never seemed stronger, which bodes well for the future.

As we are nearing the end of IFC's first social quarter, we will

soon have more breathing room in terms of events, and we are looking forward to interacting with the rest of the Cornell community in a larger scale. In a non-traditional move, I have decided to change this semester's Date Night into a Wine Tour, as the weather has been oddly pleasant for the beginning of October. While it

is predicted to rain, that won't stop the majority of the house, and their dates, for

going out and enjoying the last of Ithaca's good weather.

We're hoping to push this momentum we have going into the rest of the Fall Semester and into the Spring. I will continue to do my best to ensure this house remains a social and active part of the campus and community.



Brothers pose with Alpha Phi Captains for their Alpha Phi Philanthropy Tournament

events, and I would like to use this opportunity to thank the rest of the Actives for taking time out of their busy lives to show their support for the Greek Community as a whole.

I feel that this semester the brotherhood has spent more time together than before, and this sentiment has been reflected by other brothers as



Many pets now reside within Northcote's borders, including Brother Reid's snake Jasper, Brother Fagliarone's dog Snickers, Brother Hua's dog Yën, and Brother Smith's cat Chico. They are all very friendly and help the house feel more like a home to many of the brothers.



TRESURER REPORT

Money Matters



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When I made the decision to run for Treasurer, I had not known that I would be exposed to such a unique aspect of our beloved chapter. The things I have learned and experienced have matured me in surprising ways, and I'm glad to say all is well with the chapter's finances.

I have worked diligently with the officers to ensure they can perform their duties to the best of their ability while remaining within budget. Most of my attention was focused toward food expenses since we recently just hired our new cook, Ray Stevens. His initial food purchase was slightly more than necessary but his more recent purchases have quickly adjusted to the correct level. For more information regarding Ray and Kitchen Affairs, see Brother Choi's article.

I truly believe that the core of financial success is grounded in successful rush efforts. There's no denying that this year's rush results will have a lasting impact on our chapter. With this in mind, the chapter's fall budget has been adjusted to meet our goal of a large pledge class.

I've been working hard to make sure we stay in the black and don't dip into our savings. In fact, this past semester we were able to increase our savings by 48 %, thanks to a great improvement in budgeting efficiency from the chapter's previous Treasurer, Brother Iketani. At the same time, we have made some significant financial decisions, the most pertinent being the hiring of Ray Stevens. Funds were supplied to Brother Schultz to construct a new table, painting supplies were purchased to work on the "Dream Room" (See the house manager's article for more information), and Brother Soriano rented a power washer to clean the windows of Northcote.

I would like to thank all of the alumni who have made donations to the active chapter. Our efforts as a fraternity could not stand as tall without your aid. Such donations, which can easily be made by choosing to donate directly to the active chapter when paying one's dues, truly help us achieve our goals. I look forward to the coming months in my position, and I am truly excited to see our chapter grow over the next year; it is a great time to be an Acacian. Thank you for reading this article, and I encourage you to browse through the rest of this edition of The Traveler and learn more about what's happening at Northcote.

Conclave: A Healthy Dose of Fun and Retreat



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Acacia's 58th Biennial Conclave and Leadership Academy took place from July 30th to August 3rd in Nashville, Tennessee. The Cornell Chapter was represented by 6 brothers, half active and half alumni. Having been initiated last fall, this was my first opportunity to attend an international Acacia event and I am very glad I was given the opportunity.

We recognized a few friendly faces from the nearby Carlton Chapter as well as those that attended the 2014 Venerable Dean Summit with Brother Iketani. For those we did not know, a brief introduction and firm grip along with the knowledge of our shared commitment to Acacia was enough to ignite lasting bonds of brotherhood and friendship.

