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Over the last five years, Acacia has worked diligently to bring into our future the wealth of traditions that a hundred years of brotherhood have instilled in our Fraternity. The growing challenges faced by the Greek system on many college and university campuses from coast to coast require us to take positive steps toward making the future of Acacia secure. As has often been said, “What is past is prologue.” Prologue to what, I ask you my brothers? Is our past strong? Can we rest on our achievements? Have we become complacent and self-satisfied? I sincerely hope not, for the hope of our future and those who come after us we need to have a sharp vision, an aggressive agenda and the courage to undertake those activities that will strengthen Acacia as we enter our second century.

Chapter histories are full of the stories of brohers who had the courage to strike out and set new goals. This very day our alumni have aggressively pledged their time and their money to make Acacia a better Fraternity through a stronger emphasis on the building blocks set in place in 1904. The Acacia Fraternity Foundation has committed itself to funding a staff that will meet the challenges of 2007. Many of our chapters are well into the creation of a chapter strategic plan to serve as a guide for “rising to the challenges” we face through honest and careful evaluation of what their chapter will look like in 2010.

The 2006 Conclave adopted a program to supplement Rising to the Challenge so that within our brotherhood, individual members’ goals will be identified and program options made available in the Membership Development Program. As of now, pilot chapters are beginning to work through the initial steps of this program.

Acacia offers its membership the tools for success in the post-college world. Our brothers learn by group and individual involvement through these programs. Our alumni have undertaken the responsibility to become mentors in our programs. The combined strength of nearly 50,000 alumni is a mighty force for the strengthening of our Fraternity. The undergraduates have a rare opportunity to avail themselves of a thriving resource base.

Our Headquarters staff has been strengthened, as you will see in reviewing this issue of the TRIAD. Our Foundation is committed as never before to play a strong leadership role in funding and assisting the Membership Development Program. We are as ships on a voyage. The undergraduates must become the helmsmen for the good ship Acacia.

Brothers, we know from whence we came and we know whither we are bound. What we don’t know is how committed we must be and how strong our chapters must become in order to fulfill the faith our Founding Fathers put in us. We all have a sure and certain commitment. That commitment is to live by our Credo and to keep in perspective the importance of Ideals. Acacia is more than a Greek name. Acacia is a strong and growing brotherhood and it will stay that way through individual loyalty and commitment to what we believe in and what we do to implement our beliefs.

FROM WHENE CAME AND WHITHER BOUND?

David J. Allen International President
Cameron G. Herold, Carleton ’88, is one of the country’s most innovative business leaders and a leading force behind one of the most successful new business ventures of the last decade. He has been instrumental in turning a wonderful idea into a runaway success called 1-800-GOT-JUNK?.

As Chief Operating Officer, Cameron is one of the principle architects of this explosive brand, bringing a wealth of experience to the leadership team, and helping to develop the company’s signature corporate culture of employee empowerment. He uses his unique understanding to run the Call Center, Operations, Marketing, Advertising, PR, Strategic Alliances and Training departments of the company.

Cameron can attest that the challenges of starting a fraternity are perhaps as daunting as anything he has faced in the business world following graduation. As Acacia was the first fraternity on the Carleton campus, the Founding Fathers not only had to petition the university and student government, they also had to lobby the mayor for their recognition. When asked about how his involvement began with the Fraternity, Cameron said that he had returned to school in mid-September and was approached by one of his roommates – John Strba, Carleton ’88 – about the possibility of starting a fraternity. The idea came about from a friend of John’s – Doug Wotherspoon, Western Ontario ’85 – a Founding Father of that chapter. Cameron jumped on the idea. John approached seven other men about the possibility as well. When it was all said and done, there were 28 men on board to start a new colony of Acacia.

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Cameron has fond memories of his days in the Fraternity. It was a huge part of his university experience and he gained friendships that he still holds dear. Being a part of the Fraternity also allowed him the opportunity to get involved in philanthropic work. He remembers a time when he and fellow brother and Founding Father Eric Church, Carleton ’88, stayed up until 1:00 a.m. working on an ice sculpture for a local charity. “It was a lame sculpture, but we finished it nonetheless!”

Although Cameron’s undergraduate days have come and gone, he is still experiencing new memories with the Fraternity. On a recent trip to Ottawa, he had the opportunity to meet some of the active and pledge members of his beloved Carleton Chapter. He was excited to find out that one of the current members was born six months after his own initiation 18 years ago! A whole generation has now picked up where that first group of 28 men first began.

Since its founding in 1997, 1-800-GOT-JUNK? has enjoyed exponential growth and widespread recognition for its business achievements, growing from an initial base in Vancouver to a presence in virtually every major city in North America. The company will have 2006 revenues of $119 million, has no long or short term debt, has been profitable every year, has no outside shareholders, and is beginning its European expansion. 1-800-GOT-JUNK? has been featured in USA Today, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Fast Company and Fortune.
New “Pension Protection Act” Allows Tax-Free Giving From Your IRA

As a result of the enactment of the Pension Protection Act of 2006, Acacia alumni have a golden opportunity to make charitable gifts to the AFF and to The New Century Campaign from their IRAs and exclude the amount of their gifts from taxable income. In order to qualify:

- Donor must be 70.5 years or older
- Gifts must be transferred directly from the IRA to the AFF
- Gifts cannot exceed $100,000 per taxpayer per year

Transfers to donor-advised funds, charitable remainder trusts and charitable gift annuities do not qualify.

This opportunity is only available for 2006 and 2007, and no charitable income tax deduction is allowed. However, you will be able to make a gift directly from your IRA to the Foundation without having to report the IRA withdrawal as taxable income or your income tax return. You may benefit from this limited-time gift giving opportunity if:

- You're required to take a minimum distribution from your IRA, but don't need the distribution income (you can satisfy the minimum IRA distribution requirement by making a gift transfer to the AFF)
- Your charitable giving exceeds 50% of your adjusted gross income (you can now give up to $100,000 more from your IRAs, which will not count towards the 50% limitation or be taxed as IRA distribution

You don't itemize on your federal tax return and want to make a gift to the AFF in an amount less than the standard deduction of $10,300 for married couples and $5,150 for single filers (you can avoid being taxed on the transfer from your IRA to the AFF)

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 is a wonderful, limited-time opportunity for Acadians to use their IRAs creatively to make a gift to the AFF. It is only available until the end of 2007. For information on how to make an IRA transfer to the Acacia Fraternity Foundation, please contact Acacia Headquarters toll-free at 1-888-345-1904. You should consult your attorney or tax advisor about the specifics of your situation before making a transfer.

“Hardball” Or “Hanging Curve”

This past September, Brother John Kvinge, Iowa State ’04, was appointed communications director for the Iowa State University Democrats. The appointment put Brother Kvinge in the position to appear on MSNBC’s Hardball with Chris Matthews.

The October 18 airing of Hardball was broadcast live from the Iowa State University campus, and featured Senator John McCain as its guest. By virtue of his position with the ISU Democrats, John was asked to participate in a segment of the show that allowed audience members to ask questions of the Senator.

Brother Kvinge has an avid interest in politics and his opportunity to participate in the question and answer part of the program provided what he knows is his first – but far from his last – foray into the world of politics.

When asked about appearing on national television with Senator McCain, Kvinge said, “It left me with a much greater interest and appreciation for our ability to create change and hold our leaders more accountable.”

We are proud of John’s participation and wish him well as he moves up the ladder with his political career.

Carleton Brother Serves More Than Just Chapter

Michael Quinn, Carleton ’05 – the current Philanthropist of the Carleton Chapter – has engaged himself not only in scholarship and fraternity, but also in an important role in the Canadian Army reserve forces. This past summer, as a member of the 1st Infantry Regiment of the Governor Generals Foot Guards, Mike found himself attached to the Ceremonial Guard, a duty that allowed him to serve Her Excellency the Right Honorable Michaëlle Jean, the Governor General of Canada and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II’s direct representative in that country.

