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The years since our Centennial Conclave in 2004 have passed quickly and here we are three years later implementing the programs originally approved at that Conclave, as well as additional programs adopted by the 2006 Conclave.

As you read through this edition of the TRIAD, you will note just how aggressive a program has been undertaken by the International Council and the Acacia Fraternity Foundation. That dedication to our future in our second century is reflected in the personal commitment of those Acacia brothers who remain loyal and involved in the future planning for Acacia. Our alumni will always remain the foundation upon which our future is built. The current undergraduates have opportunities that few other fraternities are able to offer.

We began a continual chapter planning process with the Conclave adoption of Rising To The Challenge in 2004. This format has provided every colony and chapter with a blueprint for chapter development and challenged each to set goals which are to be met and continually reviewed and revised. Many of our chapters have made this program a success and have seen the reward in a strengthened and involved Brotherhood. The recognition of the chapters who have made substantial progress in the implementation of this program was noted at the 2006 Conclave.

One of the components of this program was the awareness that what was being done at the chapter level presented a significant challenge for our pledges and actives to develop a program reflective of Acacia as a life long learning experience. The result of this recognition has been the creation of a personal challenge program entitled the Cornerstones Membership Education Program. This program, with its flexibility, provides various avenues for an undergraduate to improve his skill level and reinforce his commitment to Acacia throughout his undergraduate years. It is much more than an extension of our Pledge Education program! It provides for the re-entry of our dedicated alumni to play a mentoring role for undergraduates and I sincerely hope each of you will review the essentials of the program presented in this edition of the TRIAD. Your continued involvement in Acacia is essential to the ultimate success of the Cornerstones program.

In contemporary parlance we might refer to this program as the Acacia Continuing Education and Involvement Program. Please take the time to acquaint yourself with this important step in the strengthening of Acacia and its expansion as a leader in the interfraternity world.

Brothers, many of you are aware of the challenge put before us by the Acacia Fraternity Foundation as it announces the New Century Campaign fund drive. There is more information in this issue of the TRIAD. With the expansion of fraternity programs and the increasing success of the off-Conclave year Acacia Leadership Academy, the realization of the Foundation Directors, under the dedicated leadership of Brother Bill Utic, Cornell ’74, is that we must increase our staff and find the appropriate personnel to work with those chapters and alumni involved in the new programming. Funding goals have been set and the onset of personal solicitations to be earmarked for components of the programs has begun. I hope you will join those of us who have made pledges to build an educational endowment that will assure Acacia of the financial resources to hire and maintain a top-notch staff as well as endow scholarships.

One of the more enjoyable tasks as President of the Fraternity is attending alumni events, especially chapter chartering anniversaries. Earlier this fall, the Cornell Chapter celebrated the 100th anniversary of its founding. The three-day program in August was a huge success with over 250 attending the concluding banquet. There is more about this well-planned and executed celebration in this TRIAD. I look forward to more such anniversaries with Purdue celebrating its 100th anniversary and Illinois Wesleyan its...
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50th with events this fall. It makes me feel my age when I recall that Purdue installed my own chapter in 1920 and I was one of our chapter members who installed Illinois Wesleyan in 1957.

The report and photographs of the 2007 Acacia Leadership Academy tell a tale of success. This was the seventh ALA and by far the most successful. I am indebted to the dedication of Executive Director Darold Larson and Assistant Executive Director Keith Bushey and the Indiana Chapter House Corporation and House Director for their outstanding effort and the use of the Bloomington Chapter House for the program.

All in all, the honor and privilege of serving as your President is a reward beyond description. Yes, we have our ups and downs, as does any fraternal organization. However, it is the continued support of and participation in the programs of our Fraternity by each of you that makes us successful.

I believe the words of the George Bernard Shaw quoted above are true about Acacia. We have the courage and forbearance to dream things and ask “….why not….” Let us all, in the spirit of Brotherhood, go forward and meet the challenges facing us with the conviction that together we can achieve our goals and prepare Acacia’s future alumni leaders by our own example and commitment.

leading the greek community

With the introduction of the Cornerstones Program, Acacia Fraternity continues a leadership role within the Greek system that dates back to its earliest days.

Despite some reluctance to accept the Interfraternity Conference, especially on the local level, Acacia was one of the charter members of the national organization in 1910. In the May 1912 Journal is the first published account of an Interfraternity Conference.

Over the years, Acacia remained an active leader within the interfraternal movement. The fraternity was a founding member of the Edgewater Conference, a coalition of national fraternities dedicated to introducing forward-thinking initiatives. Out of this collaboration have come a number of innovations.

The year 1982 was a watershed moment for Acacia Fraternity, which incorporated two ideas from the Edgewater Conference. The first was an amendment to the bylaws defining the term “hazing” and the actions that would be taken against chapters in accordance to Acacia’s anti-hazing policy. The second was a groundbreaking alcohol awareness program.

George Patterson’s leadership is legendary and helped pave the way for Joe Reed and John Hoffner, both former National Presidents, to serve as directors on the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC).

As the Cornerstones Program matures and evolves, all indications point to Acacia’s continued leadership within the interfraternal movement.

The inaugural meeting of the Southern California Acacia Alumni Chapter

Back Row (L-R): Donald Cunningham, Jason Bean, Chuck Hummitsch, Sunil Barot, James Uy, Marvin Hutchinson
Middle Row: Alex Hsu, Hal Woo, Greg Funke, Steve LaDochy
Front Row: Andrew Stout, Perry Erickson, Calvin McGovernor, Dan Lee, Al Leone, Damon Faucher, Dave August, Rich Kennedy
The New Century Campaign represents a new era for Acacia Fraternity. One that creates a rising tide of alumni involvement. One that seeks to forge a unified national identity. And, one that strengthens each chapter and colony through innovative programs.

**Obtain the active involvement of 200+ alumni volunteers**

A direct extension of the Rising to the Challenge strategic plan, the New Century Campaign was launched to create greater alumni engagement in shaping Acacia’s next century. Over the past two years, Acacia leaders have traveled the country meeting with alumni from various chapters and eras to develop a comprehensive game plan.

From these meetings and conversations, the Acacia leadership has obtained a deep, rich understanding of the needs of the chapters, alumni associations, house corporations, and the individual Acacia alumnus. It has become very clear – Acacia alumni want to see the fraternity grow and prosper throughout its second century.

“My success in higher education can be tied directly to my undergraduate experience as a member of Acacia Fraternity,” states L. Dennis Smith, PhD, Indiana ’56, president emeritus of the University of Nebraska System and co-chair of the New Century Campaign, “The New Century Campaign and the Cornerstones Program represent our greatest opportunities for ensuring every member, regardless of chapter, can have that same appreciation and experience.”

The two main goals of the New Century Campaign are: 1. obtain the active involvement of 200+ alumni volunteers and 2. endow the main educational programs & services of Acacia. It will do so by emphasizing three main themes – Leadership, Growth, and Scholarship.

Still in its early phase, the New Century Campaign has generated a record amount of pledges and gifts made to Acacia Fraternity Foundation and led to the birth of Acacia’s groundbreaking Cornerstones Program.

“Ours is a rich and unique history, and we have enjoyed a reputation in the Fraternity world bigger than our actual size,“ observes John Hoffner, Purdue ’66, EVP & CFO (ret.) Jack-In-the-Box, co-chair of the New Century Campaign, and former National President, “Acacia has accomplished much with very little for many years, and the campaign is our opportunity to finally endow it with the resources it deserves.”

Over the course of the next year, Acacia leaders will continue to connect with alumni across the country to share the ongoing progress and ask for their support.

“We look forward to announcing our public goal at the 2008 Conclave in Louisville, Kentucky,” states Dewayne Ullsperger, Nebraska ’83, VP United Health Group and co-chair of the New Century Campaign,

**Endow the main educational programs and services of Acacia**

“Already, this campaign is the most successful in our history and will become an even greater success as more alumni join us with their support.”
Born in 1940, Baum graduated with a BS degree in finance from Indiana University in 1962, having served in a student leadership position for the IU Business School, and completed his MBA also from IU in 1963. Early in his career, Baum demonstrated great promise and talent in various finance position for International Harvester and then with Borg-Warner International.

In 1976, he joined Parker Pen Company as group controller and assistant to the president before becoming the director of corporation development. Six years later, David arranged the financing and spun off some assets from Parker Pen and joined them with other assets from the 3M Company to create SSI Technologies, Inc.

Since 1982, he has created five companies under this corporate umbrella, including a powdered metals company, three electronics and sensor companies, along with a carbon extrusion company that developed and produced key technology for RJ Reynolds’ smokeless cigarette (as referenced in the best-selling book, Barbarians at the Gate).

Throughout his career, David S. Baum, Indiana ’61, has shown a penchant for creating and fostering success. He has launched five companies employing 1,500+ people with operations in the US, Mexico, and Europe. This was one of the reasons Baum was asked to serve on the Acacia task force led by International President David Allen and L. Dennis Smith, co-chair of the New Century Campaign, that developed what has become the Cornerstones Program.

“Creating a culture of success within an organization is the most important things to do and very, very difficult,” he explains, “That is why I am happy to help fund the creation of the Cornerstones Program. I believe it is a unique opportunity to establish an entirely new culture in Acacia with all chapters pulling in the same direction. Properly implemented by the chapters, I believe it will differentiate Acacia from all other fraternities.”

His belief in the program’s importance is demonstrated through the generous gift of $100,000 he and his wife, Judy, have made to help fund the pilot phase of the Cornerstones Program.

All of these business, charitable, and civic experiences have shaped and reinforced Baum’s belief in the importance of the values, norms, and habits held by a specific group of people.

“Creating a Culture of Success”

“The Cornerstones Program is the most substantive program to hit Acacia Fraternity in the last fifty years,” remarks Baum, “However, we are only half-way to success. Individual and chapter accountability are essential. A strong accountability system from individual participants to the chapter alumni boards to the national headquarters to the International Council needs to be implemented or we risk missing this unique opportunity.”

Perhaps a fitting mantra for Acacia at this time comes from the advice an old professor once sent to Baum:

“Words are cheap. Deeds are dear. Accomplishment is a necessity.”

From the generosity of two alumni, Cornerstones has grown from a concept in the Rising to the Challenge strategic plan to Acacia Fraternity’s most innovative program in years. These two alumni stand as bright examples for other Acacians to emulate.
Building bridges can be a metaphor for some and a career for others. For Lee Kearney, Oregon State ‘59, it has been both. Since retiring from his accomplished career in civil engineering, Kearney has helped lead major fundraising initiatives for his alma mater and Acacia Fraternity.

A native Oregonian, Lee joined Acacia Fraternity as a freshman at Oregon State University and lived in the chapter house all five years of his civil engineering degree program.