This year's theme was 'Finding Our Rhythm' and it summarizes some of the important messages I learned both in and out of the seminars and other programs: (1) Being a good brother and officer requires practice. Our fraternity offers many opportunities but you can only expect a worthy outcome if you put in a strong effort. This applies to all levels of membership as neither a new member nor an alumnus will see the lasting value of Acacia without continually putting in the energy and time to "practice" the relationship with the chapter. (2) Beyond practicing our own skills of brotherhood, we must work together to foster the development of our chapter. We may individually contribute our fair share, but only by finding our "rhythm" as a group and reconnecting with those brothers who have



Representatives of Cornell Acacia holding the awards won at Conclave 2014

fallen out of touch can we hope to adapt to the present while maintaining our established ties to the past.

The Cornell Chapter received the following awards at the William A. Utic Acacia Fraternity Foundation (AFF) Scholarship Banquet: Excellence in House Management, Excellence in Alumni/Chapter Publication, and Excellence in Communication Technology. It was an honor to receive these awards at a banquet named for one of Cornell Acacia's very own alumni. Several brothers were also recognized for their service 'beyond the ordinary call of duty.' These individuals were recipients of the Order of Pythagoras and include: John C. "Chip" Brueckman, III '78, Hanny A. Carp-Martinovici '06, Aditya Ramesh '14, Sho Iketani '15, Noah R. Weingart '15, and Thomas W. Schultz '15.

This enlightening experience would not have been possible without the generous support of AFF. We were able to send 3 actives to Conclave this year and with more donations, we can hopefully send 5 or more brothers to ALA next year.



Taking Action



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This is a pivotal year for the fraternity with regards to rush. We have a very strong brotherhood but need to grow larger in order to secure our house's future for many years to come. This year we are doing rush and new member education slightly differently.

First, we have eliminated fall rush and fall new member education. We felt that in order to rush most effectively we need to maintain contact with rush targets throughout the semester and that fall pledging is a distraction to this goal. We also felt that having one larger pledge class was more effective at building morale and unity.

Second, we have placed a much bigger emphasis on brotherhood involvement on campus. Not only has the brotherhood begun going to the gym in packs, but we have all signed up for at least one club. We feel that this helps our presence on campus which, in turn, makes us more desirable for freshman and casts our net broader when finding potential new brothers.

Third, I have been aggressively educating the newly initiated brothers on the importance of rush to the Fraternity. When I

... we are doing rush and new member education slightly differently"

was the Rush Chair- elect last spring I began meeting with the brothers to strategize and prepare for the upcoming year. I felt this was particularly important, as many significant connections are formed during the first few weeks of school and the brotherhood needs to be in peak condition.



My focus as recruitment chair throughout my term has also been brotherhood motivation and positivity. I knew before I took the position that I could not personally rush an entire pledge class. I have aimed at motivating the brothers and helping them rush rather than personally overseeing everything. I believe that more organic relationships are much more likely to yield brothers. So far, the brotherhood has performed pretty well, and I find it

important to tell them this, as I feel that morale is the most important aspect of rush. We need to demonstrate to rush targets how they will benefit from joining the fraternity by being happy and having fun.

I am working on implementing a plan to help maintain contact with rushes constantly and to maximize brother engagement. This year we have had 2-5 events a week involving rush. Obviously, each of us comes to Cornell to be a student, so no one person has time to attend every event. I request that each brother attend at least one event a week or make some other rush advancement. Certain events happen with regularity allowing freshmen and brothers to make time for their favorite events and consistently attend. Additionally, each of these events has another leader besides myself associated with it. This makes more brothers directly accountable to the rush events' success, while allowing me the flexibility to work on our meta-strategy and make tweaks where needed.

A few recruitment events we have partaken in so far include a trip to Dryden Hotel Unlimited Wings Night, frisbee games on North Campus, concerts, and of course intense battles of Super Smash Brothers.



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Giving to Acacia

It is a simple fact that much of our operations and house maintenance relies on the assistance and graciousness of our dear alumni, which I have always truly been grateful for. It is what I think separates our chapter from many others, and I, as well as the actives, look forward to being part of the generosity in the future.

I just wanted to bring up several functions that we currently believe are excellent projects that donations could go towards. I realize that sometimes, it is mysterious where donations and dues may go, so the hope is that it is a bit clearer on what money goes towards.