The regiment has an operational role that encompasses both the territorial defense of Canada and the support of regular Canadian forces overseas. In addition to this, it also performs a ceremonial role similar to that of the Queen’s Guard regiments of the British Army, mounting the guard on Parliament Hill (comparable to Capitol Hill in Washington, DC) and at Rideau Hall in Ottawa (the Governor General’s residence), a task it shares with the Canadian Grenadier Guards.

Mike is one of the Carleton Chapter’s most outgoing and humorous brothers. However, when on duty with his regiment he is not permitted to smile or laugh (like the famous guards at Buckingham Palace in London). Many of his Acacia brothers and visiting tourists have tried their best to make him smirk or lose stance to no avail.

When Michael is away from the Army he can be found in the classroom studying for his degree in Criminology, and on campus promoting many of his philanthropic activities and events. Past philanthropic events have included UNICEF, the Terry Fox Run and countless food drives. Mike has raised the identity of Acacia at Carleton and made sure all of his brothers have followed through on the fraternity’s motto of “Human Service.”

During the first semester, Mike juggled military, school and fraternity, as well as numerous other campus activities. This past summer, it all, his brotherhood obligations have never been compromised. Brother Quinn’s involvement and achievements were honored by the Carleton Chapter when he was given the C.M. Day Award of Excellence. In his future aspirations, Michael has the goal of completing his military training and serving his country in Afghanistan.

Michael Quinn, Carleton ’05, is a member of the Governor General’s Foot Guards, the most senior militia infantry regiment in Canada.
Cornell Preparates For Chapter Centennial

The Cornell Chapter celebrates its centennial in 2007, and to commemorate the occasion, the chapter is hosting a reunion weekend August 24-26, 2007. The exciting schedule of events starts with a lecture on Friday evening about the formative events and important people of the first 100 years of the chapter’s history. The event will be held at the new Beck Center of Statler Hall, and will be followed by a reception and book signing with the author of Cornell Acacia: The First Century. This comprehensive history book will tell the story of the Cornell Chapter’s founding, along with the tough periods during World Wars I and II, and bring the chapter’s story to the present day. A volume you will not want to miss, this book is the culmination of two years’ effort and will include many rare and never before published photographs. Copies are available to all Acacians with a tax-deductible donation to the Cornell Chapter’s AFF account. For your convenience, you may donate online by visiting: www.acacia.org/cornell100.htm

The history book project is just one aspect of the Cornell Chapter’s exciting centennial celebration plans. On Saturday, returning alumni and their families will be able to join Cornell Alumni Affairs on a very special guided tour of the campus to explore new and recently renovated buildings, and to learn how the campus has changed over the years. Following the tour, actives and alumni will enjoy a picnic at one of the many scenic spots on campus (weather permitting).

After the picnic, brothers will convene for a special chapter meeting to discuss the future of the Cornell Chapter, and to learn how each brother can impact the chapter’s future growth and success. Immediately following the meeting there will be a reception, where the lively music of Cornell’s a cappella groups will fill the air. If there is one event during the weekend not to be missed it is the Saturday evening banquet held in the Statler Ballroom. At the banquet, guests will enjoy a fine meal in the company of their brothers while listening to special guest speakers, such as Susan Murphy, Cornell’s Vice President for Student and Academic Affairs. At the conclusion of the dinner, a documentary video produced by the chapter will be debuted. And, of course, it wouldn’t be a celebration without a party! Following the banquet, guests will enjoy an evening of live entertainment in the Statler Ballroom while they dance the night away!

For those early rising Acacians, plans are in the works for a Sunday morning bird watch at Sapsucker Woods. The world-renowned Johnson Museum of Art will also be open for a special tour. And finally, all attendees are invited to join the brothers for brunch at the chapter house on Sunday morning before heading home. Tours of the chapter house will be available, so that alumni can see how much things have changed—and stayed the same—since the last time they were there.

Excitement for the Cornell Chapter centennial celebration has been building for several years now. Thanks to the generosity of Cornell alumni, the chapter has raised almost $14,000 for their AFF account. To date, over 40 brothers have already made reservations to attend the festivities. So don’t delay—reserve your place at this exciting historic event in Cornell Acacia’s history today!

For more information on the Cornell Chapter’s centennial, please contact one of the following brothers via eMail: David Klesh (davidklesh@hotmail.com) or Tom Balcerski (tbalcerski@gmail.com).

Ohio State Chapter Turns 100 In Style

More than 40 men gathered in Columbus, Ohio, to celebrate a century of the strong ties of brotherhood. Early in the morning on Friday, September 22, Ohio State brothers met for a fun day of competitive scramble golf, followed by a nice dinner at the clubhouse and an awards presentation.

Acacia’s own former “Brutus Buckeye,” Doug Congrove, acted as the emcee for the banquet, and Executive Director Darold Larson congratulated the Ohio State Chapter on it’s longevity and accomplishments. Current Undergraduate Counselor (and OSU brother) Stefan McIntyre presented a certificate to Venerable Dean Ross Bauer commemorating the chapter’s 100 years on campus.

The celebrating continued on Saturday morning at the Ohio State Chapter house, as actives and alumni gathered to prepare for a grueling football game against Big Ten rival Penn State (which ended with a decisive victory for the Buckeyes). Following the win they retreated back to the chapter house to celebrate and share in more Acacia memories.

Illinois Chapter Celebrates 100 Years

This past October, the Illinois Chapter of Acacia Fraternity celebrated their chapter centennial. Men from decades of Acacian brotherhood came together over a weekend to rehash old stories and reflect on old traditions, and to see what this Fraternity has evolved 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 anything could be accomplished. It was a weekend of cherishing old memories and making new ones.

The weekend began with an open house on Saturday morning. The walls of the chapter house were filled with the names of alumni from the last 100 years, and tables were covered with old yearbooks, chapter notes and other priceless keepsakes from the Illinois Chapter’s past. Alumni were able to meet the current active members of the chapter, go on house tours, interact with the current pledge class, and give advice on how to be a successful student, brother and pledge. The morning breakfast activities were followed by a tailgate for the homecoming football game, where alumni enjoyed each other’s company and barbecue before the big game against Indiana University. A block of 75 tickets was purchased for alumni desiring to attend the game.

Saturday evening was the main event—a fantastic dinner held in a luxury tent rented for the day by our generous alumni. The dinner included a wonderful meal, a video displaying photos of members of our Fraternity from the past and present, and a ceremony where speakers from the alumni board and the current 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, and to remind those in attendance why they became Acacians in the first place.

Millersville Acadian Travels To India For Habitat For Humanity

From October 28 to November 4, Pat Finnerty, Millersville ‘02, joined more than 2,000 volunteers from around the world to complete a Habitat For Humanity Jimmy Carter Work Project outside a small village near Lonavala, India. With only 200 volunteers chosen from across America, it was a real privilege to have an Acadian take part in this project. Working alongside former U.S. President and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, participants from 35 countries built 100 homes, which will provide housing for over 500 people.

The Habitat homes are built in partnership with low-income families, who currently live in dilapidated and temporary housing, and a sponsor company. In rural areas of India, houses are often poor quality, made of mud, grass and bamboo. In contrast, typical Habitat houses in India are made of climate-appropriate and monsoon susceptible materials, with most homes ranging in size from 240 to 360 sq. ft. with a living room, veranda, kitchen and bathroom.

The need for housing in India is dire since nearly a quarter of its 1.1 billion population live on less than $1 per day. Habitat for Humanity has been working in India since 1983 building nearly 12,000 homes, making it one of the homebuilding organization’s largest country programs.

In contrast to government programs that simply provide housing which is often turn around and sold, Habitat requires the participants to spend over 300 hours working on the house, and offers zero interest long-term loans that enable the families to provide one-third of the cost of the materials, giving the families the respect of earning their home.

“As an Acadian, human service is an extremely important part of my life,” says Finnerty. “When I returned home from my deployment in Iraq with the army, I wanted to travel to an area where I could provide a skill that was desperately needed. After applying online to Habitat I was accepted and looked forward to the trip; however, nothing could have prepared me for the amazing experience.”