“The fraternity provided me with a great laboratory to sharpen my people skills and leadership abilities,” recalls Kearney, “Balancing my studies with my responsibilities as rush chairman and, later, as venerable dean helped prepare me for life after graduation.”

Having started in the construction field during his summers during college, Lee went into active duty with the US Army after graduating from the ROTC program with a BS in civil engineering. For two years, he served his country working on a major construction project in Thailand before heading into civilian life.

Lee went to work for Peter Kiewit Sons’ Construction Company and climbed the corporate ladder performing a variety of assignments before becoming a division manager and a director of the company. For the last fourteen years of his career, he worked from the corporate headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska. While there, he served on advisory committees to the civil and construction management programs of the University of Nebraska, which eventually helped create the Peter Kiewit Institute, a nationally-renowned information science, technology, and engineering program.

“I did not have much time for Acacia Fraternity over the years because of my family and work responsibilities,” observes Kearney, “Little did I know that the assignment to help the University of Nebraska would connect me directly to the national leadership of Acacia after I retired.”

That was because Lee dealt directly with L. Dennis Smith, Indiana ‘56, who was president of the University of Nebraska system when Lee was serving on the university advisory committees. Ironically, neither brother knew of their fraternal bond until after Lee’s retirement, when Brother Smith made a trip to visit Lee and his wife, Connie, to ask for their financial support for what has become known as Cornerstones.

“It was an obvious decision to help Acacia because I knew the money would be used wisely under Dennis’ leadership and that our chapters need this type of program to address their fundamental needs,” states Kearney.

Lee has recent firsthand experience with chapter operations through serving as chairman of a successful capital campaign to renovate the Oregon State chapter house as well as spending much time on OSU’s campus for university-related initiatives.

“My experience these past few years has convinced me that university and college administrations are not giving significant support to fraternities,” summarizes Kearney. “The national fraternity is best positioned to help our undergraduates but needs resources to provide stronger fraternity programs to help at the chapter level.”

From that initial meeting with President Smith, Lee agreed to serve on the task force that led to the creation of the Cornerstones Program. Once the initial program was designed, Lee and Connie agreed to donate $200,000 over two years through the Acacia Fraternity Foundation to help fund the pilot phase.

With Oregon State as one of the initial six pilot chapters, Lee and Connie are seeing the results of their philanthropic support firsthand. Since its implementation, Lee has noticed that the Cornerstones Program has helped recruit a stronger group of Acacia pledges – a trend that he hopes will continue.

“Connie and I made this gift because we believe in Acacia Fraternity and its relevance to today’s students;” states Kearney, “I want to encourage every brother to think back to his years as an undergraduate Acacian and start giving back in proportion to the benefits received.”
A primary goal was to choose a theme that would be meaningful to Acacians, as well as identifiable to the greater public including potential new members, parents and the Greek community.

In selecting Cornerstones, we believe that we have accomplished this goal. The dictionary defines a cornerstone as the first stone set in the construction of a masonry foundation, important since all other stones will be set in reference to this stone, thus determining the position of the entire edifice. A cornerstone is also a concept which provides the basic tools for understanding or manipulating a larger intellectual edifice.

The theme of a cornerstone is meaningful to our Fraternity as it makes reference to our roots in the Masonic fraternity. In 1904, the first Acacia chapter was started at the University of Michigan by 14 Master Masons. Acacia has no formal tie with the Masons today, although chapters may choose to collaborate with Masons in their community or service projects, or take the Masonic obligations.

The term has further significance at this time as we continue to work on the action strategies of the Strategic Plan, Rising to the Challenge. As our Fraternity moves into our second century of existence, one of the primary goals is to strengthen membership education. Cornerstones encompasses the implementation of this goal. Acacia Fraternity has never before taken on a programming initiative so extensive.

Historically, our Fraternity has welcomed potential new members as pledges for a period of time before initiation. During this time they learn about the history of the Fraternity and their local chapter, study the Pythagoras membership manual and become acclimated to the chapter. After initiation, there was no formal structure for continued betterment aside from becoming an officer and acquiring leadership skills as they navigated the demands of school life and chapter leadership.

As the cover on this edition of the Triad exhibits, Acacia Fraternity is making progress toward solidifying our new membership development program, Cornerstones. The Cornerstones logo was created by our Co-Director of Membership Development, Michael A. Pastko, Purdue ’04. Michael joined the Headquarters staff on June 20th after graduating with a B.S. in Computer Graphics Technology. We are very happy to have Michael on board as he brings with him new ideas and much enthusiasm.

One of the primary items for consideration has been creating an identifiable brand in conjunction with our new program. During the summer meeting of the International Council, the Headquarters staff presented a number of options as a name for the new Membership Development Program.

The Headquarters staff has produced an array of materials to educate and promote Cornerstones to our active members and alumni volunteers and supporters.
The Cornerstones program is an effort to provide a more comprehensive development track for our members. Undergraduates will advance through four levels of activities that will grow in scope and correspond to our three core concepts: Intellectual Growth, Social Awareness, and Physical Well-being. From freshman year through senior year, our members will complete activities that will ensure a thoroughly dynamic college experience suited to prepare them for life after graduation.

Article 1, Section 102 of the Laws of Acacia states, “The Fraternity is organized for fraternal, scientific, literate and educational purposes.” In essence, we are an organization that promotes positive growth during a young man’s collegiate years. During the alumni years, participation with the Fraternity is less frequent for most members although a number of alumni members remain very active in support of their local chapter.

Increasing alumni involvement was also identified as one of the action strategies in the Strategic Plan. The Cornerstones program provides a more tangible framework for alumni mentoring. Two new alumni volunteer positions have been created in conjunction with the Cornerstones program – Level Advisor (LA) and Career Development Mentor (CDM).

A Level Advisor will serve as an advisor and help to encourage the undergraduate members to advance through each of the four levels of the program. He will have access to view the progress of a number of active and pledge members via the Cornerstones website at www.gatesofsamos.org. Each Level Advisor will provide feedback based on the progress of the men that he advises and decide when a member is prepared to advance to the next level. This will not be a major time commitment for the alumni involved and alumni do not necessarily need to be near the chapter in proximity. With the applications being built at www.gatesofsamos.org, communication and mentoring can take place from a distance and when it is most convenient for our members.

A Career Development Mentor will play a different role and make himself available for contact regarding professional advice. He may advise regarding the right organizations to join in a certain discipline and he will serve as a link to the working world beyond the university. The CDM’s contact information will be listed on the website for approved undergraduates to utilize.

The response that we have received from alumni around the country has been nothing short of amazing! Over 100 alumni brothers have volunteered to be a part of the Cornerstones initiative. For a list of these men, please see page ______. We urge every alumnus brother to get involved as we spread the program to more chapters. To get involved, visit www.gatesofsamos.org and click on the “How to Volunteer” link on the home page. You may also reach Patrick McGovern at pmcgovern@acacia.org or Michael Pastko at mpastko@acacia.org for more information.

During the 2006-2007 school year, the Cornerstones program was introduced to six pilot chapters across the country. This group includes the following chapters: Purdue, Illinois, Iowa State, Kansas State, Oregon State and Texas. This spring we will be introducing the program to three new pilot chapters at California, C.U.P., and Nebraska.

All of these advancements would not be possible without the diligence and hard work of our Acacia Fraternity Foundation and gracious donors. At the Foundation’s Annual Meeting this summer, the Directors decided to award a $1,000 scholarship to the top performer in the Cornerstones program from each pilot chapter. As the program continues to grow, the Foundation has committed to strengthening our scholarship awards and chapter support – and the program will provide the vehicle for assessment.

Today is a great day to be an Acacian and be active in this bold new initiative. Join us in the rising tide of fraternal enthusiasm and get involved today!
A Brother With a Dream

By Brother Kemp Inthisorn, Carleton, ’01

When Tony Phillips, Carleton ‘06 decided to join ACACIA, he really didn’t understand what it meant to be an ACACIAN. A GDI as our chapter calls them, Tony used to hold a view that Greek Life was for followers and individuals who had nothing better to do than to ‘pay for their friends’. Although oblivious to the fact of what Greek Life really meant, the one thing Tony does know is that he one day wants to serve as our country’s vice-regal and royal representative – His Excellency, The Right Honorable the Governor General of Canada.

During his third year of University, while studying Law and Political Science, Tony decided to do more research on the Greek system at Carleton and to see what each organization really stood for. In Ottawa over seven fraternities exist – each one with its separate and different values, morals and standards. After looking into what each fraternity was really like, it was not long before Tony’s views of Greek Life changed and he decided that there was no fraternity better than ACACIA. His impression of the Carleton Chapter of ACACIA and what ACACIA International Fraternity stood for made Tony want to be a member of our fraternity.

An involved individual, Tony became active in Carleton during his first year and he has shown involvement in many spheres of campus life. A seasoned student representative, Tony has served as a faculty board representative in the Department of Law and as a two-term Student Senator in the Faculty of Public Affairs. A former Business Manager of the Residence Association, Brother Phillips is a well known individual on campus and within the student realms. Tony lives his life by his morals and values as an Acacian, and every decision he makes is made for the best interest of his fraternity.

On campus, Tony has also held a prominent position as President and Chairman of the Carleton University Charity Ball for the past three years. The largest of its kind in Canada and the Northern United States, Charity Ball raises money each year for local Ottawa Charities and has raised over $500,000.00 over the past 20 years for local charities. Unknown to Tony when he became Chairman & President of the Ball, Charity Ball had been the mastermind project of some of the founding brothers of the Carleton chapter twenty years previous. On its 20th Anniversary, the Presidency and Chairmanship was once again under the hands of an ACACIAN. A sheer sign that ACACIANS are the true leaders on campus!

On top of being very active within the Carleton Chapter as the Current Senior Dean and Pledge Educator, Brother Phillips has taken on an extraordinary role in Greek life at Carleton University and has brought ACACIA to the forefront once again as the First and Finest Fraternity at Carleton University. Through immense negotiations with the Carleton University Students Association and personal dedication over the past year, the Students’ Association will finally be recognizing Greek Life at Carleton University thanks to Brother Phillips’ perseverance on the issue. The task and road for recognition has not been an easy one and is something that has tested his patience and dedication. Negotiating with six Greek organizations and finding a common ground for governance and organization has kept Brother Phillips busy. Rightfully so, Brother Phillips will have the honor of serving as the first President of the Carleton University Greek Council – an honor and privilege befitting an ACACIAN.

When asked if he would change anything about his past four years at Carleton or about his joining ACACIA, Brother Phillips smirked and replied, “The Only thing I would change is that I didn’t join Acacia sooner. I am PROUD TO BE ACACIAN and I love my fraternity!”

Tony Phillips
Carleton, ’06
He said they were hoping to raise $1,000 to $1,500. However, the alumni association and fraternity brothers raised $3,150 for the family and collected a television, microwave, furniture, pots and pans, clothing and toys.