We currently have two actives participating in the Greek Leadership Academy, which is a five-week, one-credit class that Cornell began offering three years ago. It is a Greek- only class in which participants learn and begin thinking about their chapter, the Greek community, and Cornell as a whole. It is an excellent way for not just those

currently in leadership positions, but for up and coming younger brothers to get invested in Acacia and in Greek life. We have participated in it for the past two years, and I actually participated in it two years ago! Although it is a class, there is a participation fee of about \$200 per participant. It would be great if this fee can be subsidized.

In terms of house maintenance, we are looking to completely redo and furnish the second floor office, as well as deal with the issue of the dining room and barroom getting too hot during social events.

Finally, we are planning on attending the Lee Kearney Venerable Dean Summit in January and the Darold W. Larson Acacia Leadership Academy in July/August. Both have been traditionally funded by our Acacia Fraternity Foundation account. Donations to the foundation are tax-deductible.

Please consider earmarking your donation on your dues notice to a particular project! As always, thank you for being part of the spirit of Acacia.



Pictured here is a rendering of the new office renovations done by Brother Alumnus Hanny Martinovici. Venting and duct systems will be put in place to remove heat from the room and create a much cleaner and simpler work environment for future Acacians. Also, an additional desk will be moved into the room to increase productivity.



Human Service



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Acacia's philanthropy efforts are off to a good start this semester, with Acacia making an appearance in several philanthropy events throughout campus. We also have some exciting events planned for the coming months.

To start off, Brother Foo, Brother Schultz and Brother Wang represented in BEEF-A-POLOUZA, a beef grill-off hosted by Beef Checkoff and the sorority Alpha Zeta as part of Cornell's annual Ag Day. Brother Foo led the effort with his culinary expertise, creating a steak dish in Cornell spirit, with a delicious combination of C-



Brother Foo shows off his cooking expertise at Alpha Zeta's Beef-A-Polouza



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shaped cabbage and steak, caramelized onions, and yogurt mint sauce. While we didn't place in the top three, it was a great way to show our spirit and get involved.

Next we fielded a soccer team for Alpha Phifa, a soccer tournament hosted by Alpha Phi to benefit Women's Heart Health. Twelve of our brothers (see page 7) made a showing to this event, along with our Brother Alumnus Ertl who was back at Cornell for the weekend. This event was a great way to meet more of the ladies of Alpha Phi and enjoy the sun with a bit of friendly competition as a brotherhood.

Co - philanthropy chairs Brother Wang and Brother Hua are also in the process of planning a philanthropy party to raise money for the Bekondo Foundation, an organization founded by our very own Brother Smith as a way to promote sustainable agriculture in Cameroon. The event is inspired by the great success with the Mardi Gras party during the semester of Spring 2014, which managed to raise \$ 1000 for the



Final Product of the Cookoff

Bekondo Foundation. For the event, we are going to fill the dining room with packing peanuts and spray foam along with balloons under black-lights to create an awesome environment. The goal of this event is to increase our house image on campus as well as to raise awareness and money for the foundation through campus promotion (see page 18).

Later on in the semester when the weather gets cold, we are also planning to set up a stand on Ho Plaza to give out hot cocoa for free in return for donations in the spirit of the holidays. Overall it's been an active semester for philanthropy and we are looking to make our upcoming events a big success!

Homecoming

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The weekend of October 17th, 18th, and 19th brought with it an amazing mood of reunion and excitement. It is extremely important especially from the newer brothers to meet and engage with the alumni because it fosters a sense of community and involvement in the house. After the weekend, I spoke with numerous new members and they all gained a new sense of what it means to be an Acacian.

There were a vast array of options lined up for brothers and returning guests over the entire weekend. The festivities began with a Systems Seminar Talk on Friday by Brother Alumnus Warren Walker '63. We then welcomed the rest of the returning members with a celebration at Northcote and a Bar Crawl across Downtown Ithaca. Next, we woke up early to join the Greek Tailgate near the Berman Soccer Fields.

The weather held up, and I prepared a vast array of food such as burgers, hotdogs, chicken, watermelon, and chips so that we could have a healthy meal before a long day. Some brothers went on to attend the Cornell vs Lehigh Football game, while others traveled back to Northcote.