According to Patrick, the families’ gratitude, the sense of accomplishment, and the thrill of being surrounded by a completely different culture is simply “indescribable.”

“I encourage all Acadians to continue to use their abilities to help the less fortunate, wherever they may be,” says Patrick, “for our actions towards others truly define our character.”

New Membership Development Program Begins Pilot Program

At the 2006 Conclave in Saint Louis, Missouri, the Conclave delegation voted to begin the implementation of the new Membership Development Program (MDP) for Acacia Fraternity as an outgrowth of our Strategic Plan, Rising to the Challenge. One of the primary goals of the Strategic Plan is to strengthen membership education for the Fraternity.

The MDP is a new, comprehensive program for the development of all of our undergraduate members. The guidelines call for involvement in the program during all four years of the undergraduate experience. This will include a more consistent format during pledging (Level One), to ensure an established learning process as our men mature into their roles within the chapter. The program will not take away from the productive local traditions that reinforce and strengthen pledge education at the chapter level. However, providing our brothers with a broader, consistent format will encourage them to stay focused on the most important aspects of their development.

The three areas of development emphasized by the MDP are Mental, Physical, and Social Development. Within each of these areas, the program will provide guidelines for activity and reflection, guiding the member through four complete levels of growth. These guidelines become progressively more comprehensive as the undergraduate completes each of the levels. For example, at Level One the participant is asked to attend a time management seminar, a study skills seminar, and visit their academic advisor. At Level Two, the participant is encouraged to learn about an academic study abroad experience, learn about an internship or co-op experience, and visit their advisor again. Level Three asks the participant to facilitate a time management seminar and study skills seminar. Finally, at Level Four the participant is asked to host a career fair with alumni and parents for all Acacia chapters in the area.

One of the greatest aspects of the MDP in its initial development is the fact that we, as Acadians, have the freedom to adjust the program according to our observations. As we begin to work with this new program, it is reasonable to expect the scope to evolve. The feedback that we receive from our pilot chapters will aide in those adjustments. Our six pilot chapters are Texas, Iowa State, Kansas State, Oregon State, Purdue and Illinois.

Our Fraternity is, and always will be, a point of contact for our members. The Fraternity provides a framework within which we all relate to one another, and it is these relationships that make our brotherhood so special in our lives. As we move into the initial growth of the program, alumni members will be called to serve as mentors and guides in new ways. To date, Acacia Fraternity has initiated over 46,000 members. Each has a unique story and many talents to add to the mix of brothers that compose our membership. The MDP will hopefully provide the foundation for a new level of undergraduate/alumni interaction.

The program will call for the designation of Chapter Level Advisors to work with the undergrads. From professional advice to personal correspondence, these advisors will aide in the oversight and support of the chapter members on an individual basis. Another aspect of the program will be the opportunity for additional alumni members to make themselves available for career advice and consultation. This may be as simple as providing an office phone number or email address by which undergrads may contact alumni in certain professional fields. Imagine the helpful guidance that an alumni member with years of industry experience may be able to provide as a benefit to our younger members.

Acacia’s new Membership Development Program officially commences its pilot program in the spring semester of 2007. Please wish our pilot chapters the best as they embark on this exciting new chapter in the history of our beloved Fraternity!

If you have questions about the new Membership Development Program; suggestions on program content; or if you are an alumnus interested in making yourself available for career consultation, please contact me at pmcgovern@acacia.org.
Acacia Fraternity Foundation
President’s Report

The Foundation received $850,000 from alumni and other donors and provided $430,000 in support to the Fraternity and its chapters in the 2005-06 fiscal year ending June 30, 2006. Our assets increased by nearly $400,000, from $1,923,000 at the beginning of the fiscal year to $2,314,000 at fiscal year-end.

The Foundation awarded $38,800 in scholarships and made nearly $95,000 in educational grants to the Fraternity and $199,000 in educational grants to chapters in the past fiscal year. For the past fiscal year, the Foundation had out of-pocket administrative expenses of $19,058 for liability and fidelity insurance, bank charges, filing fees, copying, postage and telephone use. This is 2.2 % of funds raised. The Foundation makes every effort to minimize its expenses in order to ensure that contributions are used to support the educational activities of the Fraternity. Foundation directors pay their own travel expenses and meeting attendance costs.

Total support to the Fraternity in fiscal year 2005-06, including educational grants, strategic plan implementation and reimbursements for Foundation administrative and fund raising expenses was $229,148.

The Foundation partially reimburses the Fraternity for the administrative, computer and office expenses used to support the Foundation’s educational activities. In the absence of the Foundation, the Fraternity would incur most of these expenses to maintain alumni mailing lists and to perform non-tax exempt fund raising. Because the Foundation can pay for these activities, Acacia can devote a larger share of its membership dues and pledge and initiation fees to fund chapter expansion, membership recruitment, and other costs that do not qualify as tax-exempt educational expenses.

The New Century Campaign

I’m pleased to report that the Foundation began work last year on The New Century Campaign, which will endow the educational initiatives contained in the Strategic Plan adopted in 2004 at the Centennial Conclave. With the input of undergraduates, alumni leaders and staff, Acacia’s strategic plan identifies three major priorities – Leadership, Growth and Scholarship. The fundamental success factor for all three is alumni involvement and support. The New Century Campaign will provide alumni with an opportunity to make a significant investment in Acacia’s future.

AFF Directors Dr. L. Dennis Smith, Indiana ’56, and Dewayne E. Ullsperger, Nebraska ’82, are co-chairing The New Century Campaign. Both men have been visiting alumni leaders to help develop the campaign’s themes and confirm alumni interest. We are also identifying alumni volunteers to serve as regional vice chairmen for the campaign. These alumni leaders are part of the growing circle of alumni who support this initiative.

Acacia has a proud tradition of alumni dedication and support, which has allowed us to enter our second century. Building on this heritage, the goals of The New Century Campaign are to:

- Increase alumni involvement at the international and local levels
- Strengthen existing chapters and add new chapters
- Endow alumni communication programs, such as the TRIAD and The Crest
- Deepen philanthropic involvement and expand its reach
- Endow Acacia’s existing leadership training and scholarship programs
- Implement a new member development program

To date, the AFF has secured nearly $1.3 million in campaign pledges from Foundation directors, International Council members, regional co-chairs and other alumni leaders. You will be hearing more about The New Century Campaign in the coming months.

Chapter Accounts

Chapters have a choice of two investment options for their Foundation accounts. The Foundation’s investment pool is comprised of 70% domestic and international stock index funds and 30% debt-based securities (bond mutual funds and treasuries), chosen by the Investment Committee to yield low administrative costs, annual income, long-term growth and low risk of capital loss. The average annual rate of return for accounts in the AFF’s investment pool last year was 7.4%.

Conclusion

On behalf of the Acacia Fraternity Foundation Board of Directors, thank you for your support of the Foundation during the past year. We invite you to renew your support for Acacia with a generous donation to the Annual Fund, and we encourage you to include the Foundation in your estate planning.

Meet the Men Behind the New Century Campaign

American Association for the Advancement of Science 2002 Scientific Freedom and Responsibility Award. This award is presented annually to honor scientists and engineers whose exemplary actions have served to foster scientific freedom and responsibility.

Brother Smith currently serves Acacia Fraternity as a director of the Acacia Foundation and co-chair of The New Century Campaign. He is a recipient of the Order of Pythagoras, the Award of Merit, and an Acacia Field of Excellence Award in Education.

Dewayne E. Ullsperger, Nebraska ’82, is vice president and actuary for United Healthcare in Minneapolis, a diversified health and well-being company offering a broad spectrum of products and services to 70 million individuals. Ullsperger is a 1985 graduate of the University of Nebraska, where he served his chapter as Venerable Dean. He was also selected to be a member of The Innocents Society, the Chancellor’s Senior Honorary, where membership is based upon academic achievement, leadership, and service to the university and community.