After hearing about what the fraternity was doing, many families also donated money. A little more than $4,000 was sent to the mother.

“It’s a surprise,” Jobe said. “She doesn’t know it’s coming yet.”

Some of the money was taken from the alumni association’s philanthropy fund.

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One such group lives right here in Edmond. The Alumni Association of Acacia, a fraternity at the University of Central Oklahoma, felt a link to the Greensburg community because one of its members, Dalen McVay, had family there. Initially, the association had planned to raise money for McVay’s family.

However, McVay’s family didn’t suffer as much damage to their home as other families and directed the men to a family who was more in need.

“I think when situations like this happen people feel the need to donate money,” said Jarrett Jobe, association president.

They soon were raising money and collecting items for a single mom with three girls ranging from 5- to 13-years-old.

“Her entire house was blown away and she had just taken a job in accounting that was also blown away,” Jobe said.

He said philanthropy is anything that requires donating time and services. Jobe said the alumni want to make sure that providing for others in need is something that is a part of everyone’s lives.

“For me, it’s an opportunity to give back. I think we’ve been blessed as a fraternity and as individuals. We feel like whenever there are those in need, we should act,” Jobe said.

Jeff Morefield, alumni member, said it is their mission to bring wellness and happiness to their own community and other communities. “It’s just a good opportunity to be with those you’ve grown up with and do things for other people,” Morefield said.

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A PANTHEON OF GREATS

Acacia Fraternity has shaped and been shaped by the lives of innumerable men. It is encouraging to reflect every so often on the Acacians who have demonstrated their commitment on a national and international stage “…to take a more active part in the affairs of the community in which we may reside…” Please enjoy this first installment of a multi-part feature.

Harold E. Edgerton, Nebraska ’24
Inventor and Professor

Brother Harold E. “Doc” Edgerton enjoyed an incredible career in the field of photography, most notably pioneering research and popularizing the stroboscopic and electronic flash for photographic illumination, which was the foundation for the development of the modern electronic speed flash. Edgerton earned international recognition for his achievements in the related fields of stroboscopy and ultra-high speed photography. He was a legendary teacher at MIT and developed new ways of visualizing previously unseen phenomena.

Professor Edgerton was the recipient of many distinguished honors and awards, including the National Geographic Society Centennial Award and the National Medal of Technology in 1988. Brother Edgerton was also inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. In 1982, Brother Edgerton was recognized by the Fraternity for his lifelong accomplishments in his field by being presented one of Acacia’s highest honors, the Award of Merit.

Gene Conley, Washington State ‘49
Professional Athlete

Of all the great American athletes who competed during the 20th century, Gene Conley accomplished something no one else was able to do — he won championship rings in two different major professional sports, playing for the World Series winning Milwaukee Braves (1958) and the NBA champion Boston Celtics (1959-61).

Conley was also the winning pitcher in the 1954 All-Star Game. In all, this Washington State Acacian played 23 seasons of professional sports, at one point cramming 17 seasons of work into 11 years.
Edward S. Knight, Texas ‘71
Executive VP & General Counsel, The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc.

Prior to joining the Nasdaq, Ed served as the Chief Legal Officer of the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD). He also served as General Counsel of the U.S. Department of the Treasury from September 1994 to June 1999, where he was the Department’s longest-serving General Counsel since the position was created in 1934.

Upon his departure from government service, Ed received from Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin the Alexander Hamilton Award, the department’s highest award, for exemplary service to the department and also received the Honor Award from the Secret Service, which the department oversees. Before being named General Counsel, Ed served as Executive Secretary and Sr. Advisor to the Secretary of the Treasury.

A Texas native, Knight received his B.A. with honors in Latin American studies from the University of Texas at Austin, where he was a driving force at the Texas Chapter of Acacia Fraternity. He received his J.D. from the University of Texas Law School, and sits on the law school’s Alumni Board of Directors. Knight is a member of the District of Columbia, Texas, Supreme Court, and American Bar Associations, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Software and Information Industry Association.

James E. Webb, North Carolina ‘28
NASA Administrator

Under Brother Webb’s direction as administrator from 1961 to 1968, NASA undertook one of the most important projects in recorded history, that of landing an American on the moon. Brother Webb brought to America’s space effort a background which included airtime as a Marine Corps flier and all-around aviation specialist, and public service as Director of the Bureau of the Budget and Undersecretary of State.

Brother Webb was also an assistant to a Congressman, assistant to a state governor, general counsel to the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of the United States, a member of the President’s Advisory Committee of Management and a deputy governor of the International Bank and International Monetary Fund. For his manifold service to his country, he was awarded the U.S. Medal of Freedom.

NASA’s James Webb Space Telescope, referred to as “the Hubble successor”, is scheduled to launch in 2013.

Want to add someone to this list? Please send your recommendation to Darold Larson by e-mail at acacianat@acacia.org, or Darold Larson
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Ronald Kase, Purdue ‘78
Venture capitalist, NEA

Lee Kearney, Oregon State ’59
Senior executive, Peter Kiewit Sons’ Construction Co.

Jack Kilby, Illinois ’42
Nobel Prize-Winning Inventor & Engineer

Edward S. Knight, Texas ’71
Executive VP & General Counsel, The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc.

Paul V. McNutt, Harvard ’14
Governor and Ambassador

Gary Patterson, Kansas State ’80
Head football coach, Texas Christian University

Roscoe Pound, Nebraska ’05
Jurist & Botanist

Wes Santee, Kansas ’52
Olympic runner

Ken Schwab, Purdue ’66
President, Centenary College

Harold L. Sebring, Kansas State ’20
Esteemed Jurist & Nuremberg Trial Judge

L. Dennis Smith, Ph.D., Indiana ’56
President emeritus, University of Nebraska

William H. Strong, Purdue ’71
Vice chairman, Morgan Stanley

William Howard Taft, Yale ’13
27th President of the United States

Homer Thornberry, Texas ’30
Congressman & Supreme Court Nominee

Jack Van Bebber, Oklahoma State ’31
Olympic Champion

James E. Webb, North Carolina ’28
NASA Administrator

Andy Westlund, Oregon State ’71
VP of Global Logistics (ret.), Amazon.com

Walter Williams, Missouri ’09
University president
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The Acacia Fraternity Foundation’s Annual Fund continues to play a vital role in the support of the educational initiatives of the Fraternity. Through the Foundation, the Fraternity continues to benefit from the generosity of our alumni and friends of Acacia. Approximately two-thirds of the Fraternity’s expenses, or roughly $315,000, can be supported through educational grants from the AFF. This year the Foundation received $75,000 in Annual Fund support.

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Evan O’Dorney is the son of Brother Michael M. O’Dorney, Rensselaer ’66. The O’Dorney family currently resides in the Bay Area in California.

Just moments after winning the 80th annual Scripps Spelling bee, eighth grader Evan O’Dorney of Danville found himself on live TV explaining to ESPN anchor Stuart Scott why he actually much prefers doing math and playing piano concertos to spelling.

“Spelling is just a bunch of memorization,” the 13-year-old boy said. But it’s something the lanky, bespectacled teenager with a big gap-toothed grin has clearly mastered.

He beat 285 of the best young spellers in the country by spelling such difficult words as Zoilus, laquear and schuhplattler. The homeschooled spelling phenomenon received a golden loving cup trophy and $20,000 -- money the young college-bound scholar says “I’ll probably give to my parents.”

O’Dorney has become a seasoned pro at the bee. He first competed in 2005 when he was 11 years old and made a strong showing for a first-timer, reaching the finals before being bounced out in the eighth round. He was disappointed but boasted that he would be back and do even better.

“I was born with the gift of spelling,” he told the Chronicle at the time. He finished 14th in last year’s bee. This year he seemed to almost skate through the competition.

He breezed through a multiple choice test with tough words such as malocclusion, syssarcosis, takt and Bewusstseinslage. In the second round, he lucked out with an easy word: boundary. But the words got tougher in later rounds -- compunctious in round three, corrigenda in round four, affiche in round five and corrine in round six.

In round seven, before a live national TV audience, he didn’t flinch as he was handed a Spanish word for scorpion fish: rascacio. He drew gasps when he correctly spelled schuhplattler, a Bavarian courtship dance, and then laquear, a Latin word for the recessed panels in a vaulted ceiling.

He only seemed flustered once when a TV make-up artist dusted his cheeks and forehead with a tan blush.

O’Dorney finally won with a series of relatively simple words - at least for him: pappardelle, an Italian pasta; yosenabe, a Japanese soup; and his winning word - serrefine, small forceps for clamping a blood vessel.

Jennifer O’Dorney homeschools him, and said they generally spent only about an hour or two a day on spelling. She said she had increased the workload in recent weeks. Last week, they spent eight hours locked in a room going over words from the Merriam-Webster’s dictionary.

O’Dorney’s parents are proud that he remains a well-rounded kid. He has a first-degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do, takes piano lessons at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and plays piano to accompany his church’s choir.

Despite his talent for spelling, his favorite subject is math. He placed 5th in a recent Northern California Mathcounts competition. He earned a perfect score in American Mathematics Competition in a test made for 10th graders. He hopes someday to be a math teacher or a composer.
During the last weekend of July 2007, brothers from across the United States and Canada came together in Bloomington, Indiana at the IU chapter house to participate in the seventh biennial Acacia Leadership Academy. The ALA, the creation of Executive Director Darold Larson, began in 1995 to fill a perceivable void in leadership training for the undergraduate members of Acacia Fraternity.

Based on an innovative idea to create a model chapter by bringing together members from each chapter, the ALA is the first leadership school where attendees function in a working fraternity environment. Approximately 100 Acacians gather under one roof and for four days operate together as a chapter. This off-Conclave year event has quickly become a favorite for the active brothers.

Building upon preceding ALAs, the 2007 event took another step in creating the true atmosphere of an actual chapter. This year’s event saw firsts in the election of officers, assigning committees, writing bylaws and a mission statement, and creating a judicial branch. These additions encouraged even greater participation and responsibilities for the undergraduates. While performing their duties, the brothers were able to see and learn how to ideally run a functioning chapter from its day-to-day operations to ritual exemplification. Attendees were divided into four groups led by the ALA Fellows – Scott Cleland, Ohio ’88, Jeremy Davis, Iowa State ’00, Brian Downs, Central Oklahoma ’99, and Daniel Ross, Central Oklahoma ’02. The groups gathered for discussions after each seminar, competed as a team in the Acacia Olympics, and performed the ritual degrees as we initiated three new brothers from the Long Beach colony.

