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More Than Bricks and Mortar

David J. Allen, International President

The Centennial Conclave held last July provided many Acacians with time to reflect on their personal experiences as a pledge, an active and an alumnus. Time has this wonderful way of allowing us to always remember the good times and be unable to recall those that were not “pleasant” times. Searching through all of the memorabilia stored at headquarters, as well as the accumulation of “stuff” of my own, opened the floodgates of memories. It also reminded me of the challenges fraternities face today. It is the warmth of good memories that makes it possible for each of us to confront the tough times we face, not just those of any fraternity, but those throughout our own lives.

I watched with growing anticipation the preparation of the memorabilia boards for the conclave. There in photographs and stories was one hundred years of Acacia. From the documents upon which we were founded to the most recent photographs of new initiates, our history looked back at us. The three hundred Acacians who attended the conclave in July experienced history as many of these young men looked with amazement on the exhibited items. What our founders dedicated themselves to in establishing Acacia Fraternity was there for the newest Acadian to view.

These same younger Acacians who represented our chapters also showed the courage and foresight to accept the responsibilities that attach to membership. The adoption of the strategic plan for our next decade reveals to all the challenges we face and the determination we have shown in continuing to fulfill the mission set forth by our Founding Fathers. I think our Founding Fathers would be very proud to know that their vision remains alive and well today in the hands of yet another generation of men who have obligated themselves to seek wisdom and understanding. Our motto, “Human Service,” is not just a plaque on the wall of a Fraternity house. It is alive and growing through our many philanthropic efforts.

As I look back nearly 50 years since my own initiation, the warmth of those memories, the fun and fellowship, the challenges, the sense of accomplishment and the true meaning of brotherhood surround me. I met many of my closest and most trusted friends because of my affiliation with Acacia. These brothers, nearly a half a century later, exemplify what fraternity means. It is not just the bricks and mortar of the physical structure in which we lived and learned.

The chapter house is but the shell that houses so many memories. When I walk through the front door, time freezes and I am once again young and full of energy. The friendly faces of brothers long unseen appear as if by magic. The achievements and the defeats of my college years are relived. Then, as reality sets in, I realize that this generation of my brother Acacians has the opportunity to witness the same emotions as they travel the journey from pledge to active to alumnus. Yes, we are more than brick and mortar. Our Fraternity is a lifelong commitment to our families, our communities and, most especially, our brothers.

This issue of the TRIAD is dedicated to the future. It is filled with hope and challenge. It is a reminder to all of us that what we have experienced is worthy of emulation. Much has been given to us and we have the duty to see that those who follow us into Acacia enjoy the same rights and assume the same duties.

You will read about the commitment undertaken on behalf of all Acacians as you review the report, Rising To The Challenge, unanimously adopted at the conclave. And, as you vicariously attend the Centennial Conclave in word and photograph, I hope you, too, my brother, will recall fond memories which make Acacia more than bricks and mortar. Please accept the challenges that face us and join in the efforts of the Fraternity and the foundation to provide our future brothers with the tools that success requires.
Marine Corporal Brandon Nordhoff takes a sip of 100-degree water from a canteen as his Hummer rumbles through the Iraqi village. He eyes the vacant buildings warily before returning to his radio. The hot desert sun has made his instruments scalding to the touch, and for once, he is glad he wore his gloves.

As he relays orders to the rest of his unit, a shot rings out. Everyone in the truck ducks for cover except the machine-gunner, who spins around, searching for the source of the fire. Three more shots – Nordhoff can hear them cut the air above his head and ricochet off the armored vehicle. The heavy rat-tat of the machine gun answers back.

Just as the sounds of the battlefield reach a crescendo, the glaring desert light fades into the dim rays of dawn, and Brandon Nordhoff is a world away, back home at Indiana University. Gone are the stifling heat, the pot shots from invisible enemies and the uncertainty of what the night will bring; only the nightmares remain.

But these days, the biggest problem the criminal justice major has is a looming exam. After eating rations in a tent in the desert for five months in 2003, college life has been a breeze. Now he’s making up for lost time, enjoying some of the simple pleasures most kids his age take for granted.

“I’ve just been living life, relaxing for the first time, not really worrying that anything bad is going to happen,” he says. “I can go out and have a good time with friends; instead of sitting in my tent and maybe playing a game of euchre, I can do things like Xbox, or I can go to a movie or see my girlfriend. I can eat fast food instead of MREs and talk to my family whenever I want.”

No matter how hard he tries to be a normal college student, Nordhoff knows his experiences have given him a perspective on life to which few of his peers can relate. He often has a hard time sympathizing with friends who complain about the long walk to the business school or their boring professors.

“I think, man, I’ve been to war, there’s other stuff you gotta worry about,” says the Bloomington native. “There are a lot of rich people here, but most of them are pretty genuine. When they take it for granted, that kind of pisses me off. I not only joined the military to pay for stuff, I also have a job on the side.”

Nordhoff enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps delayed entry program at 17, while he was still a junior in high school. He left for boot camp the day after his graduation. Once he completed his training, he enrolled at IU using the money he made in the Marine Corps. He attended IU for a year and a half before he was called into active duty.

Although the armed forces saw an increase in enlistment following the events of September 11, 2001, Nordhoff is no bandwagon patriot.

“I was one of those kids that had the American flag up before September 11, and I joined the military before September 11,” he says. “It didn’t take that to get me to join.”

Which is why the veteran doesn’t take kindly to some of the anti-war protests he sees on TV and in Bloomington. He says people at home don’t understand what it’s really like “over there,” in part due to the poor representation the media provides.

“I’m not the only college boy that’s been to war,” he says. “There’s a lot of other guys out there with similar experiences, maybe a little more gruesome at times, too. Just support them and know that they’ve done a lot for their country. It’s rough over there.” And that’s all he asks of people at home. “Think what you want about the war, just support the guys fighting it – they’re my buddies,” is his...
motto and it’s part of the reason he didn’t vote in the recent presidential election. He says he didn’t want to support President Bush because he didn’t want to be responsible for sending more troops to Iraq; and he didn’t want to support Senator Kerry because he believes the former candidate does not support the troops.