Brother Ullsperger is currently vice president of the AFF and co-chair of The New Century Campaign. He is a recipient of the Roy C. Clark Award, the Order of Pythagoras, the Award of Merit and the 2005 George F. Patterson, Jr. Outstanding Alumnus Award. With the Patterson Award, Ullsperger has the distinction of being the only member of Acacia to hold all four of the Fraternity’s top honors.
The Acacia Fraternity Foundation continues to play a vital role in the growth and vitality of the Fraternity through endowed and corpus building gifts, chapter fund accounts and specially designated scholarship funds. The Foundation continues to work with the Fraternity to develop and fund new, exciting programs that will make a difference in the lives of our undergraduates. Chapter accounts are established for each Acacia chapter and colony and contributions to these accounts are fully tax-deductible and can be used to support qualified educational activities, including:

- Membership recruitment scholarships
- Renovation, maintenance and operation expenses for the qualified educational portion of chapter houses
- Expenses in conjunction with ALA
- Leadership/chapter achievement awards
- Educational seminars, faculty speakers and community service projects
- Chapter library materials (including furniture and computers)
- Internet and campus computer system connections (including monthly fees)

The following alumni and friends of Acacia have contributed to the special programs of the Foundation to raise more than $377,000 during the past fiscal year (July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006). You have enabled us to make a difference. Thank you.

**AFF General Fund and The New Century Campaign Gifts**

- ($10,000 - $50,000)
  - George C. Woolsey
  - Michael J. Bolton
  - Col. Harold Boyd Long Jr.

- ($350 +)
  - Steven Daniel Ireland

- ($20,000 - $50,000)
  - California University of PA Chapter Fund

- ($1,000 - $5,000)
  - Dr. L. Dennis Smith, Indiana
  - George C. Woolsey, California

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- ($10,000 - $15,000)
  - Larry E. Schroeder, Georgia
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**AFF Scholarship Endowment**

- ($500 - $2,000)
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  - Paul & Marion Fishman, Non-Acacian
  - John B. Lane, Vermont

- ($2,500 +)
  - California Chapter – Duncan McPherson Scholarship Fund

- ($1,000 +)
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**Scholarship Fund Gifts**

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- Ohio State Association of Acacia (In honor of James O. Richardson)

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- ($4,000 +)
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**Indiana Chapter – George C. Woolsey Scholarship Fund**

- ($10,000 +)
  - George C. Woolsey

- ($1,000 +)
  - Michael J. Bolton

- ($350 +)
  - Steven Daniel Ireland

**Cal Poly/Pomona Chapter Fund**

- ($1,000 +)
  - Andrew James Stout

**Carleton Chapter Fund**

- ($120 +)
  - Chad Loyd Dimmick
  - Patrick Michael Farrimond

**Central Oklahoma Chapter Fund**

- ($300 and below)
  - Chad Loyd Dimmick
  - Patrick Michael Farrimond

- ($50 +)
  - Howard S. Zwiefel III

- ($10,000 +)
  - Dr. David R. Fischell

**Cornell Chapter Fund**

- ($25,000 +)
  - John F. Hoffner, Purdue

**Iowa Chapter Fund**

- ($350 and below)
  - Jeremy James Heyer
  - Jack Douglas Savage
  - Thomas J. Hart
  - John B. Nevin
  - Robert Daniel Wilkes
  - Sterling L. Benz
  - Christopher Jason Berry
  - Andrew Joseph Colombini
  - John Rogers Eizenberger M.D.
  - Dr. John M. Gierwin
  - John W. Jones M.D.
  - Daniel Ryan Edmonds
  - Jeremy Michael Fortier
  - Zachary Michael Metri
  - David W. Powell
  - Thomas D. Scholelkof
  - Malcolm J. Tuessly
  - Kenneth R. Doehman
  - Douglas J. Bade
  - David S. Baum
  - Christopher B. Carpenter
  - Michael Patrick Fogarty
  - Scott James Houston
  - Max F. Spaulding
  - Danilel C. Crenes
  - Thomas C. Cornwell
  - Ohio State Association of Acacia (In honor of James O. Richardson)

**Iowa State Chapter Fund**

- ($500 - $1,000)
  - Robert L. Cartens
  - Robert P. Grobeck
  - Stephen L. Burger, Cornell
  - John W. Baty

- ($10,000 +)
  - David W. Powell
  - Richard L. Eisel
  - Hugh M. Schultz
  - Glenn E. Sutherland

**Scholarship Fund Gifts**

- ($244,000 +)
  - Edwin G. Dedda (D)

- ($5,000 +)
  - Harold D. Zarr, Jr. Endowed Education Fund

- ($3,000 - $5,000)
  - Margaret Lautzenheiser, Non-Acacian
  - Ruth Ann Yager, Non-Acacian

- ($5,000 +)
  - Georgia A. Buck

- ($1,000 - $2,500)
  - Gary L. Ruesgessorger
  - John W. Sheldon
  - Terry L. Thoem
  - Douglas R. Whitney
  - Richard G. Wilson
  - Daniel E. Wise
  - William H. Andef
  - Kenneth L. MacRae
  - John S. Burnstrom
  - Larry & Kim Buske, Non-Acacian
  - Gordon A. Cook
  - Brian B. Duques
  - Robert C. Jenkins
  - Wayne W. Nowlan
  - Dale H. Vanderholm
  - Mervel E. Wool
  - David H. Woodrow
  - George A. Buck

- ($10,000 +)
  - John P. Bahr
  - Wilbur G. Sandbulte
  - James M. Hanson
  - David J. Karsand
  - Richard K. Taylor
  - David L. Wolfe
  - George W. Gross
  - John C. Akins
  - Charles D. Bird
  - Cecil R. Hoisington
  - Robert D. Howlett
  - James Eugene Hunt
  - Joel E. Jensen
  - Robert A. Knapp
  - Dr. Ephraim Fraller
  - Hugh M. Schultz
  - Glenn E. Sutherland

- ($500 and below)
  - Dr. L. Craig Fulmer
  - James T. Ellis
  - ($300 and below)
  - Dr. John M. Gerwin
  - John Rogis Ebensberger M.D.
  - Christopher Jason Berry
  - Robert P. Grobeck
  - Edward G. Dedda (D)
  - Arland T. Stein
  - Arizona State Chapter Fund
  - Indiana Chapter – Indiana Chapter Fund
  - Iowa State Chapter – Iowa State Chapter Fund
  - Kansas State Chapter Fund
  - ($5,000 +)
  - Dr. Ephraim Fraller
  - Hugh M. Schultz
  - Glenn E. Sutherland
  - ($1,000 - $2,500)
  - Travis J. Bowie
  - Steven L. Taylor M.D.
  - Gary J. Haag
  - James S. Birkbeck
  - Ronald G. Graver
  - Larry L. Penig
  - ($500 - $1,500)
  - Roger D. Brannan
  - William G. Peary
  - Kenneth A. Porter
  - (In honor of James O. Richardson)}
2005-2006 CORPUS, CHAPTER AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND GIFTS (CONT.)