In the tradition of creating a model chapter, the ALA covers all sides of fraternal life – educational, recreational and ritualistic. To accomplish the creation of a chapter in four short days meant leadership must be identified and rise to the occasion. After having met for only a few hours, the attendees nominated and elected officers. The next morning’s activities brought about the first ratification of bylaws, the assigning of appointed positions and the official ritual opening for the 2007 ALA. Once again, the Indiana chapter house provided a perfect atmosphere for our fraternal pursuits.
Bettering the Fraternity

The series of speakers this year spoke about the tools needed for negotiation, new ideas for recruitment and the administration of Acacia Fraternity on an international level. The first speaker welcomed by the ALA was Paul Wineman, National Vice President of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. Mr. Wineman is a business and negotiation consultant for such giant corporations as AT&T, Litton, the U.S. Government, Boeing, Motorola, SAI and many others. His presentation gave the ALA attendees a better understanding of how having the tools to negotiate can better their lives and how this knowledge can also enhance the performance of their chapters.

Our second speaker, Josh Orendi of Phired Up Productions, asked the men to become “Phired up” about recruitment in his Dynamic Recruitment Workshop. Brothers were taught new ways to approach the recruitment process, skills that will be beneficial to our chapters as the recruitment atmosphere is ever-changing on campuses today.

In addition, the attendees were introduced to the many functions and future plans of Acacia Fraternity. Membership Development Directors Patrick McGovern and Michael Pastko presented an overview of the newly developed Cornerstones program. This program will revolutionize the development of Acacia’s undergraduate brothers. Additionally, Executive Director Darold Larson and Assistant Executive Director Keith Bushey presented Acacia Headquarters and You, which enlightened the brothers on the daily administration of the International Fraternity. Concluding the series of ALA speakers was William A. Utic, President of the Acacia Fraternity Foundation. Brother Utic gave an informational talk on the Foundation’s activities and fielded questions about the nature and programs of the AFF.
The Acacia Cup

The Acacia Olympics provided the recreational side of fraternity at ALA as teams competed to have their name engraved on the coveted Acacia Cup. Events included this year were favorites such as paintball, tailgate toss, bowling and basketball. One of this year’s highlights was the performance of Brother Kyle Dinwoodie, Purdue, at the bowling alley as he rolled a 279. He bowled a nine in the first frame and ten straight strikes. Very impressive! After round robin match-ups in all events, this year’s competition came down to the wire with Brian Down’s squad, The Oom-Ya-Yas, reigning victorious. The spirit of competition and sportsmanship seems to always bring about the best bonds of brotherhood throughout the week of ALA.

Long Beach Initiation

Another highlight of the Academy was the initiation of three new brothers from the Long Beach colony. The generous support from the Royal Order of Scotland, Charleroi, PA, was utilized specifically for the Ritual Exemplification day held at Monroe Lodge #22 in Bloomington. The ALA was the first experience with the International Fraternity for our three new initiates, John Hallgarth, Abel Mayorga and Andrew Medal, and they could be spotted with smiles and enthusiasm throughout the week. The best of luck and success are due to these three brothers as they lead the Long Beach colony into the future.

The 2007 Acacia Leadership Academy has been labeled a huge success by those in attendance. The ability of these young men to quickly form ties of brotherhood and take on roles of leadership shows the true character of the Acacia spirit. The education and experiences gathered during this four short days will be shared at chapters across the US and Canada and will continue to help develop future generations of Acacia leaders.

Describing his experience at ALA, Brother Tony Phillips, Carleton, said, “The Acacia Leadership Academy taught us that despite where we come from, our values, principles, triumphs and challenges are all very similar. Leadership Academy also taught us another important fact – our alumni care about the future of our Fraternity just as much as the undergraduate brothers and are willing to generously invest in that future. Thanks to our esteemed alumni, we are able to have such events like ALA that strengthen the ties that bind us.”

The success of the ALA would not be possible without the gracious support of our many donors, the Acacia Fraternity Foundation, the International Council, the Indiana House Corporation and the Headquarters staff.
Brother Dan Gillespie

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By Ron Lauretti

More than 16 million American men and women were in military uniform during World War II. They filled the ranks of the Army, Navy, Marines, Army Air Force and the Coast Guard. Tens of thousands more served in the Merchant Marine and the Seabees. Each had a primary military occupational specialty (MOS). There were hundreds of these “job” specialties. Rifleman, bosun mate, cook, bombardier, truck driver, supply clerk, medic, machine gunner, ordnance specialist – just to name a few of the more common categories. Some served on the frontlines of combat, most were in support units and certainly all were essential to the overall war effort.

And there was a small and separate unique group – select, secretive and amazingly talented. Known only to the highest authorities. Many were world-class scientists – experts in physics, chemistry and engineering. A confederation of some of the most brilliant people on earth. They were given a top-secret assignment of the utmost importance. They were charged with an awesome task – to create and perfect the ultimate weapon, a bomb more powerful and destructive than the world had ever seen. A weapon that would surely shorten the war and preempt tens of thousands of casualties. And not just for the Allies, but for both sides. This group’s mission became known as the Manhattan Project, and its sole purpose was the development of the atomic bomb. They were successful, and the result was a colossal scientific breakthrough that led to a quick surrender by the Japanese and an absolute military victory.

Landings resident Dan Gillespie was one of the key members of the team involved in the Manhattan Project. Only 22 years of age at the time, a recent college graduate and inductee into the Army, this very bright young man jumped right into the mix of the scientific pursuit that would alter the course of the world forever.

Dan was born and raised in the central-Pennsylvania town of Shamokin. After high school, he enrolled at Penn State University and graduated with a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering in 1943. Dan was drafted into the United States Army on September 29, 1944, and did 14 weeks of basic infantry training near Little Rock, Arkansas. The Army had thousands of soldiers who could shoot a rifle but few with the potential to help split an atom, so Private Gillespie was offered the opportunity to enroll in a specialized training program, administered by the Army, in chemical engineering at Ohio State University. He accepted the offer. Upon completion of the course, Dan learned that he had passed the necessary background check by the F.B.I., and in quick time he was on his way to the secretive Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory near Santa Fe, New Mexico.

On April 2, 1945, Dan reported to an office on the perimeter of the project site and, after a short bus ride to the top of a high mesa, he was admitted inside the barbed-wire-enclosed security compound at Los Alamos Laboratory. Dan was assigned to a barracks and issued his top-secret clearance. That qualified him as one of the few who could attend the weekly meeting discussing the progress of nuclear fission. Conversations tracking the work on the world’s first nuclear bomb.

Young Dan was both intrigued and determined. Intrigued because he was in the company of Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, Enrico Fermi, Hans Bethe and George Kistiakowsky – a who’s who of some of the world’s top nuclear physicists. Determined because they were told that the
success of the project would shorten the war and they thought - somewhat erroneously - that they were in a race with the Germans and the Japanese to perfect a super weapon.

Dan was assigned to the DP site, which he soon learned was dedicated to working on design and production of the initiator for the bomb. The initiator would act as the trigger to detonate the bomb. To put it in the simplest terms (if that is possible), the assignment involved working with radioactive materials. Dan handled, using a glass beaker, a solution of radioactive polonium, a very scarce element. Using a basic chemical process called electroplating, he helped develop a procedure for depositing a thin coating of polonium onto the surface of a beryllium sphere while maintaining a low level of neutron emission. Got it? If so, M.I.T. or Cal Tech probably have a faculty seat waiting for you.

Dan was amazed to learn that - believe it or not - he was the only engineer assigned to this particular function. Quite an compliment for a 22-year-old, freshly minted chemical engineer with very little work experience. He soon discovered that the entire Manhattan Project was being conducted using a “shotgun approach,” a strategy of simultaneously exploring all possible solutions to the many problems of atomic bomb making. Many initiator designs were being invented and tested, but Dan was in the right place at the right time. His approach proved to be the successful one, and his finished initiator, which incidentally was only the size of a hazelnut, was used in testing the first atomic bomb. At exactly 5:29 a.m., July 16, 1945, the world’s first atomic bomb was successfully exploded near Alamogordo, New Mexico, and the blast was calculated to be equivalent to 20,000 tons of TNT.

On August 6, 1945, an atomic bomb was detonated over Hiroshima, Japan. Some 90 percent of the city was destroyed. On August 9, a second bomb was detonated over Nagasaki, Japan, destroying much of that city, too. Total immediate fatalities from the two explosions were estimated to be 103,000 people. A terrible loss of life and property. But the reasoning and justification behind this extremely deadly military action, which was authorized by President Harry (“the buck stops here”) Truman, was clear. The protracted fighting and fierce determination of the Japanese military leadership left Truman with little, if any, choice.

The war in the Pacific had been a progression of island-by-island conquests by American amphibious forces - Marine and Army - against heavily defended Japanese garrisons. One by one, the Gilberts, the Marshalls and the Marianas were wrestled away from Imperial Japan. But the costly conflict was yet to come. The Japanese junked their doctrine of perimeter defense and adopted a deadliest strategy - disrupt rather than oppose amphibious landings, develop “honeycomb” protective positions well inland and bleed the Americans in a costly, time-consuming battle of attrition. Fight to the death and destroy as many invaders as possible while doing so. Consequently, the three costliest battles of the Pacific were at Peleliu, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Estimated casualty rates of horrific proportions were then forecasted for the planned invasion of the homeland Japanese islands. It would be a real bloodbath for both the American invaders and the Japanese defenders.

Even after the loss of Okinawa, though most of its navy had been sunk and much of its territory was under relentless air raid attack, the ruling warlords of Japan would not consider surrender. Instead, the Japanese army was rapidly forming new divisions, filled with roughly two million troops, to repel the expected invasion. They were supported by 3,000 kamikaze planes, 5,000 regular warplanes, 3,300 suicide boats and a national citizen volunteer force of potentially 28 million people armed with spears, knives, swords or any weapons they could improvise. Leaders attempted to inspire the samurai warrior mentality in the citizens all through Japan.

American forces in the Pacific were being commanded by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, and a total of 38 divisions were being readied to invade

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Forty Years and Counting for Shipp Brothers

By Jerry Cook, Shippensburg, ‘66

It began innocently enough in May of 1968 as an impromptu party scheduled during the down time between the end of finals and graduation ceremonies. In May 2007, a small group of Shippensburg Chapter Brothers came together again for the 40th consecutive time to celebrate brotherhood and friendship in their unique way. What started as just something fun to do to celebrate the end of school is now something that the members of the group never want to miss, and most rarely do.

In 1968 the “Shippensburg State College” Chapter was quite new to Acacia, having been chartered in April 1966, the last Chartering attended by Brother Roy L Clark prior to his death. We were told by Roy and National President George F. Patterson, Jr., that the decision by Acacia to come to a small and relatively unknown college was a departure from the norm and was considered to be an “experiment” of sorts. The implication was that if we could succeed, other chapters may be possible at similar institutions.

Today’s chapter roll of the Fraternity is a diverse mix of large and small, urban and rural, public and private institutions.