Now, Nordhoff answers questions nervously as he scribbles on the front page of the Indiana Daily Student, filling in the letters of the headline “U.S. Strikes Fallujah.”

“I always read this stuff,” he says. “I’m just worried about my buddies over there, sometimes I wanna be a part of it. In another sense, I’m glad I’m in college, because it’s a little less worrisome. I really don’t worry hard about anything anymore, besides my buddies over there. I worry about them a lot.”

Despite the difficult time he spent there, Nordhoff hopes to return to Iraq as a civilian someday.

“I actually miss it in a way. Because it all feels like a dream, just being out there for a short time. It becomes a part of you if you’re over there for a war. I’d like to visit some day as a civilian and not have to worry about being shot. There’s a lot of interesting stuff over there. Some parts of it actually are beautiful.”

— Mike McElroy, Indiana ’04

While Corporal Nordhoff and other Acacians have left active duty behind, still more brothers remain on the front lines. One such Acacian is Courtney Poston, Indiana ’02.

Poston, an Army Infantryman who was a truck driver in Korea before being redeployed to Iraq in August of 2004, recently took part in a three-week ground assault in Fallujah. His duties included blocking two bridges on the Euphrates River, one being the bridge from which U.S. contractors had been hung earlier in the year.

Poston’s unit, which is attached to the First Marine Expedition, was the first ever to be deployed from Korea to another mission elsewhere. His current assignment is that of specialist and driver for the first sergeant in Iraq. In a recent mission to Habbabia, Poston was guarding the first sergeant when his unit came under sniper attack and had to fire over 30 rounds in return. As enemy fire continued to rain on them through the day, there was no alternative except to dive into their truck for protection. Later, in a note to his parents, Poston described the attack as “very scary and dangerous. Fortunately, we made it out OK. This is the mission that I will talk about for the rest of my life.”

Poston is the recipient of the Marine Corps Commendation Award, of which only 25 are presented per battalion per year, and the Army Combat Infantry Badge. He has been serving our country since 2002.

Our deep gratitude goes out to every Acacia brother who is now serving, or has served in the past, in the U.S. Armed Forces. To those currently serving, know that our thoughts and prayers are focused on your speedy return home.

Travis E. Roll, Indiana ’02
United States Marines, Purple Heart Recipient

Courtney M. Poston, Indiana ’02
United States Army, 1-9 Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, currently stationed in Iraq

Brandon M. Nordhoff, Indiana ’04
Corporal, United States Marines, deployed to Iraq 2003

Linard Hills III, Iowa State ’03
United States Marines

Matthew A. Psilos, Louisiana State ’01
2nd Lieutenant, United States Army, Infantry Officer School

Norman V. Ryan, Jr., Louisiana State ’99
Intelligence Specialist Seaman, Naval Reserve

Henry J. Bergeron, Louisiana State ’01
Ensign, Naval Flight School

Michael N. Campbell, Louisiana State ’00
Seaman Recruit, Coast Guard Reserve

Jess C. Horsely, Morningside ’99
United States Marine Corp. 2D Battalion, 1st Marine, 1st Marine Division

Rick A. Samuelson, Morningside ’00

Chad J. Watkins, Morningside ’95

David Kinsel, Nebraska ’04
Air Technician E-4, Air Force Air Guard

Andrew R. Danek, Nebraska ’02
Diesel Truck Mechanic E-3, Marine Reserves

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Solomon McGill, Wisconsin ’97
United States Marines, 1st Lieutenant, currently on second deployment to Iraq as platoon commander, Al Anbar Province

The International Office welcomes names of brothers currently serving so that all may be recognized.
Okay, so you’re 40 years old, bored with your job, and you’ve stockpiled enough money to live for a few years without having to work. What do you do?

If you’re Jeff McQuarrie, you go on an 18-month adventure that includes – among other things – meeting all your boyhood football heroes.

by Kimberly Tebrugge

Many people hit their 40th birthday and find themselves in a job they don’t like, can’t tell a Tuesday from a Thursday for the monotony, and long for the hope and optimism that comes, and often goes, with the earlier decades of life. Some wonder about pursuing their dream career (someday), while others have already given up. A few, like Acacian Jeff McQuarrie, Washington State ’85, toss job, stress and, fundamental realists might say rationale, to the wind to follow their passions.

“I kept having this vision of being 70 years old, living in Arizona and having a sick feeling of regret because I was afraid to leave my cushy job,” Jeff said.

Typically, if you hear of someone who ignores the usual responsibilities of life to pursue a dream, the tale is told with a happy, tidy ending, after the dream came true. It’s hard to relate to the unknowns and risks that go with leaving a job for another opportunity. But today’s workforce is more likely to consider a mid-life career change than any previous generation. In an act of creating our own destiny, if we don’t like our job we can create one that suits us...if we dare. In 1850, the first U.S. Census listed 322 job titles; in 2000, there were 31,000. We have choices, but there are no “risk-free” guarantees. For Jeff’s story, and perhaps your story, the outcome is still being written. Jeff’s risk is made more dramatic by the fact that he was enjoying a six-figure salary and was arguably the top dog in his industry; he basically had tenure.

In 1987, Jeff began a two-year stint working for Acacia, first as a leadership consultant teaching skills to Fraternity leaders in North America and then as director of expansion, founding new colonies on campuses where there weren’t chapters. It proved the perfect post-graduation employment: he got to see the country, learn more about his Fraternity and meet people. It was an adventure, but not a career.

Major Kimberly Tebrugge is a freelance writer and graduate of the Air Force Academy who is currently completing her MBA at the University of Washington.
Jeff’s next job was as president and marketing director of a “sinking” sport-fishing lodge in Alaska.

When Jeff took over at the ripe age of 25, the lodge had not a single returning customer, and 23 liens against the property. He took it as a personal challenge to turn it into as a world-class vacation destination for corporate America. A few years later, Ford, Volvo and Nissan were among the repeat clients. He secured promotional spots highlighting the lodge on ESPN with legendary sports heroes Bob Griese, Phil Mickelson and Larry Csonka. The business was a profound success. According to his goals, Jeff had arrived, and then some.