The Acadians of Iowa State
David Andrew Guidry, California
Barry F. Baxter, Texas
James Page Clark, Indiana
Brian S. Downs, Central/Ohio State
Craig Fulmer, Indiana
James L. McFarland, Wisconsin
Douglas E. Mee, Nebraska
Iowa State Chapter
Frank Douglas Staley Jr., Indiana
James Gregory Swartz, California
Keith M. Weaver, Penn State
Thomas A. Drayton, Colorado State
Brian James Becker, Indiana
William Allen Donovan, Miami
James Nick Katsanos, Ohio
Byron A. Tabor, Iowa

Minnesota Chapter Fund
($100 +)
Larry B. Forland

Ohio Chapter Library Fund
($1,000 +)
Glendon Arthur
($150 +)
Christopher James Laker

Oregon State Chapter Fund
($42,000 - $84,000)
Leonard W. Kearney
Stanley A. Roberts

George F. Patterson Memorial Scholarship Fund
($2,000 +)
John F. Hoffner, Purdue
George F. Patterson (D), Cincinnati
($500 and below)
Larry E. Schroeder, Georgia
Gerald C. Cook, Shippensburg
R. H. Sudheimer, Non-Accadian
Robert L. Waterfield, Cincinnati
Arthur J. Batta, Cincinnati
Robert & June Davis, Non-Accadian
Patrick Michael Fairmand, Central Oklahoma
Carol E. Sedgwick, Non-Accadian

Joseph L. Prior, Cincinnati
Bradley Johnson Ayres, Cornell

Penn State Chapter –
G.K. Nelson Scholarship Fund
($100 +)
Michael Victor Perrotta, Penn State

Penn State Square & Compass Fund
($500 +)
James R. Bowes

Purdue Chapter Fund
($200 and below)
Thomas Steiglitz
Joe T. Jones
Paul M. Voce

Purdue Chapter –
Leonard E. Wood Scholarship Fund
($2,500 +)

Rensselaer Chapter Fund
($450 and below)
Robert V. Moel

Texas Chapter Fund
($750 +)
Lowry Lamar Tims

Wisconsin Chapter Fund
($600 and below)
Howard Hue Thai
James L. McFarland

At the AFF’s 2006 Annual Meeting, held during the fraternity’s St. Louis Conclave, the following Acadians were elected to three-year terms on the AFF board of directors:

- William M. Riley, Jr., Kansas State ’80 (Manhattan, KS) – president of The Pathfinder, Inc. (retail outdoor clothing and equipment); president of the Kansas 4-H Foundation (retired); past president of the Kansas State Chapter Alumni board of advisors.
- Marvin E. Rothhaar, Ohio State ’54 (Liberty, UT) – attorney (retired); past Ohio State Chapter advisor; Marv is returning to the board after several year’s absence.

In addition, the following AFF directors were re-elected to additional three-year terms:

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- Duncan McPherson, Fraternityship Scholarship
  Ryan J. Quigley, California
- George F. Patterson, Jr. Scholarship
  Clark D. Richardson, Iowa State
- AFF Scholarships
  Craig A. Buske, Iowa State
  Gregory T. Hicks, Indiana
  Jonathan A. Janoski, California University of PA
  Michael A. Pacto, Purdue
  Jared A. Ramthun, Iowa State
  Clint R. Rice, Indiana
  Jacob L. Sloan, Texas
  Jarrod N. VanZant, Central Oklahoma
  Winston Wang, Syracuse
  Cole R. Weston, Nebraska
- Syracuse Chapter
  J.P. Darrah Scholarship
  Simon P. Sjoogren
  Winston Wang
- Iowa State Chapter Scholarships
  Lucas J. Agrimson
  Brandon J. Behrens

- Daniel D. (Dan) Bayston, Illinois ’80 (Chicago, IL) – Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA); managing director of the investment banking firm Duff & Phelps, LLC; former venerable dean of the Illinois Chapter; AFF secretary.
- John Price (J.P.) Howe, Syracuse ’64 (Worcester, MA) – attorney; president of the Syracuse house corporation; chairman of the Syracuse Chapter colonization committee; past venerable dean and treasurer of the Syracuse Chapter; past chapter advisor of the Syracuse Chapter.

2006 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- Dewayne E. Ullsperger, Nebraska ’82 (Minneapolis, MN) – vice president and actuary, United Healthcare; AFF vice president; co-chair of The New Century Campaign.
- William A. Utic, Cornell ’74 (Fremont, CA) – manager of environmental planning, permitting and compliance for San Francisco-based Pacific Gas and Electric Company; California Chapter house corporation director and past president; AFF president.
- Larry E. Schroeder, Georgia ’77 (Cary, NC) – software consultant, IBM DB2 Content Mgt.; AFF treasurer.

Continued on Page 24.
The 2006 Acacia Leadership Academy was held in conjunction with the 54th Biennial Convocation in St. Louis, Missouri. The event’s overall success became a reality due to the generosity of Acacia alumni who recognized the value of our leadership program and made a special appeal to our members. We would like to extend a special thanks to the following individuals whose financial commitment made this event a success:

**Academy Donor ($49 & below)**
- A. Fraser Pattillo Jr., Alabaster
- Kevin Joseph Lines, California
- Walter R. Tingley Jr., California
- Harold E. Heath, Central Oklahoma
- James S. Grant, Wisconsin

**Academy Friend ($1,000 +)**
- Christer M. Ackerman, Arizona
- Linda C. Adkins, Massachusetts
- Paul A. Laughner, Iowa

**Academy Patron ($250 - $499)**
- James W. Ecker, Indiana
- John A. Mooney, Utah
- John J. Volpe, New York

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- Trina A. Vasquez, California
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- John W. Wright, Pennsylvania
- Edward G. Hempel, Rensselaer
- Michael Jeffrey John Lembo, Rensselaer

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**Foundation News**

**FOUNDATION FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 (JULY 1, 2005 TO JUNE 30, 2006)**

**Balance Sheet 6/30/2006**

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**Conclave ’06 Recap**

Entering Our “Gateway To Greatness”

The first Conclave of Acacia’s second century made history when over 200 of our Fraternity’s finest alumni and undergraduates converged on the city of St. Louis, MO, for the 54th Biennial Conclave and Leadership Academy.

International President David J. Allen, Indiana ’57, opened the Conclave on Wednesday afternoon, August 9, with greetings and challenges for the business that lay ahead. After introductions from Executive Director Darold W. Larson, Washington State ’81, brothers met for a reception in the Hyatt Regency Grand Hall and then retired for an evening of minor league baseball with St. Louis’ Gateway Grizzlies.

Conclave reconvened on Thursday morning for the first business session, which included a presentation of the 2004-2006 Biennial Report (outlining the progress of the Fraternity over the past biennium). Delegates were also presented with a new Membership Development Program (MDP) designed to compliment Acacia’s Strategic Plan. Brothers L. Dennis Smith, Indiana ’56, and Gregory J. Owen, Carleton ’88, made presentations to the delegation in a special afternoon session, after which feedback was received from all participants. (See Page 11 for more information on the MDP adopted at Conclave, and visit Egypt to download a draft overview of the program.)

Brother Doug MacCraw, Nebraska ’86, making his third Conclave appearance on Thursday evening, entertained the brothers with his hypnosis show. As always, Doug’s show brought down the house as he enticed volunteers on stage to help with the performance.

The AFF Luncheon was held on Friday afternoon with William M. Riley, Jr., and we are sure he would have approved of the week’s festivities.

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See Page 17 for a list of Acacia scholarship recipients.

**Kansas State ’60**, offering the opening invocation. After the luncheon, C.F.K. Cole, Texas ’71, introduced the keynote speaker: Edward S. Knight, Texas ’71. Following the presentation of scholarships by AFF President William A. Utic, Cornell ’74, and Council President Allen, Executive Director Larson took to the podium for the presentation of the Chapter Excellence Awards.

Conclave came to a close at the final banquet and awards presentation on Saturday evening, where many brothers were honored for their hard work and dedication to the Fraternity.

This was the first Conclave without our beloved Brother George F. Patterson, Jr., and we are sure he would have approved of the week’s festivities.

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Pictured above are the recipients of Acacia Fraternity’s “2006 Spirit of Excellence Awards”.

IUP delegates show off their awards.

Int’l Council President David J. Allen.

Foundation President Bill Utic.

Conclave attendees enjoyed a variety of entertainment options and St. Louis nightlife, in addition to a rigorous schedule of business sessions and workshops.

2006 Award of Merit recipients (l-r) Maximilian J.B. Hopkins, California ’80, Harold D. Zarr, Iowa State ’73, Daniel D. Bayston, Illinois ’80, John B. Pugh, Iowa State ’50, and F. Douglas Staley, Jr., Indiana ’94.

Robert Mickam, Texas ’85, was named “Chapter Advisor of the Biennium” at the St. Louis Conclave.

Featured Conclave Speakers:

Scott Ginsberg
The Nametag Guy
Inaugural speaker for the John F. Hoffner Leadership Series, who spoke on “The Art of Approachability.”