At the reunions we refer to ourselves as being “On Top” or just “O T” for short which leads to the reunion being referred to as “The Annual OT Weekend.” This designation comes from our meeting location, which has always been the same, on top of a mountain in Fulton County, Pennsylvania, usually on Kentucky Derby weekend in May.

The invitation message to the 40th OT Annual Weekend summed it up as follows:

“Who knew that this little one-time graduation party, fishin, beer drinkin, poker playin, cigar smoking, horse racin, mushroom huntin, snake shootin, whiskey gulpin, golf hackin, shindig/clam bake would last for 40 years? Now that it has, let’s get serious about it and see where we can take it.”

“We have reached a significant and worthwhile milestone built on fraternity and friendship. Acacia Fraternity brought us together and our special friendships kept us together. We really did not set out to do this or anything else out of the ordinary. But as we were coming together annually, at some point we knew that this weekend was unique and we committed to continuing. Now it’s just natural.”

Here is a brief snapshot of the Brothers pictured, beginning from left to right on the bottom row:

Roy T. “Tummy” Sager, Roll # 67; Hanover, PA; retired English teacher and coach; has not missed an OT Weekend since his discharge from the Navy; buys, donates and prepares much of the food for the weekend.

Frank E. “Bush” Reeder; Roll # 49, Newville, PA; retired math teacher; an early arrival OT each year to cut firewood; prepares and donates a gourmet Saturday night dinner featuring surf and turf.

Edward “Wiz” Bollinger, Roll #60, Glenville, PA; retired math teacher; avid golfer and pro golf fan; prepares an awesome Maryland Crab Cake dinner on Friday nights.

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Robert C. “Buck” Crouse, Roll #61, Spring Grove, PA; retired business education teacher and athletic director; currently hosts the weekend at his cabin; a native of Fulton County; his lovely wife, Maureen, took the photograph, and survived a brief visit to the Top.

Top row, left to right:
Amos D. “Mouse” Meyers, Roll #22; Hawaii National Park, HI; retired elementary teacher and principal and business owner; has attended all but one of the 40 reunions despite now living in the Aloha State.
Gerald C. “Jerbo” Cook, Roll #8; Rowell, GA; Lead Public Health Advisor, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); writes the annual invitation letter; International President of Acacia Fraternity, 1998 – 2002.
Dennis George “Denny” Richards, Roll # 50; McConnellsburg, PA, owner of Richard’s Auto Sales, Dodge, Chrysler, and Jeep dealership; the only member who lives locally; hosted the party for many years.
Ray E. “Ramon” Miller, Roll # 23; West Lawn, PA; Berks County, PA court reporter; is in charge of “entertainment” each year; married to a former Chapter sweetheart.
Robert L. “Bob” Hoover, Roll #15, York, PA; retired Lutheran pastor; relative newcomer to the group; was Venerable Dean at the time of chartering.

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Japan. The massive assault was scheduled to begin November 1, 1945, four months after the victory at Okinawa. On July 26, the Allies issued the Potsdam Declaration, warning of the utter destruction of the Japanese homeland unless there was an unconditional surrender. Two days later, the Japanese rejected this demand. So President Truman, convinced he was choosing the lesser of the two bloody evils, gave the go-ahead for an atomic attack. And on August 6, an atomic bomb named “Little Boy” was dropped on Hiroshima. Still Japan refused to surrender, so another atomic bomb, this one named “Fat Man,” was dropped on Nagasaki August 9. The double shock of the two bombs and the fact that the Soviet Union had just invaded a Japanese-defended area in Manchuria forced the Japanese Emperor to broadcast orders on August 15 to cease all hostilities. And on September 2, 1945, after four long years of bitter warfare, representatives of the Japanese government signed the official surrender documents while on the decks of the battleship Missouri in Tokyo Bay.

After Nagasaki, and in spite of a massive arms buildup during the Cold War, no other nuclear device has ever been used in warfare. From the end of World War II forward, the power of the atom has been harnessed increasingly often for peaceful purposes, notably electricity generation and medicine. Actually, commercial nuclear power now provides close to 20 percent of the world’s electricity and its application to advanced medical procedures continues to increase. The 1,600 members of the Manhattan Project team at Los Alamos changed the world forever.

After the war, Dan stayed on as a civilian contractor to do research for another year. Released in September of 1946, he immediately enrolled at the University of Michigan, where he earned a master’s degree in chemical engineering. The G.I. Bill was a big financial help for Dan, just as it was for many of America’s defenders. After completing his degree, Dan joined Dorr-Oliver, Inc., a process-equipment company in Stamford, Connecticut, where he remained for 36 years, ending up as president, CEO and member of the board of directors.

While on assignment servicing Union Bag Corporation in Savannah in 1950, Dan met a pretty, local lady named Juliet Yearns. Six months later, they were married, and he took her away “up North.” After Dan’s retirement in 1993, the Gillespie’s moved back south to Savannah and settled on Skidaway Island. Juliet was a cofounder of the One Hundred Group, which raises money for the children’s wing of a local hospital. Unfortunately, she has been in poor health for the past several years. The Gillespie’s have three children and five grandchildren. They can all be proud of Grandpa Dan who, as a young man, helped make it possible for the United States to end the worst war ever. Sixty-one years ago, more than a million American soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen and coasties were glad that Dan and his colleagues were able to harness the power of those tiny particles, allowing the forces to return home rather than fight for their lives in the Land of the Rising Sun.
IU Alumnus Celebrates 75 Years in Masonry

Brother John Reed Smock, Indiana ’29, was presented a 75-year service pin, another pin which read “proud to be a freemason” and a home-made cane at the March 22 Freemason meeting at Mt. Zion Lodge #211 in Camden.

Indiana Freemason Grand Master John Barkdull gave a history of Smock’s service to the organization when he presented the gifts.

“This is a rare occurrence indeed,” Barkdull, who had never presented a 75-year pin before, said. “This is a very prestigious event we get to be a part of. All we can ask is that we never forget.”

The cane was made by Freemason Fred Hartman, who said he made it after he heard from Smock’s daughter the 77-year member could still walk.

Smock, a member of the organization since June 4, 1929, practiced law for a short time before he joined the FBI during WWII.

He said when he attended Indiana University to study law at age 19, the only person he knew on campus was attorney Ralph Hanna, who lived at Acacia Fraternity. He ate with Hanna and other members for two years until he was old enough to join the fraternity.

Smock joined Mt. Olive Lodge in Delphi June 4, 1929, was named a Freemason apprentice in July that year, then attained his fellow craft degree the next month. In September, he reached the degree of Master Mason. He joined Acacia in October 1929.

By 1936, he had risen through deacon and warden positions to become Master of Mt. Olive lodge. He was presented his 50-year pin at Mt. Olive on Feb. 5, 1980. Mt. Olive lodge eventually consolidated with Mt. Zion lodge in Camden.

As an attorney, Smock joined the FBI at the beginning of WWII. He moved around during that time, but settled back in the Lafayette area. When Carroll Circuit Court Judge Watson Mc- Cormick died unexpectedly in 1972, Gov. Bowen appointed Smock to the position. Following the interim appointment, Smock was elected to another term.

Lodge secretary Bill Veach said Smock’s achievement was scarce but one he was glad to see.

“We were tickled to death John could be there,” Veach said. “It is a rarity and we were glad to honor him.”

Carleton Continues work with Charity Ball

Brother Tony Phillips, Carleton ’06, was President of the Carleton University Charity Ball committee for its 20th Anniversary this year. Brother Phillips rekindled a working partnership between the Fraternity and the event, the largest of its kind in Canada.

Although the University until recently failed to recognize fraternities and sororities on campus, Brother Phillips led the Charity Ball in its 20th Anniversary to raise more than $10,000 for local charities.

To date, Charity Ball has raised $212,000 for local charities and currently has an endowment fund of $240,000, which ensures this student legacy will continue.

In 1988, when Charity Ball was formed, Acacians actively participated in the event and its planning, but over the years the partnership had faded. This year, as President, Brother Phillips created a special partnership between his fraternity and the Ball by making Acacia Fraternity an official sponsor and advocating for Acacia on campus by showing the student populace what our Fraternity can accomplish.
The Kansas State Chapter of Acacia Fraternity was recognized for their commitment to academic achievement with two honors, including the Outstanding Scholarship Programming Award, at the 2007 Greek Awards Banquet. On April 29, members from more than forty fraternities and sororities gathered at the Union Ballroom for the annual year-end celebration which honors chapters, individuals, and contributors that make the Greek Community one of the nation’s best. Acacia, accepting their first chapter awards, had particular reason to celebrate as the chapter was only one of three fraternities to receive multiple awards.

“We are extremely excited to accept these awards that honor each member’s hard work and our commitment to creating a successful academic environment at Acacia,” said chapter President Justin Geist following the presentation.

The Outstanding Scholarship Programming Award acknowledged Acacia as the best chapter for promoting member and chapter academic achievement. Boasting its high programming standards, Acacia highlighted its history of scholastic success with programs such as a Certificate of Recognition and the B-or-Better Board. With the Alumni taking an active part in the process as well, Acacia’s extensive academic programming outline encourages a strong academic accountability structure with peers and faculty.

Acacia was also recognized for the Most Improved Chapter GPA Award. Based on the fall 2006 - spring 2007 GPAs, Acacia averaged a 3.28 Chapter GPA and ranked in the top quartile of Greek Chapters both times. In the fall of 2006, Acacia set the record for house GPA at 3.536 including six 4.0 members and was first among all Greek chapters. Acacia’s elite academic success has placed the chapter in the top quartile of grades nine times in the last ten semesters, only matched by two other fraternities on K-State’s campus.

Also receiving recognition was Dr. Donita Whitney-Bammerlin who was honored as the 2007 Outstanding Faculty member. Dr. Whitney-Bammerlin, professor and leader within the College of Business Administration, was nominated by Acacia for her example of leadership development, community service and personal connections. As a mother-type influencer, Dr. Whitney-Bammerlin connects with the Men of Acacia in real, meaningful ways.

Acacia joins the K-State Greek Community in thanking her for the countless contributions she gives to making sure young men and women succeed.

Since 1913, Acacia Fraternity has been a part of Kansas State University. Its rich tradition includes five buildings on campus named after Acacians including Seaton, Willard, Waters, Ford and Bushnell Halls. With more than 1,100 brothers initiated, Acacia offers the only in-house leadership program on campus, which teaches skills such as communication and teamwork.
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Illinois Wesleyan Moves To Bigger House

For up-to-date news on chapters not listed, please contact the International Headquarters for contact information for Venerable Deans.