Next, the house made a trip to Joe's Italian Restaurant for Acacia Homecoming Dinner. We were treated with delicious foods including salad, pasta and chicken parmesan. Great times were had by all, and a bar tab was provided for the older alumni. After dinner, we returned to the house for one final night before everyone headed out on Sunday morning. Before departing, I suggested everyone to have some brunch made by our new chef Ray Stevens, who has been cooking up some delicious meals.



(above)

Brother Schultz and Acacia Sweetheart Laura Anderson pose for a picture before cooking up some wonderful food.

(below)

Brother Fagliarone poses with Brother Alumni Corrales and Arrué before heading out to Homecoming dinner.



(above)

Brother Alumni Corrales, Burden, and Arrué pose just like the good old times.

(below)

Brother Alumnus Corrales, poses with Acacia Sweetheart Nicole Morison at the Acacia Tai Igate.



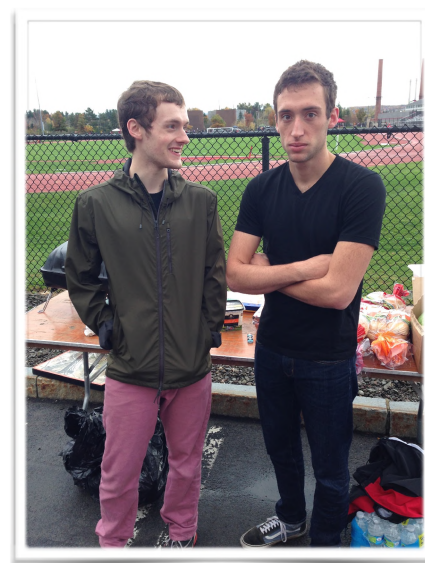
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All together, it was a fantastic weekend that once again proved how our alumni are still involved and active. As I graduate this year, I will look to bring my knowledge and skills back to the hill once again to help the chapter in any way that I can. I have included some pictures of homecoming here to provide a glimpse into the festivities of the weekend.



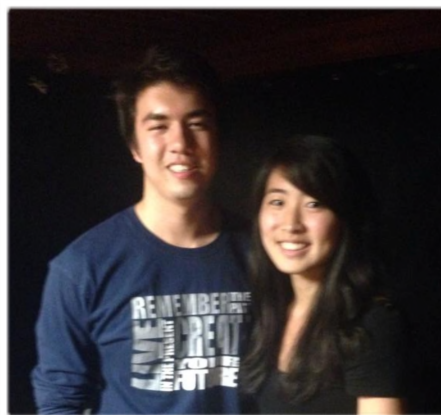
(top) Brother Alumni Burden, Arrué, Corrales, Burkhalter, join Brother Soriano and Acacia Sweethearts Nicole Morison and Marissa Taylor on a wine tour before Homecoming Festivities begin

(right) Brother Alumni Corrales and Ni pose for a picture before heading out for a long day of Homecoming adventures.



(above) Brother Weingart and Brother Parker happily watch over the tailgate food

(below) Brother Marison with his guest, Lillian Ro.



(above) Cornell battles Lehigh Football in front of a large crowd

Strengthen the Tie that Binds Our Hearts...



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As brotherhood chair, I have tackled the challenges of facilitating brotherhood for our fellow Acacians during their hectic class schedules. Indeed time has certainly been an issue, but I have shifted my focus to



Brother Foo and Brother Dassani
collaborating on work in the Chapter Room

smaller events. We have conducted mostly brotherhood events such as wing nights and

poker nights on days where people have a manageable workload but are not going out on the town. These events have worked well to foster camaraderie.

I have seen that a few brothers do not know each other extremely well, so I am working to change that. Larger scale events like trips to the state fair or the Cheesecake Factory in Syracuse (Brother Foo's personal favorite) were attempted, but almost no one had the time to spare. These larger events would be great, building memories and breaking free from the usual abject grind of prelims, but the constraints of academic stress take their tolls. Our solution is to take a small but active role in the affairs of each brother. I myself actively encourage each brother to undertake new endeavors like joining new clubs or making the gym a weekly encounter. Moving forward into the Ithaca Winter, brotherhood events will be numerous but on a smaller scale. The focus is to build a unique sense of comradeships between every Acacian.