Edward S. Knight, Texas ’71
Executive Vice President & General Counsel, The NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc.
Keynote speaker for the Irving M. Field Fraternityship Series, held during the Acacia Fraternity Foundation Scholarship Luncheon. Brother Knight linked his experience in Acacia with his experience in the work force.

Aaron Boe
President, Foresight Training
Spoke on “The Freedom Factor,” stressing the freedoms each of us have and the ability to use them. Boe’s first book, It’s Your Life, So Don’t Listen to Me, is nearing completion.

2006 Conclave Fellows:

Jarrod VanZant, Central Oklahoma ’01
Jeremy Davis, Iowa State ’00
Joseph Kincaid, Oregon State ’01
Shaun Clair, Penn State ’02
Justin Cardisco, Nebraska ’03

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Kyle Bandermann, Missouri ’05
New Foundation Directors Elected

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- John W. Wedgwood, Purdue ’50 (San Jose, CA) – investment manager, DWR Wealth Management.

Retiring from the AFF Board of Directors at the 2006 Annual Meeting were:

- George E. Hansell, Purdue ’45 (Cupertino, CA) – president, Silicon Innovations, Inc. (sales and marketing for medical, military and commercial integrated circuit applications).

- Ronald T. Hopkins, Syracuse ’69 (Fayetteville, NY) – president, George O. Miller Company; past international treasurer; secretary-treasurer of the Syracuse house corporation; chairman of the AFF audit committee.

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Texas Chapter Moves Home

The Texas Chapter’s home this fall – while new to actives is anything but “new” to alumni. Located at 2614 Rio Grande, just two blocks away from The University of Texas campus, the Acacia house has been the home of the Fraternity at UT since the 1960s. During the chapter’s dormant period, the housing board held onto the desirable and valuable property until a strong, re-chartered chapter could support and occupy it again.

The house was completely gutted and remodeled two years ago by the chapter’s housing board. The 10,700 sq. ft. building features 20 bedrooms, a study (outfitted with a conference table and a computer donated by alumni), a commercial kitchen, an office and a huge common room. In addition to the house itself, the property also features a 28-space parking lot. At a campus of over 50,000 students, having adequate parking is a definite must.

The house has already paid off among the Greek community and other student groups because it has shown the many organizations on campus that the Texas Chapter of Acacia Fraternity is back at UT and there to stay. As the chapter grows, the house will remain a point of pride for future Texas Acacians.

CUP Chapter Buys New House

At the close of last school year, the CUP Chapter discovered that its lease on 600 Wood Street would not be renewed. This gave the chapter only a few months to find a property, locate funds, purchase the property and rebuild a house. Due to CUP brothers contributing their honest share of effort, this dream has been realized.

The new Acacia house is the envy of the campus. It includes seven bedrooms, a large chapter room, high-speed Internet and cable in every room and central air conditioning. As the sound of hammers banging and saws roaring finally settles, the chapter is preparing to embark on a new and exciting period in CUP’s history.

The new house will be approximately 7,000 square feet, with the ability to house 27 brothers. There will be two floors. The downstairs will have a kitchen, dining room, welcome room, game/TV room, executive meeting room and two bedrooms. The upstairs will have 12-14 rooms, bathroom facilities, and a study hall with wireless Internet connectivity. There will also be an outdoor volleyball court and patio area.

This event marks a new era in the lives of the UCO brothers – and one that all Acacians should be proud of.

UCO To Build New House

The brothers and alumni of the UCO Chapter of Acacia Fraternity are proud to announce that they will be building a new home on Chowning Avenue in 2007. Land was purchased in the spring of 1997 with a dream of building an Acacia chapter that could build a proper house. That dream has finally come true. Current plans are to break ground in January of 2007, with a completion date of August 15, 2007 – just in time for the brothers to move in and be ready for recruitment.

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California Chapter “Outstanding” At Conclave

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

Bloomsburg

Our brothers are currently planning a formal chartering ceremony. Since the chapter was reinstated at Bloomsburg University, it has never formally received the charter, so the brothers have made it a priority to celebrate this event. A nice ceremony has been planned and we are certainly looking forward to spreading the knowledge of Acacia Fraternity and the ideals and principles that the brothers proudly possess in being members.

In other news, we have been active in philanthropic activities around the Bloomsburg University campus and in the surrounding community. The brothers volunteered to choreograph a campus-wide food drive in November. In addition, we organized a food drive for the entire community. We are also working together with all Greek organizations on a ‘Giving Tree’ service project to help provide holiday gifts for the less fortunate.

Finally, the Bloomsburg Chapter has been actively participating in fund-raisers. We are optimistic that all of the aforementioned events will provide us with a successful spring. By helping to get our name more recognized around campus, we are hoping that these events will lead to a successful spring rush and resulting pledge class of the newest Bloomsburg brothers.

California

The past six months here at the California Chapter have been very exciting. Since the last TRIAD we have been fortunate to see some rewards for our major efforts to maintain the California Chapter as the flagship of fraternities at our university.

Our chapter was able to send six undergraduates to Conclave this past summer in St. Louis, representing the chapter with one of the most man miles traveled for the event. The trip was amazing and all of the men of Acacia enjoyed being able to extend the ties of friendship with their brothers across the nation. Being isolated in California, it was a welcome feeling that we all enjoyed. St. Louis was certainly a lot of fun, but it was also a time where the California Chapter was able to win many awards and honors.

The most important honor bestowed on the California Chapter was that of the Outstanding Chapter Award. The brothers were tremendously honored to have their hard work recognized with such a prestigious award. The chapter was also given the For the Good of the Fraternity Award for its work with Headquarters to help with potential colony groups in California.

Brothers Ryan Quigley and BJ Terry were also honored with the Order of Pythagoras for their work rebuilding the California Chapter’s connection with the International Fraternity. Terry also received an Emma C. Allen Scholarship, while Quigley was awarded the Duncan McPherson Scholarship.

It wasn’t only the actives of the California Chapter who were awarded at Conclave, as Alumnus Max Hopkins – a member of the rechartering class of the California Chapter, former house
Carleton Branded As “First And Finest”

Carleton

Capitalizing on the proud history and tradition laid by the Founding Fathers of the Carleton Chapter, we have embraced 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.”

Brotherhood “Wing Night” at the Carleton Chapter.

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 victories 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!

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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. So far, we have recruited two new members over 400 Carleton students into our house for Acacia’s Western Hoedown Party.

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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 desirous 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.

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Illinois Wesleyan Moves To Bigger House

Illinois State Chapter’s Success Continues

past October, the Illinois Chapter of Acacia Fraternity celebrated an incredible centennial milestone. Men from decades of Acacian brotherhood came together to relive 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’s main event was the 50th anniversary celebration. It was a fantastic dinner in honor of the chapter’s 50th anniversary. The alumni board and the current chapter executive board were able to acknowledge accomplishments, share old stories and discuss ideas and goals for the future.

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Indiana

The Indiana Chapter of Acacia Fraternity 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 pledgship. 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 pledgship 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 Iowa State Chapter’s annual "Turkey Trot" benefiting the Hoosier Hills Food Bank.
Miami Of Ohio Ready For Growth

This semester also marked the long pledges, which would nearly double the Miami of Ohio Chapter house, we are shooting for 15 spring in-house, along with an additional in-house, 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 year has seen 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 chairs and the entire house, we are shooting for 13 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 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 pledging, 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.

NWOSU “Gets Their Kicks” In 2006

Members of the Northwestern Oklahoma State Chapter of Acacia put the finishing touches on their float for Homecoming 2006.

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.

This October, we also held our first annual Haunted House event, benefitting the State College community. Our philanthropy chairman, Steve Phillips, took it upon himself to transform the...
basement of our house into three rooms of frightening madness. A significant amount of costumed children arrived at our house on Halloween night to experience the best scare they could get in State College. They were greeted with candy and games at the front door, and then taken downstairs to enjoy all of the scares.