He thought, “Now what?” He wanted to try something new. Only he wasn’t sure what that would be.

Jeff was raised with a work ethic that would impress a Midwest farmer. He was a deckhand on a fishing boat at age 12. Earned his captain’s license at the ripe age of 18. He paid his way through college. But, at 40, although he had saved enough to allow for a detour from the usual nine-to-five, the thought of not earning money for his wife and son was, well, terrifying. Maybe it was a mid-life crisis (something his Corvette convertible apparently hadn’t squelched), but he felt a calling to create a documentary about the history of Washington State football. As a two-way starter in high school, he knew a lot about football, and he loved his alma mater. But he didn’t know much about filmmaking. That didn’t stop him.

He quit his job, rented a downtown office and bought a video camera. Then he started making phone calls.

Although he knew he wanted the film to be about legendary football players who came from Washington State, the rest was a bit of a mystery that unfolded over the following year. In the beginning, Jeff’s general criteria for seeking interviews consisted indisputably of successful football players who are positive role models, with all-American status and at least five years in the NFL. This initial process sent Jeff on an adventure all over North America thinking, “If I’m dreaming, don’t wake me,” while interviewing his boyhood heroes.

He credits God with opening doors he thought were impossible to enter, and showing him specific avenues he hadn’t thought of taking. Jeff spent hours with ABC’s “Voice of College Football” Keith Jackson, Buffalo Bills quarterback Drew Bledsoe, Seattle Seahawks cornerback Marcus Trufant, and Pro Football Hall of Fame running back Larry Csonka, just to name a few. (Csonka is not from Washington State, but goes on camera to laud former Washington State coach Babe Hollingbery, founder of the East West Shrine Game.)

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shared something in common with most of his sports heroes: Christianity.

“My whole philosophy is, ‘Whatever doesn’t kill you can only make you stronger.’”

Mark’s mantra seems to fit another player Jeff features. A man who took a longer route discovering his true character and sense of brotherhood, but arrived just the same.

Junior Tupuola, a hard-hitting 240-pound linebacker during Jeff’s years at Washington State, had a reputation for being a partier and a brawler. He had accidentally shot one of his teammates in 1980. He had been kicked off two Canadian Football League teams for excessive drinking and bar fights. But while interviewing one of Junior’s former coaches, Jeff heard another part of the story.

“Junior had stopped playing football, was abusing drugs and alcohol. He worked as a body guard for a Saudi prince, partying every night, surrounded by royalty, living what he thought was his dream life, except for the absence of football. But the emptiness of living for himself just ate him up.”

“One night when he was driving around under the influence of drugs, he saw a leaning, nine-foot cross on a hilltop outside a San Diego suburb,” Jeff said. “For some reason, he decided to climb the hill and straighten out the cross. As he did, he just broke inside, asking himself ‘what am I doing taking drugs and beating people up?’”

Stranger still, his cousins found him there, beside that cross, and took him straight to the airport in the same clothes he’d been wearing for days. “At that point, I was almost a homeless person,” recalls Junior. They gave him some money, and put him on a plane to be reunited with his estranged parents in American Samoa. In Samoa, Junior traded drugs and alcohol for the seminary. He became a minister. Now, he uses his experiences from football and his wild living to illustrate life lessons to a Samoan congregation in Southern California. Once, his only dream was for himself, being an NFL player and partying. He thought his dream was over. But he found a new one, in serving God’s people.

Clips from the interview, with Junior’s still massive frame clad in all-white and preaching barefoot to an energetic congregation, offer a powerful picture of the human spirit and how to use one’s past for the greater good.

Filmmaking has been rewarding for Jeff, but it hasn’t all been easy. There are marginal moments, like when he gets treated like paparazzi and his pre-coordinated NFL interviews clash with unexpected security blockades at ritzy hotels. There are also long, lonely road trips and equipment failures to contend with.

“On those days, I wonder, what am I doing this for?” Jeff said. “But then, Julie (his wife) says, ‘This is all leading somewhere, don’t give up.’”

The film isn’t finished yet, but Jeff hopes to release it in May 2005. Will the film be a success? Will it cover the thousands of dollars Jeff’s put into it? Will it motivate and encourage those who watch it? These are questions Jeff can’t help but consider as he wraps up 18 months of his self-described boot camp of living by faith, learning his profession one day at a time.
Acacians Share the Holiday Spirit

For the third consecutive Christmas season, Acacians throughout North America reaffirmed the Fraternity’s commitment to “Human Service” by participating in our annual Holiday Toy Drive.

The toy drive was adopted at the 2002 Biennial Conclave in New Orleans as a new (and additional) philanthropic effort for the International Fraternity. Our chapters across North America are asked to participate to assist less fortunate families in providing a happier holiday season for their children. The event continues to grow in popularity.

To get the ball rolling, chapters contact local discount stores prior to the holiday shopping season to obtain permission to solicit toy donations from their customers. Brothers then station themselves in front of the store, provide information to each shopper and collect new toys upon the customers’ departure.

By the end of the day, the amount of toys collected can be staggering. Just ask the Nebraska Chapter of Acacia. In partnership with the Lincoln Action Program and Wal-Mart, chapter members spent a Sunday in front of one of Nebraska’s busiest shopping centers to hand out fliers and request that shoppers purchase a toy to be donated to benefit Lincoln Action Program’s “Kampout for Kids.” One of the largest and best known holiday toy drives in Eastern Nebraska, “Kampout for Kids” provides food and toys to underprivileged children in Lancaster County.

Justin Cardisco, a junior mechanical engineering major and the Nebraska Chapter’s venerable dean, organized the event.

“It’s important to remember the true spirit of the season,” Justin said. “Since Acacia was founded on the principle of human service, this is one small way we can work with our community to make someone’s Christmas just a little better.”