Small "chill" events foster conversation and allow brothers to know each other at a deeper level. A true brother would do anything for you and would make sacrifices for you, always have your back and never have a pernicious word to utter about one another. Loyalty doesn't just click upon initiation, and it takes a lot of work and a lot of time. This makes small and frequent brotherhood events perfect for building lifelong trust.



Date Night



Slope Day
2014



Acacia
Wine Tour

What started as a dream has become a reality as Brother Seth leads the design of the "Dream Room", a collaborated effort to draw and paint a mural and maze throughout Room 42.



LIVING THE DREAM



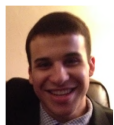
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The Dream Room was envisaged as a communal space within which people could enjoy the finer pursuits of life, be it catching up with brothers after a long day's work, practicing guitar riffs to that latest song, or renewing that childhood passion in drawing. It was conceived by myself and Brother Edward Sharood, but indeed several brothers helped with the execution of the project. To bring the project to its completed stage, several steps were involved, including repainting the walls, creating outlines for murals using chalk, and finally painting the murals using a pre-determined color scheme.

I believe that one of the more exciting aspects of the projects is that over half of the project acts as a continuous maze, which is owed to Brother Sharood's enduring interest in these fabricated spaces. The project has lasted over 6 months and is finally nearing completion. At the dawn of its opening, I encourage brothers to come and visit this transformed space. There is no assumption of stagnancy; the room will continue to grow and evolve, and just as the actives have creatively contributed to this shared space, so will future generations of brothers. My hope is that the Dream Room continues to act not only as a living space for brothers and guests to hang out, but also as a private retreat for brothers to indulge in creative, and indeed, spiritual ventures.

CLEANING UP OUR ACT

Extreme Makeover, Northcote Edition



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Our chapter takes pride in maintaining a clean house—a key characteristic that separates us from other fraternity houses. Keeping with the tradition, actives have been sticking to the rigorous weekly cleanups system set up by our former house manager, Brother Soriano. Furthermore, a new incentives system was implemented this semester in order to increase participation. Likewise, biweekly prizes have been awarded to actives that partake in the most home improvement tasks.

For example, in early September, Brother Soriano rented a power washer to clean the outside windows and house woodwork. Actives have not neglected any areas in the house. We have been mowing the lawns and organizing our work areas.

Last but not least, Alumni will be pleased to see our restoration of the Weight Room was ready for Homecoming weekend. Last semester, Brother Seth and Brother Sharood took it upon themselves to paint a multidimensional mural. This modest paint job expanded to include every brother in the house. This room is unique and is a window for things to come in the near future (see more on page 16).

EAT WELL, FEEL WELL



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Starting this academic school year, we have had the pleasure of working with our new chef Ray Stevens. Ray has experience as a cook for various organizations in the area. In the past, he has worked for Cornell Dining, AGR, and Fiji. He also brings a wealth of information and stories to our kitchen. The dishes that he makes span a variety of cultures and cuisines; however, what he excels most in is baking. His baked goods are impeccable and cap off the great meals he provides us.

Although Ray is a great cook, the most enjoyable part of working with him is his friendliness, flexibility, and wealth of stories to share. When he talks of his background working for other fraternities and the state of their homes and kitchens, it reaffirms our drive to keep Northcote's cleanliness to a stricter standard than our peers. I look forward to the many great meals to come and would like to thank Ray for the excellent work he has done so far.



Acacia Presents

New Moon Blacklight Party

To benefit the Behondo Foundation



Fri October 24, 10pm - 1am
Acacia house, 318 Flighland Rd
Tickets \$5, \$7 at the door *
Dress code: white/neon

Guests will receive glow sticks and hiahlihters

Philanthro-Party!