These are just some of the reasons why success continues to be a tradition for us. By establishing better relationships with our alumni and hosting events that bring us closer to those around us, we are patching the areas that we really needed to work on after winning the Malcolm Award at Conclave. Our strong new member class has helped us achieve these goals.

**Pitt/Johnstown**

The University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown Chapter has experienced a great fall semester so far. We have seen nothing but positive events and achievements. Our current pledge class consists of four strong-willed individuals who have shown much improvement since their initial pinning. We are all anticipating the time when we can call them brothers. Spring rush has begun already and our numbers for the spring class look very promising.

Each brother continues to do his part to increase awareness of our Fraternity on campus and to improve our relations with other Greek organizations, as well as other student organizations on campus.

We were victorious this year in the annual Fraternity Bowl football game held on Halloween weekend against our campus rival, Delta Chi. It is a great bonding experience that allows our new brothers to meet many of the new brothers from the other house, and it continues to strengthen our relations with the other fraternities on campus. We also had our annual Fall Formal at Atwood Lake Resort in Ohio, where we enjoyed a great weekend getaway. Many of the brothers have also entered various intramural sports this semester and although our Fraternity isn’t always the winner, we all commend each other for the fun that we experience.

Each brother has put forth a strong effort this semester to help raise money to continue to decrease our debt, and hopefully in the near future it will be completely eliminated. This is one of the major areas that our chapter wishes to focus on throughout next semester. We are also looking to create an alumni board. Ideas have been tossed around and some progress has been made, but in the near future we hope to make it a reality. The new eBoard will soon take charge and with the assistance of the current officers we hope our chapter will continue to excel. The upcoming year will be challenging, but there is no doubt that we will rise and overcome anything that is thrown at us. Good luck and best wishes to all other chapters in the upcoming year!

**Purdue**

Yet another busy fall semester has drawn to a close at the Purdue Chapter. We threw our biennial Nite on the Nile bash, and our two-story sphinx, water-fall and Nile River had many passersby mistaking 608 Waldron Street for ancient Egypt. Everyone had an amazing time, and the event was the focus of talk around campus for days. Nile also went a long way to bolster our fall rush program, as potential pledges saw everything under construction. After initiating five new men from the spring of 2006 pledge class, we recruited a fall class that is our largest since 2001. Bruce Borror was named president of our house corporation board, as Larry Becker stepped down after several years of service and dedication. We hired a great new chef this year, a decision that still puts smiles on our faces every time we head to the dining room. Another new addition came courtesy of Art Stein – a beautiful pool table which has already seen hundreds of hours of play. Homecoming brought a wonderful reunion of alumni from the 1950s and 1960s. Purdue actives and alumni alike were excited to have the opportunity to meet so many Acadians from different generations.

Everything else has been business as usual, including the success of our annual Miles For Meals philanthropy, benefiting Lafayette Food Finders food bank. Thank you to all the actives, alumni, and families for contributing to this worthy cause. After the run from Bloomington to West Lafayette concluded, we enjoyed another annual tradition – a Purdue football victory over Indiana University to retain the “Old Oaken Bucket.”

We are looking forward to an exciting spring season with a great rush period, Mom’s Day and Grand Prix. We also have a lot in store for our fall 2007 centennial celebration, so make sure to keep your eyes and ears open!

**Saint Cloud State**

The Saint Cloud State Chapter had a great fall semester. In the last few weeks of summer, our scholarship chairman and executive board were busy sifting through scholarship applications and getting ready for our Good Guy Scholarship interviews. The interviews took place during the first week of school, and 25 incoming freshmen were interviewed. Good Guy Scholarships are open to all incoming college freshmen at Saint Cloud State, and the program has proven to be an excellent opportunity to recruit quality guys for membership in the Fraternity.

The semester kicked off with our annual campout, along with our Al Grewe Memorial Alumnus Golf Scramble. The golf scramble turned out to be a great success, with 65 Minnesota alumni and actives from both the Saint Cloud State and University of Minnesota Chapters in attendance.

The Minnesota Alumni Board Committee – which includes Minnesota alumni Steve Erickson and Larry Forsland, along with Saint Cloud State alums Scott Meyer and Jon Scholten – did an excellent job of organizing the event, which raised about $5,000. All of the proceeds were used to pay down the loan taken out in 2005 to replace the roof on the Saint Cloud State Chapter house. With the golf outing at the end of September, rush was finished and we had a pledge class of eight – the chapter’s second highest class in the last several years.

In October, the chapter continued its tradition of the Homecoming Hog Roast and homecoming parade. The day before the hog roast, a few of the brothers went to a local hog farm that had advertised the event. Little did the brothers know that they would be wrestling in the mud trying to drag the hog out of the pen. Fortunately two brothers were ex-wrestlers and were able to rope a hog. With about 150 pounds of pork, we were a little worried that the meat would not get eaten. Alumni turnout was smaller than the golf outing, but our brothers from Madison came up to help us finish off the pig.
Texas Chapter Makes The Move

Another event we are looking forward to is the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Saint Cloud State Chapter, which will be held March 30-31, 2007. The event should draw alumni from both the University of Minnesota and Saint Cloud State Chapters. Please contact Alumni Board President Scott Meyer at chiefmeyer@earthlink.net if you would like to attend.

The Saint Cloud State Chapter once again proved to be an academic powerhouse within the campus and Greek communities. The chapter received an average GPA of 3.14, beating all fraternities and sororities on campus for the highest GPA. The chapter also maintained a 3.1 GPA for the last three semesters, and we hope it will grow even higher. We continue to rush quality men with both high academic and social standards.

Texas

The fall semester was a time of transition for the Texas Chapter. We moved from our previous residence, a temporary 4-bedroom rent house, to the 20-bedroom property that our building association owns two blocks off of the University of Texas campus. We also began identifying ourselves as a chapter rather than a colony, and we went from being a small player in the UT Greek community to an up-and-coming force that will be recognized by all.

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The Texas Chapter delegation celebrates its big win at the 54th Biennial Conclave held in St. Louis, Missouri.

Wisconsin Philanthropy Goes Global

Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Chapter is in the process of repositioning itself in response to a number of new challenges: university officials looking less favorably on Greeks; communal living losing ground to low-cost apartments; and the generation entering college being more focused on community involvement.

We are realigning our focus back to philanthropy. Our raffle ticket sale is paying to stop genocide in Sudan. We are participating in the Greek philanthropy Humorology, which benefits Camp Heartland for kids with HIV/AIDS. We have appropriated more money for all-Greek and all-campus philanthropies than in the past five years. Preference rooms are set to factor in community service in addition to regular house operations.

We’re also adjusting our recruitment practices. We’re offering housing scholarships to academically accomplished incoming freshmen, similar to the Iowa State model. We have also put the in-
Updates From Mounties And The Mountains

Arkansas
Dr. Thomas F. Treat, #102 – Just retired from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. Retired as an Air Force Colonel after 30 years as a healthcare administrator and a total of 45 years in healthcare. Live in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas with my wife of 46 years, the former Marsha Crawford.

California University of PA
Steven D. Ireland, #33 – Had my ten year anniversary at Sony in July, 2006. Completed Microsoft Certified Application Developer (MCAD) for .NET in August, 2005.

Carleton
T. Joshua Brownlee, #179 – Member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. On June 16, 2006 I was transferred from Prince Rupert Integrated Road Safety Unit (IRSU), which covers North-west British Columbia, including the Queen Charlotte Islands. I’ve been a regular member with the RCMP for two years. I love my job and learn something new every day. I know I would not be where I am today were it not for the experiences and exposures gained through our great Fraternity.

Cincinnati
Roy Jett, Jr. M.D., #218 – I retired last July and I’m celebrating 50 years of medical practice.

John B. Skelly, Jr., #258 – Moving back to Cincinnati, Ohio, from Colorado to be with family and Brother Joe Prior.

Denver
Philip A. Lake, #148 – We have moved to Lower Gwynedd, PA, from Glenisle, PA, where we have lived since October, 1968. Our children attended Gleniside Elementary, Cederbrook Junior High and our son, John, graduated from Cheltenham High in 1983.