Penn State University Dedicates New Dorm In Honor Of Acacian G.K. Nelson

On October 9, 2004, the Penn State University honored the legend of G. Kenneth Nelson by dedicating a new state-of-the-art dormitory (located on the southeast corner of campus just above College Avenue) in his name. Friends, family, and university officials attended the ceremony, which offered a few words from president Graham Spanier, a tour of the facility and refreshments.

Dr. Nelson was honored for his many contributions to the university, most notably his pioneering of the use of television as a teaching tool.

Brother Nelson was initiated by the Penn State Chapter of Acacia in 1953.

During his 40-plus years of involvement with the fraternity, Brother Nelson served Acacia in many capacities, including advisor for the Penn State Chapter and treasurer of the National Council. He was a recipient of the Order of Pythagoras, the Award of Merit and the George F. Patterson, Jr. Award for his exemplary work and dedication to the principles and ideals of Acacia Fraternity.
As Acacia begins its second century in this centennial year, the Foundation is proud of the supporting role that we play in the Fraternity’s continued success. At the Centennial Conclave in Indianapolis, the Foundation unanimously voted to support the Fraternity’s strategic plan. The plan presents a candid look at the challenges facing the Fraternity and makes sound recommendations for meeting these challenges.

Acacia’s alumni have a vital role in implementing the strategic plan. This role includes providing additional financial support and increasing our involvement at the chapter level as alumni advisors and house corporation members. Acacia’s strategic plan includes several recommendations that directly affect the Foundation, including hiring a full-time development coordinator and creating a permanent endowment large enough to support 100% of the Fraternity’s educational activities.

The Foundation is committed to fully funding the strategic plan. This will require a three-fold increase in annual giving and a capital campaign. The Foundation directors have pledged $109,000 to this year’s Annual Fund, or one-third of the increased annual funding needed to implement the strategic plan. In turn, the directors are asking you to also make a three-fold increase in your Annual Fund donation. We are confident that Acacia alumni will rise to the challenge.

Highlights of the Past Year
The Foundation received $326,000 from alumni and other donors and provided $288,000 in support to the Fraternity and its chapters during the last fiscal year. Our assets increased to $1,377,000 as of the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2004.

The Foundation received $83,500 in contributions for the Annual Fund, an increase of 48% from the previous year. One hundred percent of these contributions are devoted to direct financial support of Acacia’s chapter leadership consultants and educational programs. The Foundation supplemented this alumni support with over $50,000 in investment earnings from the General Fund endowment.

An additional $24,600 was contributed by alumni to underwrite the annual leadership school, and $238,800 was donated to chapter accounts. The Foundation awarded 72 scholarships totaling $34,500, and made $95,000 in educational grants to 17 chapters. Chapter accounts had a combined balance of $680,000 at the end of the fiscal year.

The Foundation had net investment earnings of $161,000 in 2003-2004, for an average investment return of 17%.

Seventy-two alumni and friends of Acacia supported the Foundation with donations of $1,000 or more in the past year. A list of these donors appears on page 11 of this edition of the TRIAD. Please join me in thanking them for their leadership.

Foundation Expenses
For the fiscal year ending June 30, the Foundation had out-of-pocket administrative expenses of $19,852 for the preparation of audited financial statements by an independent accounting firm, liability and fidelity insurance, bank charges, filing fees, copying, postage and telephone use. This is 6% of funds raised. The Foundation also reimburses the Fraternity for printing, postage, mailing list maintenance and other expenses that support the Foundation’s fundraising activities. These costs totaled 9% of funds raised.

In the absence of the Foundation, the Fraternity would incur these expenses to perform non-tax exempt fund raising. Because tax-exempt contributions to the Foundation can be used to pay these costs, Acacia can devote a larger share of its limited resources to funding chapter expansions, Fraternity administration and other programs that do not qualify for Foundation funding.

Acacia Fraternity Foundation expenses, 2003-2004:
(L-R) Administration (4%); Fund raising (6%); Scholarships (7%); Educational Grants to Chapters (19%);
Support to Acacia Fraternity, Inc. (21%); Endowments to Chapter Accounts and the General Fund (43%).
Board of Directors
The Foundation’s board of directors is composed of 17 alumni and five non-voting emeritus directors representing 16 different Acacia chapters.

At the 2004 Annual Meeting, the membership elected John Peper, Texas ’88, to a second three-year term and elected Frank Cole, Texas ’71, and Paul Hiryak, Penn State ’74, to their first three-year terms on the board of directors. At the Foundation’s November meeting, the directors appointed former Foundation and Fraternity President Jerry Cook, Shippensburg ’66, to fill a vacancy on the board until the 2005 Annual Meeting.

Retiring from the board of directors at the 2004 Annual Meeting were John Beering, Purdue ’88, George Jackson, Penn State ’62, Roger Nealis, Indiana ’63, and Marv Rothhaar, Ohio State ’54.

In recognition of his leadership and dedication as Foundation vice president and vice chairman of Acacia’s strategic planning committee, the Foundation directors elected John Beering to the position of emeritus director at the conclusion of this Summer’s Centennial Conclave.

Dewey Ullsperger, Nebraska ’82, is the new Foundation vice president. Dewey leads the Foundation’s fundraising committee, which is hard at work on plans for a capital campaign to support the strategic plan.

Dan Bayston, Illinois ’80, and Larry Schroeder, Georgia ’77, continue as Foundation secretary and treasurer, respectively. The Foundation is also ably served by John Barber, Purdue ’58, as chairman of the scholarship committee, Hal Hanes, Indiana ’63, chairman of the nominating committee, Ron Hopkins, Syracuse ’69, chairman of the audit committee and John Pugh, Iowa State ’50, chairman of the investment committee.

Conclusion
On behalf of all of the Foundation’s directors, thank you for supporting Acacia financially through the Foundation.

Fraternally,
William A. Utic, President
Cornell ’74

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While planning for the Centennial Conclave last year it was estimated that additional funding of more than $15,000 would be needed to fund the specific programs designed for this very special occasion.

To commemorate Acacia’s 100th anniversary, the Acacia Fraternity Foundation funded the updating of *Acacia Sings* with the creation of a CD that was distributed to all attendees of the Centennial Conclave. This is an all-new, professionally produced and handsomely packaged recording featuring 16 tracks, including *Bless Now Acacia, We’re the Men from Acacia*, and *We’re All Good Brothers*.