California
The California Chapter of Acacia had a very strong spring semester and is looking forward to hitting the new school year head with strong rush efforts and implementing new house events. This spring we were fortunate to cross 9 new active members that we feel will provide strong support for the chapter in the coming years. In addition there was some worry as the the chapter entered the new year with a young officer core, however, was extrememly pleased by how the officers came into their own. We are all expecting great things from all the officers in the fall semester. Furthermore, our chapter was fortunate enough to participate in a round table discussion about the new Membership Development Program with Darold Larson and other prominent Acacians. The California Chapter hopes that it will be selected as one of next chapters to participate in the Membership Development Program. This past semester the California Chapter also voted to create the new appointed position of career center counselor. This officer’s responsibility is to assist brothers begin thinking about their careers early! Making sure that all the resources and tools of our school’s career center are accessible for our brothers.

This summer our chapter led by our alumni chair is planning new activities and that will help increase outreach efforts to our to alumni. As for summer rush, our rush chair assisted by brothers, living in the chapter house for the summer, have been successful at meeting with visiting freshman. Providing house tours of the chapter house, which continues to increase our presecence within the incoming freshman class that we hope will help bring a large fall pledge class.

For the fall semester we are hoping to host a few events that will hopefully become new traditions for the California Chapter. The first of these events we hope to through is an Alumni Golf Tournament. We hope that this will provide for an opportunity for young and old Acacians to come together and interact in a more friendly atmosphere. We hope that perhaps this event may be coupled with one of our football games and make this an all day event. The second event would be a Family and Friend Open House. Some of our members have had problems convincing their families about how our house does not live up to the general stereotypes of fraternity lifestyles. We hope that this will provide an opportunity to begin showing our families the benefits of living in a fraternity setting and begin rebuilding the existing fraternity stigmas.

Furthermore, the California Chapter is planning to host a Welcome Back BBQ for our neighbors and us. This event will be used to help improve our neighbor relations that we feel will be necessary to continue to have a thriving fraternity community in the future. Best wishes to all of the Acacian Chapters in the next year!

Carleton
Capitalizing on the proud history and tradition laid by the Founding Fathers of the Carleton Chapter, we have embarked on a branding campaign to increase awareness of Acacia on campus and within our community. Fall 2006 signaled the beginning of our brand rollout, and so far we have witnessed positive returns. By focusing our brand on the academic, athletic, and social aspects of our membership we have cast ourselves as “Carleton’s first and finest fraternity.”

While this branding strategy is designed to lay a long-term foundation for the stability of our chapter, early indications also point to strong student support for our efforts in the short-term as well. As a result, we welcomed over 400 Carleton students into our house for our annual Heaven & Hell end of rush party. The night was a complete success, and we are looking forward to the next opportunity to welcome Carleton into our house for Acacia’s Western Hoedown Party.

On the membership front, we have surpassed our pledge targets for the third straight year. Moreover, we have managed to achieve this goal while maintaining the integrity of our chapter membership. We are very pleased with our pledges, and look forward to welcoming them into active membership.

It is also worth mentioning that our pledges played a central role in helping to maintain our dominance over other fraternities at Carleton in the annual Greek Olympics challenge. Notably, we beat our archrivals in Sigma Pi by delivering decisive victor-
Iowa State Chapter’s Success Continues

ies to them in key events such as football, boat races and hockey. A special thanks goes to all of our alumni who came to Ottawa for the weekend!

Financially, we have outlined a strategy to get back in the black by September of 2007. We are working very hard to raise the necessary funds, and with proper management we feel that by this time next year we will be debt free. Tied to our fund-raising activities are our philanthropic endeavors, which to date have been incredibly successful. We look forward to continuing the proud tradition of Human Service.

In sum, 2006 has been a very positive year for the Carleton Chapter, and we fully expect 2007 to deliver more positive results!

Cornell
The Cornell Chapter is coming off one of our best years ever, and looks to continue building a powerhouse chapter in Ithaca, NY. After initiating 18 new brothers last year, we proudly took home many awards from this past summer’s Conclave in St. Louis – most notably a Superior Chapter Award. Delegates at Conclave brought spirit and passion back to the other members of Cornell to step up recruitment, social and philanthropic efforts.

So far, we have recruited two new members for the fall (Cornell has deferred rush in the spring), thrown the best parties on campus, and we’ll be carrying out our third annual Santa’s College Days in the campus bookstore. As for our 15 sophomores, they are already filling many leadership roles. Our new venerable dean, junior dean, treasurer and rush chair are all sophomores, and they bring a younger perspective to these roles that will certainly foster growth for the chapter.

Plans for our centennial celebration are well under way and continue to be the talk of our alumni. Major events are being planned to celebrate the unbroken existence of Acacia at Cornell for 100 years next August, although our real centennial will be in May. On a campus with the third largest Greek system in the country and 40 fraternities, Acacia stands out as a leader, and plans to keep moving up.

Illinois
The Fraternity as a whole is currently doing very well. Our internal operations are running smoothly as the 69 actives and 40 pledges continue to play an important role in the Fraternity. Our scholarship is currently going very well, as we continue our second year of having a scholarship chair, mandatory study hours and résumé critiques for brothers.

We recently just completed our major philanthropy event with Seven Days of Service and thus far have accumulated over 230 hours of hands-on community service this semester. The chapter has also gotten involved with other chapters’ sponsored philanthropies, such as Student Alumni Ambassadors’ I-Help and Habitat For Humanity.

We have had numerous exchanges and impromptu events and are rapidly approaching our Night on the Nile Pledge Dance and Christmas Casual. It is a very exciting time to be an Acacian at Illinois, and we look forward to a great upcoming semester and a future that will make our alumni and the university community proud.

We believe our best days still lie ahead, and through our new mentorship program we look forward to developing
many new leaders while continuing to be a well-recognized stronghold in the Greek system here at the University of Illinois.

Centennial celebrations are incredibly important in the life of any organization. To have survived for a century, overcoming numerous forms of adversity and bannering together through good times and bad times, is truly worthy of a 100 year existence. This past October, the Illinois Chapter of Acacia Fraternity celebrated an incredible centennial milestone. Men from decades of Acacian brotherhood came together to rehash old stories, reflect on old traditions, and see what this fraternity has developed into over the last century. It was a weekend of remembering what it was like to be young again, what it was like to grace the halls of Acacia, waking up each morning knowing that with hard work, dedication and the help and friendship of your brothers, you could accomplish anything. This was a weekend for cherishing old memories and making new ones.

The weekend began with an open house on Saturday morning. The walls of our chapter house were filled with the names of alumni from the last 100 years, and our tables were covered with old yearbooks, Fraternity chapter notes, and other priceless keepsakes from the past. Alumni were given a chance to meet the current actives of the Fraternity, go on house tours, interact with our current pledge class and give advice on how to be a successful brother, student and pledge. Breakfast was followed by a tailgate for the homecoming football game, where alumni were able to enjoy each other’s company and some great barbecue before the big game. A block of 75 tickets was purchased for alumni desiring to attend the game against Indiana University. Following the game was the main event, a fantastic dinner in a luxury tent generously rented for the day by our alumni. The dinner included a wonderful meal, a video displaying pictures of members of the fraternity from the past and present, and a ceremony where speakers from the alumni board and the current Acacia Fraternity executive board were able to acknowledge accomplishments, share old stories and discuss ideas and goals for the future.

The weekend was an incredible opportunity to celebrate the history and successes of the Illinois Chapter of Acacia Fraternity and to remind us all of why we chose to become members of this extraordinary organization. We are known by the company we keep, and must continue to broaden the horizons of Acacia and keep in close contact with our fellow brothers as we make our way into the next century of our Fraternity’s history.

Illinois Wesleyan
The Illinois Wesleyan Chapter has seen several celebrations this year. This summer at the St. Louis Conclave, IWU alumnus and Int’l Treasurer Robert E. Roberson was awarded the prestigious Patterson Award, in honor of his innumerable contributions to the Fraternity. We are extremely proud of Brother Roberson and honored to have him as a member of our chapter. Also, at our homecoming festivities back in October, Chapter Advisor Dan Burras and active Mike Vasta became members of the Order of Pythagoras. The chapter would like to extend its congratulations to both of these fine men for well-deserved recognition for their service to the Fraternity.

The fall 2006 semester began with a change of scenery. The chapter moved a block down the road to a new house, with more rooms to hold our growing membership. It is hoped that within the next few years, there will be another move to an even larger chapter house. To continue that trend, we’ve continued to have good-sized pledge classes (with seven in this semester’s class), and are poised to grow this year, despite losing many valuable seniors. The spring bodes to be another successful semester, and hopefully we will continue our period of growth and expansion.

In the fall of 2007, the chapter will celebrate its 50th anniversary. The homecoming event in which the anniversary will be celebrated promises to be one of the most spectacular in years, and we plan on hosting as many of the chapter’s alumni as possible, bringing back representatives from all eras, and allowing the Illinois Wesleyan Chapter (past and present) to come together and strengthen the ties of friendship.

Indiana
The Indiana Chapter of Acacia Frater-
NWOSU “Gets Their Kicks” In 2006

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nity has seen a positive return in the fall semester. The 12 men of the spring class have duly pledged and were initiated into our brotherhood, while 40 men of the fall class have been inducted and are commencing their pledgeship. Through a revised pledge manual and pledge retention policy, the Indiana Chapter is confident that all 40 of these pledges will eventually become our brothers.

Two pledges of our fall class have been added to our bike team, which has grown to eight members. The addition of these new members has greatly improved morale where the bike team is concerned. After last year’s impressive third place finish, we strongly believe a Little 500 championship can be ours this spring.

The active membership of our chapter has been busy this semester with many notable philanthropies – Acacia Waterball Challenge, Big Man On Campus, Circle of Life, IU Dance Marathon (which benefited Riley’s Children’s Hospital), and our Thanksgiving philanthropy, Turkey Trot.

Turkey Trot, in partnership with the Hoosier Hills Food Bank, provides nine pounds of food to underprivileged families at Thanksgiving for every dollar contributed. As part of Turkey Trot, the actives of the Indiana Chapter ran the ball for the Indiana-Purdue football game to Indianapolis, where it was picked up at our International Headquarters and carried on to West Lafayette by members of Acacia’s Purdue Chapter.

For this year’s Acacia Claus – a community service project that provides toys for children at Christmastime – we decided to expand beyond Bloomington into Indianapolis in hopes of sponsoring multiple families throughout this holiday season. Last year, Acacia Claus filled our entire library with toys, and was well received as the most gratifying philanthropy of the year by our actives. Our goal this year is to double last year’s total.

Iowa State

The Iowa State Chapter just initiated 11 new members, our largest pledge class since we re-colonized. We’re extremely excited about this, and you can rest assured that our chapter is in good hands. The bonds that these 11 men have formed during their pledgeship are like nothing we have ever seen. They are cohesive, motivated, intelligent and hard working.

In addition to having an extremely successful fall semester in terms of recruitment, our men have done well in extracurricular involvement as well. With four of our members serving on the government of the student body, we have become extremely visible to the Iowa State community. The extracurricular achievements of our members, combined with our high academic achievement, has earned us the reputation as the best house on the Iowa State campus.