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Sticking to the Acacia Fraternity motto, Cornell Acacia hosted a New Moon Blacklight Philanthropy Party in late October to raise money for the Bekondo Foundation. This foundation, started and operated by Brother Timothy Smith, seeks to build sustainable education centers for famers and villagers throughout regions in Cameroon (see www.bekondofoundation.org for more information and to donate to the cause). Run by our Co-Philanthropy Chairs Brothers Kevin Hua and Michael Wang, the event was

a tremendous success. Although the final tallies are not yet calculated, we are happy to give all that we can to help out a brother and his philanthropic efforts.



The dining room in the basement of Northcote was morphed overnight into a blacklight and balloon-filled dance floor. DJ Dassani, also known as Brother Vansh

Dassani, mixed and mashed some music for the party attendees. The normal lights in the ceiling were also replaced by blacklights, creating an extremely unique dance floor environment. The house purchased face paint, highlighters, and neon pens so that people who entered the house could draw on each other or on the paper we placed over the walls. As the night went on, the basement became more packed and the creations became more plentiful.

Without question, the entire brotherhood pitched in their best efforts to provide for a worthy cause while having fun in the process.

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“^We are happy to give all that we can to help out a brother and his philanthropic efforts. ”



Brother Vansh Dassani mixing some beats for the party

Although advertising for the event started later than expected, the house was still able to get the word out and great times were had by all. In the future, we will look to host other philanthropy events to raise money for worthy causes in Ithaca or elsewhere. I along with the Philanthropy Chairs will continue to promote Human Service as an important aspect of the life of a Cornell Acacian.

GREEK LEADERSHIP ACADEMY UPDATE



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Over the past four years, Cornell has offered a unique opportunity for members of the Greek system to engage in team building and leadership training. Greek Leadership Academy, as it is known, has grown significantly, now enrolling over 30 IFC chapters and all 13 PanHellenic chapters. Cornell Acacia has participated in the program for all four years, including former Venerable Dean Brother Matthew Marano and current Venerable Dean Brother Sho Iketani. Currently, Brothers Jacob Padilla and Vansh Dassani are taking the course.

The program takes place over 5 weeks and amalgamates participants from different sororities and fraternities to

augment their leadership skills in ethics and team building exercises, as well as facilitated discussions and one on one leadership training. The course, which has a price tag of around \$200, started out fully funded by the University its first year but has lost roughly 25% of its funding each successive year. This year is the last year where the Course will receive partial funding.

The value of this course cannot be overstated. Most participants are executive board members from other fraternities and sororities. The opportunity to refine leadership skills and network with other members of the Greek system offered by this program could provide our chapter with the experience needed to lead our house in the right direction. We are in a unique situation with our chapter and it is crucial that all of our

brothers step up and begin looking for ways to take an active role in the affairs of the house. Not every member needs to take this course, but if 2 or more brothers a year participate, it can serve to build our future executive board leaders.

During a reception sponsored by the academy, an alumnus from another fraternity brought up that his fraternity alumni have been paying for the fees of the course and had expressed overwhelming enthusiasm to the value he believed the course has brought to his house. We hope that as Sho previously stated in his article (see page 10), the alumni can help build the future of this house and its executive members by continuing to provide their generous donations to the actives.

Alumni Mail Bag

Carey Fletcher 1958 (596) {428 Kawaihae St, Apt. 304, Honolulu, HI 96825-1290} sends his compliments to the Brothers who updated The Traveler and did a professional job. Carey and wife, Phylis, are still enjoying their Hawaiian retirement community with the best weather on the planet.

Richard Lysle 1969 (732) {121 Spinnaker Mall, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292 - 7263; lyslelaw@yahoo.com} informs us that daughter, Lily Rae Lysle, has been accepted by Cornell Law School and will be in the Class of 2017. Lily graduated from San Francisco State University with a B.S. in Biology/Zoology.

Steven L. Stein 1973 (787) {339 E Miller Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850-9431; sls8@cornell.edu} was reelected to another 3-year term on the Acacia Corporation Board of Directors. Steve has been working as an independent contractor on a project with the Cornell University Budget Office for over 12 months. While working almost full-time, he still managed to play a lot of golf. In his spare time, Steve makes sure that Northcote continues to be in good condition and is a safe and healthy place for Cornell Acacians to live and return to.