Franklin
Myron A. Levine, #567 – After retiring from the practice of obstetrics and gynecology in June, 2005, and upon my wife’s untimely death from a rare form of cancer, I have returned as a volunteer to continue medical practice wherever needed.

Illinois
Gordon E. Jersven, #786 – Now retired.

Johns Hopkins
W. Cary Lukens, #66 – I am married and living in Annapolis, Maryland, coaching wrestling and selling boats. My e-mail is cary@coalyard.com.

Louisiana State
LeRoy A. Hartley, #199 – I stayed and I survived “Katrina.” I cannot say as much about the New Orleans area. But we will come back…bigger and better after 290 years.

Morningside
Eric C. Palmquist, #4 – I have recently finished my podiatry residency at the Department of Veteran’s Affairs (Palo Alto Health Care System) in Palo Alto, CA, and joined a small private practice with offices in Illinois and Iowa.

New Hampshire
Paul A. (Sandy) Laughner, Jr., #809 – Acacia UNH was good to me and I am grateful. I am 80 percent finished with the restoration of a 1768 house in Richmond, New Hampshire, where I live. I’ve been at this one for six years now. I worked at Teflon Manufacturing (a business management consulting firm – www.btrevolutions.com) and Acacia DJs (a DJ wedding company – www.acaciadjs.com).

Ohio
Barry L. Corson, #210 – Retired as a Junior High Principal from Beavercreek Schools in Beavercreek, Ohio, in 1994. Active in the Ohio Retired Teachers Association and the Greene County Ohio Retired Association ever since.

Penn State
Thomas C. Wellington, #504 – Retired from Lockheed Martin as a Corporate Fellow in May, 2005. I’m now engineer–my house and boat for Joan and the grandchildren.

Penn State
Paul J. Hiyak, #923 – I was ordained a permanent deacon of the Roman Catholic Church on May 20, 2006, in the Cathedral of St. Catherinede Sienna in Allentown, Pennsylvania, by the Most Reverend Edward R. Cullen, Bishop of the Allentown Diocese. I have been assigned to Immaculate Conception BVM parish in Birdsboro, Pennsylvania.

Saint Cloud State
Brian L. Thompson, #207 – Started two new side businesses – BT Revolutions (a business management consulting firm – www.btrevolutions.com) and Acacia DJs (a DJ wedding company – www.acaciadjs.com).

Shippensburg
Joel Romaine, #99 – Was elected Chairman of the Board of the Delaware Credit Union League, and I’m currently the VP of Operations at DPL Federal Credit Union in Newark, Delaware.

Texas
Barry F. Baxter, #1012 – Promoted to Account Director, Central Region for Aquent Studios, the project outsourcing division of Aquent, the world’s premier marketing staffing company.

Vermont
Carl C. Hemenway, #281 – Had a nice three-week vacation in August. Visited my wife’s family in Belgium and then spent four days in Paris.

Wisconsin
Kevin T. May, #979 – Graduated in May and moved to Chicago. I am currently working for Kiewit Western Co. (a construction firm) as a civil engineer on the O’Hare Modernization Project.

Wyoming
Warren D. Wilson, #262 – Retired as Director of Rules and Competitions for the Colorado Golf Association, after ten years.
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Executive Director’s Message

A TOAST TO BROTHERHOOD

Malcolm Award – Penn State

The Penn State Chapter was honored at the 54th Biennial Conclave and Leadership Academy by receiving the coveted Malcolm Award. The brothers at Penn State have continued to be leaders on their campus and in their community. Prior to the end of the spring semester, the chapter was named as the Superior Chapter on the Penn State campus. Since the inception of the Malcolm Award in 1958, the Penn State brothers have received this honor a record seven times. Congratulations to Penn State for a well deserved honor!

Superior Chapter Award – Cornell

The brothers of the Cornell Chapter continue on the road to greatness. They were honored at the 2004 Centennial Conclave as the Outstanding Chapter of the Biennium and were honored as a Superior Chapter at the 54th Biennial Conclave and Leadership Academy in 2006. The Cornell brothers are active on their campus and have received numerous university honors for their efforts. Congratulations to Cornell on their continued success!

Superior Chapter Award – Illinois

The Illinois Chapter has gained great momentum in the past biennium. The brothers at Illinois have made great strides: moving to a new chapter house and improving alumni relations, campus and community involvement, and membership retention. For their efforts, the chapter was also honored as a Superior Chapter at the 54th Biennial Conclave & Leadership Academy. The momentum continued in the fall semester and Illinois is leading the pack on their campus. Congratulations to Illinois for a job well done!

Outstanding Chapter Award – California

The brothers of the California Chapter have met with great success over the past two years. On a campus where recruitment and retention is a task, the California brothers have persevered and succeeded where others have failed. Their commitment to Acacia is obvious in their actions and deeds. For their efforts, the California Chapter was honored as the Outstanding Chapter of the Biennium. Congratulations and here’s to their future successes.

I believe it was Christmas 1972 when I found myself in all places, Bakersfield, CA. Much like the Griswold family from the movie, National Lampoon’s Vacation (destination “Wally World”), the Larsons headed from the state of Washington to southern California to spend the holidays with relatives and visit Disneyland.

In Bakersfield lived my Great-Aunt Lissie. At 93 years young she was in good health and sound mind. At dinner one evening I remember the conversation revolving around the events and innovations that had occurred in her lifetime. When asked what she felt was the greatest innovation in her lifetime, her response was quick and without hesitation – television. Her rationale was simple – television enabled the world to shrink and brought it into everyone’s living room.

A few weeks ago, I attended a milestone birthday celebration for a friend. Now 50 is nowhere near 93, but like Aunt Lissie 34 years previously, the conversation turned to the changes we have seen. From the mundane: three dollar coffees, bottled water, cell phones, computers, iPods, the high cost of college education.

In the book Acacia Fraternity, The First Half Century, Founder George A. Malcolm wrote the following: “We who are termed the founders have seen the world progress from horse and buggy days to the atomic age. My first voyage across the Pacific in 1906 took me 26 days from San Francisco to Manila by ship. In 1951, I left Manila by airplane for San Francisco, and, due to difference in time, I arrived before I started. What changes in the past! What changes to be expected in the future!”

Change is occurring at a faster pace – now more than ever before. But, the old cliche still applies – the more things change, the more things stay the same. Fraternity has always been about developing and building relationships – and one constant that has remained steadfast is the Brotherhood of Acacia Fraternity. During my 20 years of serving the fraternity as executive director, I have had the privilege to visit every chapter of Acacia and I’ve witnessed brotherhood at its best. I have often asked our undergraduates what they felt is the greatest strength of their chapter. Their common response is “brotherhood.” When pressed to define it, they falter, as do I. I can’t define brotherhood, but I know it when I see it.

But what of the future? The goal for the next generation of Acaicians is to strengthen the bond of brotherhood through the development of a new initiative – the Membership Development Program.

What are their needs? Affordable college educations, competitive housing, development of leadership and personal skills and networking opportunities. Through the Membership Development Program, our aim is to reach out to untapped alumni of Acacia throughout North America to continue to be able service our undergraduate brothers’ needs.

You may remember the “Reach Out and Touch Someone,” jingle from the phone company years ago. In 2007, I encourage our Brotherhood to do the same. Locating and reconnecting with a long lost brother is just a click away. An entire listing of our Acacia brethren is located on the Acacia website and you can access this by going to the Egypt section of our website at www.acacia.org/egypt_main.htm. I also encourage you to update your own personal bio while visiting Egypt.

Whether it was George A. Malcolm in 1906 – or every man who has since worn the black and gold – we are obligated to leave a bigger, better and stronger Acacia to each new generation of brothers. The beginning of Acacia Fraternity in the spring of 1904 began the evolution of this Brotherhood to where we are today. It doesn’t matter what campus you’re on or what chapter you’re from – this Brotherhood belongs to all of us.

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