As a thank you to the many people who have helped make the Foundation the success it is today, CDs were mailed to those alumni who have been generous contributors. A limited number of CDs remain available for purchase from the International Headquarters office. For a donation to the Foundation of $30 or more, you can enjoy the lasting memories provided by this special keepsake of Acacia songs. For more information please contact the office at acacianat@acacia.org or toll free at 1-888-345-1904.

The Acacia Fraternity Foundation wishes to thank the following contributors whose generosity helped facilitate the planning and execution of the Centennial Conclave and helped make the production of the *Acacia Sings* CD possible.

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Even in the digital age, Acacia still sings!
## 2003-2004 Scholarship Recipients

### The Acacia Fraternity

**Foundation scholarship recipients** are selected on the basis of their ability to balance the pursuit of a degree with the development of leadership skills, extracurricular participation and the building of a sense of social responsibility, which are all necessary attributes for successful growth in one’s life and career.

### AFF Scholarships, Fall 2003
- Michael E. Gano, Iowa State
- Michael O’Doherty, Iowa State
- Peter M. Rimshnick, Cornell
- David M. Rimshnick, Cornell
- William F. Gilman, California
- Matthew J. Armstrong, Morningside
- Mark Ganucheau, Louisiana State
- Andrew Gerdes, Nebraska
- Michael Molosky, California
- Mark A. Dotta, Millersville
- Adam J. Fuchsteiner, Saint Cloud State
- Kyle M. Sawa, Indiana

### University of Texas / Texas A&M
- Pegah Javidpour, Texas
- Matthew Korhonen, Texas
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- Tyler Leavengood, Texas A&M
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### G.K. Nelson Scholarships
- Bradley D. Russell, Penn State
- G. Hunter Allen, Penn State
- Theodore Q. Thompson, Penn State
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- Ryan D. Anderson
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- Craig A. Buske
- Jared A. Kline
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- Keegan J. Kautzky

### Iowa Chapter Scholarships
- Andrew Eagan
- Andrew Jones

### Kansas State Chapter Scholarships
- Casey A. Mattke
- David L. McCandless
- Lucas D. Shivers
- Ryan J. Hamel
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### Donald H. Arvold Memorial Scholarships
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- Garrett P. Lofgren, Saint Cloud State
- Adam J. Fuchsteiner, Saint Cloud State
- Kyle Becker, Saint Cloud State
- Daniel Boe, Saint Cloud State
- Tyler Johnson, Saint Cloud State
- Dustin Prager, Saint Cloud State

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- Sheldon L. Trice, Shippensburg

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- Tanner M. Callender, Kansas State

### George F. Patterson, Jr. Scholarship
- Keegan J. Kautzky, Iowa State

### Emma C. Allen Memorial Scholarships
- Joseph B. Kincaid, Oregon State
- Kyle M. Sawa, Indiana
- Sean M. Slattery, Indiana
- Adam J. Fuchsteiner, Saint Cloud State
- William J. Gust, Missouri
- Arthur W. Konrad, California
- Jeffrey P. Landherr, Iowa State

### AFF Scholarships, July 2004
- Joseph B. Kincaid, Oregon State
- Arthur W. Konrad, California
- Justin K. Kwan, Rensselaer
- Jeffrey P. Landherr, Iowa State
- Michael B. McLean, Wisconsin
- David B. Padgett, Texas A&M
- Jeffrey L. Peil, Iowa State
- Joshua J. Pennington, Cal. Univ. of PA
- Kyle M. Sawa, Indiana
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### Arthur D. Lautzenheiser Memorial Scholarship
- Kyle M. Sawa, Indiana
In the history of Acacia Fraternity, the 100th Anniversary will be talked about for years to come. Whether it was the record attendance, the passing of the key strategic plan, or the presentation of the new Field of Excellence Awards – the Centennial Celebration created memories that will resonate with Acacians for years to come.

The first thing encountered by most Acacians at the conclave was the Regalia Room. One hundred years of history literally surrounded brothers who toured the impressive display. After combing through the files and much research, the headquarters staff provided a rich and detailed view of the fraternity’s history. Jim Richardson, Indiana ’80, who welcomed the conclave delegates as a representative of the host chapters, presided over the Regalia Room as well as the Centennial Golf Classic.

To kick off the conclave, Acacian Doug McCraw, Nebraska ’86, who was such a success at the New Orleans conclave in 2002, returned to entertain once again. The renowned hypnotist/comedian brought down the house as he enticed Acacia volunteers on stage to help with his performance. Neither the audience nor the participants will soon forget the show.

International President David J. Allen, Indiana ’57, presided over the Opening Business Session, where the 2002-2004 Biennial Report was presented by Executive Director Darold W. Larson, Washington State ’81. And, the most pivotal piece of legislation at the conclave, Acacia’s Strategic Plan, was also highlighted.

Featured alumni, J. Scott Cleland, Ohio ’88; Brian Downs, Central Oklahoma ’99; Jeremy Davis, Iowa State ’00; and George Levesque, Carleton ’89, hosted the conclave round table sessions. Each did an outstanding job and Acacia would like to thank these brothers once again for their leadership and dedication to our fraternity.

Featured speakers included Adam DesAutels, Saint Cloud State ’99, president of DesAutels Communications Agency, whose program was entitled “Recruitment in the 21st Century.” Brad Karsh, president of JobBound, focused on helping undergraduates prepare for the job market. On the alumni track, Barry F. Baxter, Texas ’77, provided a program for reconnecting alumni to our Fraternity. Featured speaker at the Acacia Fraternity Foundation Scholarship Banquet was L. Dennis Smith, Indiana ’56, past president of the University of Nebraska. His keynote address linked Acacia and education, citing many examples from his time as a university president.

Nearly 80 Acacians braved the early morning hours on Friday to enjoy the Centennial Golf Classic. Though word spread that no course records were set, the scramble provided ample entertainment for every Acacian and the prizes provided by the sponsors were well earned. Jim Richardson spent countless hours gathering participants, hole sponsors and outstanding prizes and did such a spectacular job that many have requested it become an annual event.