The Iowa State Chapter has also been upholding the value of human service, participating in projects for Habitat For Humanity, mentoring local elementary children, volunteering in a retirement community and organizing a book drive to provide learning materials for children in Africa.

We’ve been keeping busy, and we’re very proud of what we’ve accomplishment-
Pitt/Johnstown Victorious In “Fraternity Bowl”

We always look forward to visits from alumni and friends of the Fraternity, so if you are in the area, please stop by.

Miami of Ohio
With the fall semester in full swing, the Miami of Ohio Chapter house is as busy as ever, with 13 brothers living in-house, along with an additional in-house pledge. This is a 150% increase over last year’s in-house numbers, even after losing our graduating seniors.

Fall rush has wound down, with the initiation of three new brothers and we are looking forward to a fun and busy spring rush. With the commitment of our rush chairmen and the entire house, we are shooting for 15 spring pledges, which would nearly double our current active numbers.

This semester also marked the long awaited return of Acacia to the annual Miami Greek Week competition, an all-Greek community Olympics where fraternities and sororities battle it out for athletic supremacy. Although we are still small in comparison to our neighboring fraternities, we placed 13th overall out of the 23 fraternities that competed.

We have created an alumni newsletter for the first time in years and are working on building our database of alumni contact information, so if you are a Miami alumnus, please email your current address, phone numbers and email to the chapter at: President@AcaciaMU.com.

As for human service, several brothers were fortunate enough to be able to make it to this summer’s Conclave, where our chapter won the Excellence in Human Service Programming Award for its philanthropy and service involvement last year. We also participated in Acacia’s toy drive, collecting toys to donate to the children of Oxford through our collaboration with the Oxford Family Resource Center.

Morningside
The Morningside Chapter has been very active in the community since the beginning of the school year. We have been helping many people with yard work, cleaning our adopted park, helping move a charity Santa’s house, cleaning out brush, helping people affiliated with the college move out of their houses, and putting on a charity omelet breakfast.

One of our greatest achievements this semester philanthropy-wise was the creation of the Acacia Challenge. The Acacia Challenge was a charity walk/run. It was designed to raise money for our charity for the semester. We challenged the other fraternities on campus and we came out the victors, bringing in a lot of money for our charity. It was also a great time to show our brotherhood. Our brothers ran/jogged 20 miles altogether. That was a great achievement!

One of the best things to happen to us this year was the initiation of Brothers Place, Magill, Kuyper and Alejo. They are definitely a great addition to our brotherhood. Also, next spring will mark the 10th anniversary of our chartering back in April of 1997.

Northwestern Oklahoma State
The NWOSU Chapter of Acacia has been very busy this semester with a multitude of different projects and events. The year started off with a great rush week. Nine pledges signed the pledge roll on September 13, and two months later, the NWOSU Chapter of Acacia initiated a total of nine new members into our ranks! That marks the first time in our chapter’s history that we had a 100% retention rate. Thanks to all our brothers who made this happen and we hope to make it
happen in the future.

We have also been kept busy this semester with numerous football games. A new tradition was also started this football season. At each NWOSU football game there will be three Acacia pledges on the field. No, they will not be playing, but they will be running the chains. This year four of the pledges paid off their pledge fees just by running chains at the games. This year the NWOSU homecoming theme was, “Get Your Kicks In 2006”. The fraternity placed first in the campus organization category. We spent three nights working very hard on our float and all our hard work paid off.

Penn State
Here at Penn State, the students, administration and local community have always been faithful to our school’s everlasting traditions. We work hard, play hard and live hard – because that’s what Penn State is all about. This holds true in everything that Penn State encompasses, including football games, homecoming, Greek Week, even ice cream. You can ask anyone in the State College community and they will all tell you the same thing – Penn State lives and breathes by tradition.

However, the tradition doesn’t end at the Nittany Lion level. It seeps far beyond regular Penn State functions, permeating all the way to the core of the traditions we uphold here at the Penn State Chapter of Acacia. This fall has been as successful as all of the ones before it – if not the most successful in recent years – and we’d like to think of that as somewhat of a tradition. We were successful then, we are successful now and we will be successful in the future. We almost always attribute these accomplishments to the general harmony of our brotherhood, but there are a few key reasons why we attain what we do, and why we will continue to do so.

To start things off, we recruited an extremely solid new member class for the fall. In only a few weeks of pledge-ship, we can already tell that every one of them has the potential to do something great in the spirit of our fraternity. They are being thoroughly educated in the morals and ethics that we all live by, and needless to say, they are accepting these values with flying colors and calling them their own. The purpose of Acacia, as we all know, is to strengthen the ties of friendship, and their unity and perseverance as a pledge class is helping them achieve just that. We are confident that they will continue to accomplish greatness in their future years at the Penn State Chapter.

After recruitment ended, we held several events at our chapter house over the last few months that have helped us establish positive relations with members of Acacia and the Penn State community. We hosted an extremely successful Alumni Day at the end of September, and it was a pleasure to meet and greet all of the past Acacians that have made our house what it is today. All of our hard work and planning was certainly worth it in the end. It’s amazing to see the friendships that still exist between alumni even 30 years after graduation and going their separate ways. It was like they had never parted.
Alumni News & Notes

Marines and Masons Making Acacia Proud

California University of PA
Russell J. Suprek, #112 – Kath and I moved to NYC. We are currently taking over the Beekman Hotel. The company we work for will be renovating the entire place and work should be done somewhere around October, 2008. Then on to the next project. Proud to be an Acacian.

Carleton
Frank DeMarinis, #102 – I am writing to let you know how much Acacia Fraternity means to my husband, Frank DeMarinis. When I met my husband seven years ago, right from the beginning I could tell how much the Fraternity meant – every one of his friends was a Brother – and that is where this chapter of his life began. We have attended many Founders weekends and have held a number of events at our home, from the Frankie Soprano Invitational Poker Tournament to the DeMarinis Bocci Tournament. Without the Fraternity, he would not be where he is in life – the people he met have played such an important role in his life that every groomsman at our wedding was a brother and the rest of them were all there as guests. In May, 2006, we were blessed to have a gorgeous baby girl that we named Jordana Riley Acacia DeMarinis. Thanks for planting the stepping stones to lead my husband and his future in the right direction.
- Tanya DeMarinis

Cincinnati
Russell Leon Chappell, #294 – Retired mathematics educator – 38 years in Granite City, IL, 2 years in Arkadelphia, Ark., 3 years in Malvern, Ark., and 2 years in Hot Springs, Ark.

Colorado
Thomas M. Putnam, #777 – I was appointed Associate Vice Chancellor for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Cornell
William R. Ward, #862 – I have been heavily involved in the NRC’s efforts to secure radioactive sources and materials in order to prevent a dirty bomb. This has been my focus almost since 9/11.

Jason Carr, #1027 – Well, I’m flying UH-1N Huey helicopters for the Marines in a light attack squadron. Other than that…..nothing exciting.

Emporia State
Vernon E. (Rick) Buck, #29 – The Emporia State Acacia Alumni Association held its annual reunion and corporate meeting in Emporia, Kansas on Homecoming weekend, October 19-21, 2007. In addition to good food, cold drinks and war stories from the 1970s, the Acacians discussed holding the 2008 reunion in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. On a personal note, I am branching out from several years of concentrating mostly on felony drug prosecutions to prosecuting sex crimes and violent crimes in Lyon County, Kansas.

Illinois
Scott M. Cummings, #1679 – First child, a son named Casey James, born 8/28/06. Still living in southern California working in software at SAP America for the last two years. Family life is great!

Illinois Wesleyan
David G. Perkins, #97 – I retired from teaching social studies in Downers Grove, IL (Lakeview J.H.S.) for 30 years in June 2000. Retired from Educational Tours, Inc. (Personal Tour Consultant) in August 2006 after 33 years of service. Have started a new home-based business as an American Political Items dealer after being an avid collector of presidential campaign memorabilia for 20+ years.

Spencer W. Sauter, #142 - Had a show of his artwork on display at the Timothy Kent Gallery in Bloomington, Ill through September 30, featuring works described as digital paintings. “While each work begins with photographs—one figurative, the other landscape—the process of invention using Photoshop involves more painterly concerns than mere photo manipulation might connote.” Sauter works as an artist and graphic designer out of his home in Normal.

Indiana
John Reed Smock, #194 – was presented a 75-year service pin, another pin which read “Proud to be a Freemason” and a homemade cane at the March 22, 2007 Freemason meeting at Mt. Zion Lodge #211 in Camden, IN. (Editor’s note: Brother Smock is the oldest living member of the Indiana chapter.)
Emmy Award Winners and Olympian Efforts

Sidney D. Wessol, #1017 – My oldest son, Joel, a recent graduate of Mizzou is with “Teach for America” and will be teaching in the Bronx Elementary inner-city school system for three years then continuing on to law school. My triplets will be juniors at the University of Illinois.

Douglas J. Bade, #1264 – Recently named Regional Managing Partner – Strategic Clients at Deloitte. In addition, he leads Deloitte’s global relationship with Caterpillar, Inc. Doug is a strategic advisor to the Chicago 2016 Olympic effort and is responsible for Deloitte’s pro-bono support. Last summer, Suzanne, Benjamin (6) and Doug moved to Kenilworth, IL. You can contact Doug at dbade@deloitte.com.

Scott J. Houston, #1288 – “The Piano Guy” weekly TV series just won 2 Emmys! One for show title graphics and one for (ahem...) Host. Watch your local PBS station for listings.

Andrew C. Fagan, #1821 – Has been named new boys basketball coach for Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis. Fagan “is excited to have the opportunity to coach at a school like Brebeuf that has a tremendous reputation both academically and athletically.”

Long Beach State

William T. Bradford, #89 – Retirement here in Texas in great! Sheila and I spend time traveling, touring in our vintage Chevrolets and enjoying our 3 kids and 6 grandkids.

Louisiana State

William R. Picard II, #265 - I have just retired after 37 years in the St. Charles Parish (Louisiana) Public School System as a teacher/coach/administrator/supervisor.

Michigan

William A. McElfresh, #607 – Retiring a second time from supervising enumerators across 25 southwest Virginia counties. Have worked Biloxi relief and plan to travel and do more relief work in the South East.

Missouri School of Mines

Rodney N. Joel, #214 – I have been a pavement engineer with the FAA since 1990. In 2001, I accepted the National Paving position in Washington, DC. I am allowed to live in the Kansas City area, but work out of the Washington office.

Nebraska


Charles A. Peek, #594 – Fulbright Senior Lecturer (China) 2005. President, Board of Governors, Willa Cather Foundation, 2006 to present.