Paul Herrington 1981 (882) {P.O. Box 307, 31 Elm St, Niverville, NY 12130 - 0307; paul.herrington@farmcrediteast.com} and wife, Lisa, celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary. Paul has been working for Farm Credit for 28 years, the last 9 as a full time appraiser. They have 2 adopted children, Luke (12 from Korea) and Leia (almost 11 from China). If anyone is considering adoption, Paul would be happy to share his family's experiences. Paul reflects that although times have changed, the challenges faced by today's Actives are not all that much different from what his contemporaries went through. "Keep the faith, and keep up the good work!"

Andrew Regenbaum 1993 (973) {1031 Summit Woods, New Windsor, NY 12553-1280; aregenbaum@aol.com} saw Mike Cvijanovich 1994 (981), John Carpenter 1991 (959), David Rickerby 1991 (960), Arif Haq 1994 (983), Tom Balcerski 2005 (1063), and Andrew Brenner 1990 (953) in Las Vegas last January.

Thomas J. Balcerski, Ph.D. 2005 (1063) {850 N Lake Shore Dr., Apt 1808, Chicago, IL 60611; tbalcerski@gmail.com} relocated to Chicago in June and would enjoy hearing from any Cornell Acacians who may be in the area. Tom earned a doctorate in U.S. history last May after 5 years in the program. After much consideration, he stepped down from the Cornell Acacia Corp Board to allow new members the opportunity to get more involved. Tom may run for a position on the Acacia International Council.

Hanny A. Martinovici 2006 (1071) {8101 Sumter Ave, Rosedale, MD 21237; hac24@cornell.edu} took an epic 9-day trip to Iceland with Roman Markh 2006 (1072) and Charles Kalter 2005 (1066). Then he backpacked for 14 days through Switzerland and Italy. He is "living the life..."

Elie Track 2006 (1077) {9423 Preakness Dr, Apt A, Northfield, OH 44067; ejtrack@gmail.com} moved to Ohio and still works for McMaster-Carr as an Order Fulfillment Operating Manager.

Richard Rothman 2009 (1107) {4636 Spruce St., 3rd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19139; rer29@cornell.edu} is still rockin' it in Philly. Brother Alumnus Brian Cannon 2010 (1128) and Rich recently had pizza and beers at local West Philly establishments.

Noah Santorello 2009 (1124) {175 Lexington Ave, Apt 1N, New York, NY 10016; nsantorello@gmail.com} continues to live with Andrew Gross 2009, Shu Song 2009, and Bob Christ 2009. Fred Liguori 2009 has temporarily moved to the east coast, and he has been spending time with him as well. Noah still works for the software consulting company Infusion where he is the lead technical strategist for the aviation and retail verticals. In his spare time he is working on getting his Private Pilot License, and you can read about his flight lessons at fly.noahks.com. If you're in NYC after November he'd be happy to give you a flying tour around Manhattan!

Chapter Eternal

Richard L. Hanks 1955 (549) - 12/28/2013
Jeromy T. Hawthorne 1959 (613) - 10/8/2013
Lloyd A. Hayner 1952 (508) - 10/2/2013
Albert J. Hoyt 1952 (525) - 1/19/2014
Arthur T. Mosher Jr. 1960 (623) - 1/17/2014
Robert B. Squires 1952 (496) - 12/2/2013