At a special session, the strategic plan was presented in more detail to the delegates of the conclave. Though

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Acacia Fraternity Foundation President Bill Utic awarding scholarships at the AFF Scholarship Banquet.

Louisiana State alumnus Mark Guidry discusses golf strategies with Indiana alumnus Roger Nealis at the Centennial Golf Classic, held at the Legends of Indiana.

Outgoing International First Vice President Scott Cleland (center) receives a standing ovation from outgoing International Counselor George Levesque (left), Executive Director Darold Larson (right) and conclave delegates.

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Outgoing Acacia Fraternity Foundation Vice President John Beering received the Award of Merit. He was also named Director Emeritus of the Foundation.

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Past International Presidents Joe Reed (left) and Irv Field (right) flank 2004 Field of Excellence honoree Les Liebel.
Centennial Conclave Individual Awards

George F. Patterson, Jr. Award
Marvin E. Rothhaar, Ohio State ’54
Gerald C. Cook, Shippensburg ’66

Past Presidents Award
George F. Patterson, Jr., Cincinnati ’42
Lafayette W. “Pete” Knapp, Cornell ’49
Irving M. Field, Missouri ’54
Joseph F. Reed, Long Beach ’55
John F. Hoffner, Purdue ’66
Donald W. Solanas, Jr., Louisiana State ’68
Gerald C. Cook, Shippensburg ’66

Award of Merit
John F. Beering, Purdue ’88
Christopher B. Carpentier, Indiana ’93
Craig S. Johnson, Louisiana State ’90
Jeffrey H. Jordan, Ohio State ’84
R. Earl Snapp, Cincinnati, ’42
Steven L. Stein, Cornell ’70
Dewayne E. Ullsperger, Nebraska ’82

Field of Excellence Awards
Philanthropy
Richard E. Ford, Indiana ’58

Business and Technology
Mark R. Guidry, Louisiana State ’57

Education
Lester N. Liebel, Washington State ’40

Business and Education
Anthony G. Marshall,
New Hampshire ’59

Education
H. Keith Sawyers, Iowa State ’56

Education
L. Dennis Smith, Indiana ’56

Business and Philanthropy
James I. Tims, Texas ’63

Roy C. Clark Award
2003
Ian E. Finn, California University of Pennsylvania
2004
Matthew E. Foss, Indiana

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Joshua J. Pennington, California University of Pennsylvania
Rick J. Rubican, California University of Pennsylvania
Steve R. Etter, California University of Pennsylvania
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Jeffrey Pinyan, Rensselaer
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Luke N. Lamprecht, Saint Cloud State
T. Marshall Jones, Texas
Robert W. Mickam, Texas
Christopher M. Moose, Texas
John H. Peper, Texas
William C. Andrae, Wisconsin

Indiana Chapter brothers Matt Goodwin, Antone Najem and Patrick Zimmerman.
Undergraduates Karlin Carney, Syracuse, and George Daratany, NWOSU.

Iowa State undergraduates Brian Figueroa and Christian Cox.

The Acacia Singers wow the crowd at the Centennial Banquet.

Six of Acacia’s seven living past presidents were on hand to lend an air of gravitas to the Centennial Banquet. (L-R) Brothers Reed, Patterson, Solanas, Hoffner, Cook and Field.

Jarrod VanZant, UCO venerable dean, accepts the chapter’s Malcolm Award.

Cornell Chapter brothers, including Venerable Dean Tom Balcerski (far right), accept their Outstanding Chapter Award from Assistant Executive Director Keith Bushey.

Rob Mickam, Texas advisor, receives his Order of Pythagoras from Don Solanas.

Brothers from the Iowa Chapter.

Louisiana State brothers after receiving their Superior Chapter award from Keith Bushey.
there were many questions and some debate over certain points, in the end conclave delegates chose to unanimously approve the plan. The Acacia Fraternity Foundation also gave its own ringing endorsement of the plan by committing funds to its execution.

The Acacia Fraternity Foundation Scholarship Banquet, a luncheon in years past, was switched to an evening affair. Lester N. Liebel, Washington State ’40, gave the invocation. After dinner and the presentation of this year’s scholarships by Foundation President William A. Utic, Cornell ’74, a new award was presented by Executive Director Larson. The Field of Excellence Award is to be presented to those alumni who have excelled in their respective field, be it business, politics, education, athletics, science or the arts.

Alumni recognized at the banquet for outstanding contributions in their professions were L. Dennis Smith, Indiana ’56 – Education; H. Keith Sawyers, Iowa State ’56 – Education; Mark R. Guidry, Louisiana State ’57 – Business and Technology; and Lester N. Liebel – Education. For a complete listing of the first winners of this award, please see page 23.

Following dinner, alumni headed to 30 South Meridian for an alumni reception. The rooftop setting and mild weather made for the perfect combination as alumni gathered for informal conversation and “tall tales.” Whether meeting for the first time or talking to old friends, it was the perfect end to Friday’s activities.

Saturday’s Centennial Business Session saw a flurry of activity. While many resolutions were made to celebrate this milestone in Acacia history, two in particular stood out. The first

honored George F. Patterson, Jr., Cincinnati ’42, as an “Acacia Great” of the fourth quarter century. He joins Founders George A. Malcolm, Charles A. Sink and long-time Executive Secretary Roy C. Clark as one of the truly great men in Acacia’s history. In another resolution, the original Michigan charter was presented to International President Allen by Michael J. Davidson, Michigan ’85, to be held at the fraternity headquarters “until it is needed again by the Michigan Chapter of Acacia.”

The Centennial Conclave ended with one of the most memorable banquets in the fraternity’s history. Nearly four hundred delegates, undergraduates, alumni and guests gathered for the final event.

The evening began with an inspiring performance by the Acacia Singers, who had been practicing throughout the week, singing many Acacia favorites including Bless Now Acacia. The inclusion of songs so beautifully sung was especially apropos as the new Acacia Sings CD was distributed at this, our Centennial Conclave. In addition, R. Earl Snapp, Cincinnati ’42, who revisited the Acacia Sings songbook in 1960, was honored with the Award of Merit.