New Hampshire

Davis Walker, #483 – Retired in 2000. Moved from Blacksburg, VA after 36 years to the Charleston, SC area in June ’04. Life is good!!

Northern Colorado

John M. Webb, #253 – My wife, Cheryl, and I have retired early from our careers and have started a large horse ranch and horse rescue in SE Colorado. We are located two miles north of Springfield, CO on US Hwy. 287. I am a pilot and we are located near the Springfield Airport. Please visit us in person and/or on the web at www.blueroseranch.org. We are a Colorado non-profit 501(c)3 public charity. Come stay at the ranch, ride horses, work on the ranch and farm…enjoy a true western horse adventure. Note: we are not a dude ranch. We are a working farm and ranch, but we love visitors, especially you pilots, to come get to know us, stay at the ranch and get involved.

Northwestern

Daniel R. (Danny) Lang, #601 – Enjoying private practice of law in Roseburg, Douglas County, Oregon, and working with Oregon State Bar Leadership projects plus
inaugurating new Paralegal Education Program. Ranching and classic cars interest limited by too little time available.

**Ohio**

*Michael D. Fishburn, #324 – Appointed Catering Manager for British Airways, North America and Bermuda in September, 2006.*

*Philip R. Garrett, Jr., #362 – Worked in the software/internet industry for a number of years, first in Ohio and then California, where he studied film and television. In 2000, Phil switched careers when he joined Dream Works where he worked in visual effects on a number of films, including The Mexican, Evolution and Steven Spielberg’s Artificial Intelligence: A.I. and Minority Report. He later moved into production at Dream Works Animation where he worked on Shrek and Madagascar, and served as production supervisor of animation on the Dream Works blockbuster Shrek 2. Phil’s next role was that of associate production manager for the Shrek 2 DVD and more than 30 Shrek 2 related commercials. In addition to his feature film work, Phil has worked on a number of independent short films in various roles including writer, director, producer, cinematographer and editor.*

**Oklahoma State**

*Carl A. Scott, #884 – On March 27, 2007, Carl and wife, Fabiola welcomed Barbara Cobos Scott, their first child into the world in Duidad Victoria, Mexico. Carl arrived just in time for the birth of possibly the most beautiful baby in the world! After several weeks of family leave and completing bureaucratic paperwork required for Barbara’s US citizenship and Fabiola’s visa, Carl had to return to work in D.C. alone. Fortunately, the Scott family was reunited for good the end of June.*

**Oregon State**

*Guy W. March, #467 – Guy is currently Vice President of Professional Services for Statit Software, an SPC software development company. He recently earned his Master of Science in Quality Assurance. He and Sandy have a son and daughter and two grandsons.*

**Penn State**

*Duane A. March, #1104 – I accepted an offer at the American Community School in Beirut, Lebanon and moved there in February. I have been active in teaching in Germany since 2005 and have been living in Germany (mostly) since 1995.*

**Purdue**

*Charles F. Martin, #1078 – President, Associated British Foods, North America. Three sons – two at Purdue. Living in Western Springs, IL.*

*Dustin T. Kraemer, #1771 – Recently moved to Hawaii with the Navy. I’m spending 3 years as an officer on the submarine USS Columbia, SSN 771. Promoted to Lieutenant Junior Grade (O-2) in July. I live in Kaneohe Bay on the island of Oahu. Aloha ‘oe.*

**Rensselaer**

*Michael M. Odorney, #256 – is the father of the 2007 Scripps National Spelling Bee Champion, 12 year old Evan Odorney. Congratulations, Evan! Please go to http://sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2007/06/01/SPELLINGBEE.TMP. This is a wonderful article!*
kindness of the USC chapter, I was the first married person to become a member of that Acacia chapter. I have recently received the honor of Pastor Emeritus at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Raleigh, North Carolina.

**Syracuse**

Gary J. Motsek, #506 – I retired from the Army in 2001 after 27 years. After a brief time in private industry, I returned to the Army as a Senior Executive Service civilian. In October 2006, I was promoted and appointed to my present position as Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, working at the Pentagon. My wife, Donna, is Language Department Chair at Potomac High School, VA. Son, Christopher, is married and a Captain in the US Army, an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Officer. Daughter, Lara, is also married and a teacher at Woodbridge H.S, VA.

**Tennessee**

Fred W. McPeake, #21 – of Knoxville, TN, has received the Grand Cross, the highest honor awarded by The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction of the United States. The award honors people who have given excellent service to the Fraternity of Freemasonry, the Scottish Rite in particular, and to their community and country.

**Texas**

James M. Williams, #509 – The Financial Accounting Foundation (FAF) has reappointed James M. Williams to a second five-year term as a member of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The FAF is responsible for the oversight, administration and finances of the GASB and the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) and selecting their members. He is a retired partner and former national director of public sector accounting services with Ernst & Young LLP.

**UCLA**

Owen F. Hackett, #30 – After serving as Chief Engineer of USS James E. Kyes (DD787), working as an aerospace/ship structures/systems engineer for the Defense Dept. and transportation structures engineer for the General Engineering Consultant for Washington (DC) metro, and after teaching engineering subjects at George Mason U, MIT, the U.S. Naval Academy and community colleges, I am now back in my home town of Palo Alto, CA (which I left to go to UCLA in 1948), substitute teaching at all grade levels in the local school system.

Ronald L. Garabedian, #59 – Lloyd Lokka (#39) and Ron Garabedian continue their 50 year tradition of getting together on each other’s birthday, the latest being to celebrate Lloyd’s 78th. It was generally agreed that Lloyd has lost less hair, but that Ron is still prettier.

Hiroyuki Roy Chin, #446 – My son, Patrick (16), a 3 year starter for Arcadia HS Boy’s Soccer and a 6 year club soccer player (www.LAFCSoccer.com; U16 Premier team) is being scouted/recruited by Division I, II, III and NAIA schools. Sons, Anthony (13), and Andrew (12), are following in his footsteps at LAFC.

**Washington**

Donald W. Sabo, #595 – The Washington Alumni Association of Acacia Fraternity is still hosting a dinner meeting in early May each year. Thirty to forty brothers attend. Interested brothers may contact Don Sabo by e-mail at danda2@mindspring.com.

**Washington State**

Jeffrey J. Eller, #598 – Jeff and wife, Lori, along with sons, Hayden and Travis, are living for two years in Riga, Latvia where Jeff and Lori are teaching at the International School of Latvia. Our positions are at the junior and senior high teaching IB English and History.

**Wisconsin**

Donald H. Hansen, #507 – I’ve been working on the USS Des Moines/USS Edson projects to bring a naval ship museum to Milwaukee and/or Sheboygan, WI. A fellow Captain and Acacian, Norb Bybee (#623) is on the project. I noticed his name on the donor list. At our next meeting, I whispered the password to him. We had a good laugh as we renewed old memories of the Wisconsin chapter house circa 1951-57.
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Harvey R. Amos, 1925-2007

Harvey Ray Amos, Southern Cal '47, died peacefully in his home in San Marcos, CA on October 18, 2007 at the age of 82. After spending his early years in San Joaquin Valley and South Gate, he received a full scholarship in journalism to the University of Southern California. He left USC to serve our country during WWII in the Army-Air Corps., working in communications while in the military. After an honorable discharge from the military, he returned to USC, where he was a member of Acacia Fraternity during his college years and beyond. From 1956 through 1967, he served the national Fraternity as both second vice president and first vice president. Harvey met and married his wife, Floraine, in 1954 when he was sales manager for the western division of Stokely-Van Camp. It was there that he began what would be an honored marketing career in the food industry. He went on to be vice-president of sales and marketing at Cal-Date, Calavo and Superior Farming Company. His career included world travel to Israel, Russia, South America and Africa, as well as extensive travel across North America. He is survived by his wife, Floraine, two daughters and three grandchildren.

Walter Russell Scott, Jr., 1957-2007

W. Russell Scott, Jr., former telephone executive, died March 16, 2007 in Wilmington, NC of cancer at the age of 69. He was an avid golfer, which he enjoyed with his wife, Betty of 42 years. After beginning his career at Bell of Pennsylvania in 1962, he moved to New England Telephone, serving as general manager and vice president of operations, He later served as vice president of strategy, CFO and officer for New England Telephone Corporation. After retirement, he then served as president and CEO of First Financial Trust from 1994-2001. He is predeceased by one grandchild and survived by two siblings, his wife Betty, three daughters and six grandchildren. The Scott family has established a scholarship in Russell’s honor to be given to an outstanding Acacia active each year. Tax-deductible contributions can be made to the Acacia Fraternity Foundation and designated for the Russell Scott Penn State Memorial Award.
The Acacia Fraternity Foundation is seeking applicants for the position of Director of Development.

The Foundation has begun implementation of a multi-million dollar capital campaign to endow its existing programs and fund Acacia Fraternity’s new, comprehensive Cornerstones member development program for undergraduate members.

The Foundation is seeking an experienced professional to manage and lead all aspects of its capital campaign, including working with alumni volunteers and fraternity staff, final preparation of the campaign case materials, donor development, campaign communications, visits with top tier campaign prospects and all other elements of campaign planning and implementation.

The Director of Development will report to the Executive Director and Board of Directors of the Foundation.

Upon the successful completion of the capital campaign, the duties of the Director of Development may be expanded to include the Foundation’s current annual giving program and creating an ongoing comprehensive fund development program, with emphasis on developing a major gifts and planned giving program.

Qualifications:

**Required:** Bachelor’s degree and at least 3-5 years demonstrated successful experience in fund development, preferably capital campaign management.

**Desired:** Experience as a member of a college social fraternity and certification and/or completion of fund development training with recognized fund development associations. References will be required.

Qualified applicants should submit a letter of application stating qualifications; a current resume; and names, addresses, e-mail and telephone numbers of three references to:

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The Cornell Chapter celebrated its Centennial on August 24-26, 2007, in Ithaca. The weekend’s events began with a book signing and historical presentation by Thomas J. Balcer-ski, author of Acacia Fraternity at Cornell: The First Century. Later, the brothers enjoyed a social hour at the Regent’s Lounge in the Statler.

On Saturday, the brothers toured the house and the campus, with special tours of the Athletics Hall of Fame and Lynah Rink. Lunch at the Big Red Barn was a great chance to rest after the morning’s events. After an afternoon of exploring Ithaca and Cornell, the brothers all met up for a reception at the Beck Center in Statler Hall. At a special brothers’ meeting titled ”The Next 100 Years,” all the brothers gathered to talk about the future of the fraternity.

The acapella group the Touchtones then performed. After taking a Centennial photo, a Centennial banquet was held featuring keynote speaker Vice-President for Student and Academic Services, Susan Murphy, the Cornell Acacia documentary by Paul Molnar, toasts by David Rickerby, and awards presented by Acacia Fraternity International President David Allen. The weekend concluded with brunch at the chapter house.