Alumni Honor Roll 2013-2014



<u>Donor</u>	<u>Roll</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Pledge Year</u>
Lane J Abrams	(915)	i984	PL i98i
Bradley J Ayres *	(1070)	2006	PL 2003
Thomas J Balcerski Ph.D. *	(1063)	2005	PL 2002
Frederick P Ballyns	(1135)	20i2	PL 2008
Robert J Bergren	(443)	i950	PL i947
Elie Yakov Bilmes	(1118)	20i0	PL 2007
Richard E Brewer *	(687)	I ₀ 85	PL i963
John C Brueckman III	(844)	I ₀ 78	PL i976
Stewart L Burger *	(738)	i970	PL i967
Erik Keith Burkhalter	(1123)	20i0	PL 2007
William C Burnett *	(490)	i953	PL i949
Martin S Cardinali	(918)	i984	PL i98i
John W Carpenter III *	(959)	i99i	PL i987
Brian P. Clapp *	(1100)	2009	PL 2006
Edward A Conroy	(592)	i957	PL i955
Michael I Cvijanovich *	(981)	i994	PL i99i
Charles W Deakyne *	(446)	i950	PL i947
Igor Dolgalev	(1068)	2005	PL 2002
John Mathias Ertl	(1148)	20ii	PL 2009
Robert S Fash *	(594)	I ₀ 58	PL i954
Charles H Field Jr.	(614)	2060	PL i956
David A Gorelick	(717)	i968	PL i965
Matthew S Harris	(1042)	2002	PL 2000
Paul C Herrington	(882)	I ₀ 8I	PL i978
Byron L Hing *	(1040)	2002	PL i999
Charles S Hong	(1043)	200i	PL 2000
Charles W Huffine III	(93i)	i986	PL i983
Alan L Jette	(895)	I ₀ 82	PL i979
Patricia M Kehe	(Li)	i979	PL i979
William L Keltz	(632)	I ₀ 8I	PL i958
Thomas E Kocovsky Jr. *	(730)	i969	PL i966
Thomas B Kozakiewicz	(1131)	20ii	PL 2008
Jerry W Kreider *	(720)	i968	PL i965
Mark F Maltenfort	(831)	i977	PL i974
Hanny A Martinovici	(1071)	2006	PL 2003
David M Mazaika	(924)	I ₀ 85	PL i982

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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 \$ 460,000. Our money grows based on the performance of the endowment portfolio. The amount that the brothers receive is roughly equivalent to the gain on the investment of 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 \$1,100 in grants each semester.



Bion W McClellan	(567)	1955	PL 1953
Daniel R Merrill PhD	(907)	1983	PL 1980
Robert C Merritt *	(807)	1975	PL 1973
Paul G Molnar *	(1014)	1998	PL 1995
Theodore Ni	(1138)	2012	PL 2009
Stanley R Niman *	(783)	1973	PL 1970
David D Nolte *	(881)	1981	PL 1978
John R Pakan	(524)	1953	PL 1950
William Pendarvis Jr.	(440)	1947	PL 1946
Todd Peskin *	(994)	1995	PL 1993
Andrew S Regenbaum	(973)	1993	PL 1990
David G Rickerby	(960)	1991	PL 1987
Thomas L Ricketts *	(1051)	2003	PL 2000
Richard Evan Rothman	(1107)	2009	PL 2006
David J Sangree	(917)	1984	PL 1981
Daniel H Scharfman	(1078)	2005	PL 2003
Mark A Schaten MD	(923)	1984	PL 1982
Bruce G Schneider *	(842)	1978	PL 1975
David Elliot Skiff	(1143)	2012	PL 2009
Eden Slegre	(788)	1973	PL 1971
Robertson C Spiesz	(835)	1977	PL 1974
Robert B Squires *	(496)	1952	PL 1949
Keith W Stone	(775)	1971	PL 1969
Frederick W Tierney Jr. *	(763)	1971	PL 1968
Gabriel Torres	(1152)	2013	PL 2010
William A Utic *	(836)	1977	PL 1974
Warren E Walker	(681)	1963	PL 1962
William Jacob Zeligson	(1139)	2012	PL 2009
Howard S Zwiefel III *	(734)	1966	PL 1966

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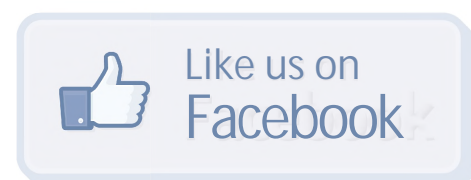


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A view of Northcote's back entrance taken by Brother Shane Soh