All of Acacia’s living past presidents, with the exception of L.W. “Pete” Knapp, Jr., Cornell ’49, who was unable to attend due to health reasons, were seated on the dais – George F. Patterson, Jr., (1962-70); Irving M. Field, Missouri ’54 (1974-78); Joseph F. Reed, Long Beach ’55 (1978-82); John F. Hoffer, Purdue ’66 (1982-86); Donald W. Solanas, Jr., Louisiana State ’68 (1992-98); and Gerald C. Cook, Shippensburg ’66 (1998-2002). Each was presented a Past Presidents Recognition Pin in honor of their years of service and leadership. Brother Knapp’s pin was presented at a later date. The past presidents then assisted in presenting the Order of Pythagoras awards.

The Acacia Fraternity and Acacia Fraternity Foundation have been blessed for the past several years with the strong and capable leadership of International President Allen and Foundation President Utic. Their direction and leadership are a driving force as we begin our second century.

The successful and highly memorable Acacia Fraternity Centennial Conclave would not have been possible without the cooperation of the Acacia Fraternity Foundation, the International Council, the headquarters staff and the many dedicated brothers who worked so diligently. Thank you!

Lifelong friends since their undergraduate days in the Cincinnati Chapter, George Patterson and Earl Snapp.
Rising to the Challenge: Acacia Fraternity’s Next 100 Years

by Gregory J. Owen, International Counselor

As the celebration of Acacia’s first 100 years draws to a close, it is a fitting time to look to our next 100 years.

Committee members Ian Finn (left) and Greg Owen at a weekend meeting.

There is no doubt Acacia will face challenges in the future. Many are similar to those faced by the entire fraternity system. Like many things in life, some of these challenges are of our own making, and many come from activities beyond our control. Many, if not all, can be overcome by the actions we choose to take.

Acacia met many challenges during its first 100 years. We only have to read the Pythagoras, or the various histories of the fraternity, to get a sense of some of the challenges our brothers faced and how they overcame them. For example:

- From 1929 to 1945 (16 years), Acacia added only one new chapter, and many became inactive
- From 1947-1951 (four years), twelve new chapters were added
- From 1955-1965, Acacia added an average of one new chapter per year
- In the late 1960s through the 1970s, we faced the closure of large, old-line chapters
- In the 1980s, we saw a renewal of expansion and growth

Clearly, we have had many ups and downs. While we can’t be sure when these changes will occur or what they will be, we can be certain that the fraternity will be subject to changes. Our goal as a fraternity is to manage these changes in a positive fashion and to have more ups than downs. The reasons behind Acacia’s strategic plan can be found in the advice of Yogi Berra, “You’ve got to be very careful if you don’t know where you’re going, because you might not get there.”

None of us know what will happen to Acacia in the next 100 years. However, we can do our part to make sure the fraternity plans for where we are going, remains strong and continues to grow through the 21st Century. Acacia’s new strategic plan, Rising To The Challenge, provides a roadmap for us as we begin this journey.

The Process

At the 2002 Conclave in New Orleans, the Acacia Fraternity Foundation (AFF) asked the International Council to form a committee to develop a vision for the fraternity – grounded in reality and with a view of the opportunities for Acacia. The council eagerly took on the task to chart Acacia’s course through the first decade of the 21st Century, and formed a committee of alumni and undergraduate volunteers. The committee worked through 2003, assessing the environment and developing a plan targeted to meeting our needs and achieving our goals.

The Plan

Approved at conclave in 2004, Rising To The Challenge is a simple, focused plan built on the following premises:

- Keeping and building a strong organization of chapters
- Supporting the fraternity’s social, philanthropic, and organizational

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goals through donations of time and money
• Improving communication with brothers

This last point is a critical component of all aspects of the strategic plan. The committee realized it is important for every Acacian to be aware of what the fraternity is doing, why it is being done and encouraging participation from all brothers. The plan recognizes that each chapter has a unique character, but we all share the same Acacia values and principles. The ultimate goal is to strengthen the foundation and ensure Acacia Fraternity is prepared to meet the challenges that will come in the 21st century.

In the words of Will Rogers, “Even if you’re on the right track, you’ll get run over if you just sit there.” Acacia’s plan is one of action. Taking us to 2010, the plan outlines 2-year and 6-year goals, and specific actions to achieve them in the following areas:

• Increasing undergraduate recruitment and membership
• Increasing undergraduate retention and participation
• Strengthening membership education
• Increasing alumni involvement
• Expanding philanthropic endeavors
• Improving financial health of the fraternity
• Aggressively increasing communication

The plan also includes measurable goals as well as tactics for actives and alumni to help Acacia achieve them. A vision for each section, key milestones, resources required and projected benefits to the fraternity are incorporated as well.

The International Council and Executive Director are accountable for the execution of the plan and will regularly report on its status. This will occur through regular communication, and more formally through regional meetings and at each conclave throughout the plan implementation period. It is viewed as a living document and will be frequently updated as required.

Acacia’s Future
By participating in Acacia, we have each been given a set of values and principles that have contributed greatly to our individual and collective characters. Acacia has shaped our lives and given us the tools to succeed. It is up to us who now proudly carry the mantle of Acacia Brother to work together so that 10, 20 and even 100 years from now, young men from all walks of life will continue to benefit from the Acacia experience.

Every Acacian must ask himself a simple question, “What happens to my fraternity without a successfully implemented and financed strategic plan?” As you read it, we hope you will reach the same conclusion that the committee did in developing the plan – implementing it is critical to managing the challenges which will come our way and to preparing for the future.

It requires all brothers to make a personal commitment to Acacia – taking a positive and active approach through involvement in your chapter, other Acacia chapters, and at the international level. Our success rests with each of us.

International President David J. Allen said it well in his letter introducing the draft plan to the delegates to the 2004 Conclave: “Let it not be said of us that we failed because we did not try. Let it be said of us that we were successful because we tried valiantly and succeeded because of our commitment to our fraternity.”

The full version of Rising To The Challenge has been sent to chapter advisors, house corporation board presidents, venerable deans, and the Acacia Fraternity Foundation. It can be viewed on the Acacia website at www.acacia.org, or by contacting International Headquarters at (317) 872-8210. Brothers with any questions can feel free to contact the International Headquarters or any member of the International Council.
Indiana Chapter To Host Sixth Consecutive Leadership Academy

Acacia’s Centennial Conclave is now history, fall has transitioned into winter, undergraduates are gearing up for a new semester and we’re planning for summer. That’s right, summer planning is upon us with the Acacia Leadership Academy in full swing.

This year marks the 6th Biennial Leadership Academy to be held at the Indiana University chapter house in Bloomington, IN. This year’s event is scheduled for July 27-31, 2005.

Held during off-conclave years, the Acacia Leadership Academy draws the cream of the crop of our undergraduate Fraternity members. Over 100 of Acacia’s best and brightest converge upon the Indiana chapter house to share in the free flowing exchange of ideas between chapters, and the fraternal setting is the perfect opportunity for undergraduates to live and function as one chapter. A balanced mix of speakers, fraternal issues and entertainment compliment the program to provide the undergraduates a great fraternal experience. Acacia is the only fraternity to offer this unique program in a fraternal setting.

Acacia Fraternity is a community of shared experiences, events, team competitions and learning. At the Leadership Academy, our undergraduate brothers learn, experience and live fraternity. As these skills are passed on to their chapter members, the realization that the Acacia community truly extends beyond the boundaries of chapter and university comes to fruition.

If you are in the Bloomington area during the Acacia Leadership Academy, please feel free to stop by and see what this extraordinary Acacia community is all about.

Meet Acacia’s Road Warriors

Devin E. Johnson
Headquarters is happy to have Devin serving as a leadership consultant. A political science major and 1999 initiate of the Iowa Chapter, Devin served his chapter in many capacities – recruitment committee member, homecoming chairman, alumni chairman and venerable dean.

Devin has also been instrumental in the chapter’s largest philanthropic endeavor, A Taste of Iowa City. As traveling is one of Devin’s favorite pastimes, some of his best Acacia memories include pledge skips and other road trips with the Iowa brothers.

This past summer, Devin backpacked through Europe. His other interests include running, reading and lifting weights.

Timothy R. Phillips
Acacia is pleased to welcome Tim to the staff. A 2000 initiate of the California University of Pennsylvania Chapter, he brings extensive chapter experience to his position as leadership consultant, having served as junior dean and recruitment chairman for two consecutive terms each.

Tim studied sports management during his undergraduate years. He was heavily involved in student government, serving as a student senator, activities board member and student cabinet and IFC president. Tim is also an avid sports fan and was a member of the university’s rugby team.

During his time at CUP, Tim watched his chapter grow from a group rarely heard from to one that receives local and national accolades. He is very excited to have a chance to give back to Acacia for all that it’s given him.
Central Oklahoma
The Central Oklahoma Chapter has been hard at work maintaining our reputation as the best organization on campus. Rush was amazing this semester. We were able to sign 21 of the best leaders on campus, both academically and socially. As a whole, we continue to strive to become a bigger power on campus and in our community. Our chapter’s members are involved in countless school organizations ranging from student body president to president of Stumo (Student Mobilization). We’d be selling ourselves short by saying that, at the least, 60% of our active membership is involved in at least one leadership role on campus or in the community.

Having a large roster of members who truly care for and love our fraternity has allowed us to make some heavily needed improvements to our chapter house. Over the summer and the beginning weeks of this semester we were able to strip the old carpet out and replace it with new carpet. This alone gave the house a much better look and feel.

Our volleyball pit was filled with more sand and a lattice wall was built to keep flying volleyballs out of the street. With the sand left over from the volleyball pit, we dug a horse-shoe pit in the back yard that has not gone unused since its construction. Just recently our new pledges set a day aside to repaint the house before homecoming to finish off the much needed face-lift. Many of the alumni who came to our breakfast and silent auction the morning of homecoming commented that the house looked better than it ever had.

On the topic of homecoming, we had one of the biggest alumni and parent turnouts ever for our Saturday activities. Two of our chapter’s founding fathers were present for the festivities and were excited to see Brother Lane Perry become the ninth Acacian in a row to be crowned Homecoming King. This is truly an exciting time for both our active chapter and alumni to see our house continue to grow.

As the semester continues we are hard at work organizing our annual philanthropy, Seven Days of Service. This is an event that is a lot of work but also a lot of fun for our members. Starting on Sunday, November 7th, and ending Saturday the 14th, our members took part in a philanthropy each day. These activities range from sacking food at food distribution warehouses, Adopt-a-Street trash pick up, Ronald McDonald House, and sorority house clean up. This not only helps out the community but it also creates a stronger tie in our brotherhood. We look forward to this opportunity every year and are excited to carry out our motto of “Human Service.”

Great things are happening for our chapter as we have had the opportunity to travel to different chapters around the state and in Texas to help out with rituals, initiation and the process of gaining a charter. This semester we traveled to the NWOSU Chapter and participated in their initiation and chartering ceremonies. We feel privileged to have the opportunity to do this because not only is this a huge step for their chapter, but also for our International Fraternity. We truly love this fraternity and are continually trying to do what we can to give those who will become Acacians in the future the same great experiences and lifelong ties that we have today.

Cornell
Greetings from the Cornell Chapter, fellow Acacians! As I write, it is the epitome of a fall day here in Ithaca. It reminds me of why I came to Cornell. As we mentioned in the last TRIAD, our chapter has grown. We are at full capacity this semester and we expect to reach even greater numbers next semester. The brotherhood is eager to create the best possible future for the fraternity. I hope you join me in the enthusiasm and excitement we all feel about not only our chapter, but also the great International Fraternity of which we are a part.

It’s amazing to see how alumni brothers like Steve Stein ’74, Jim Showacre ’50, and now Brad Schmidt ’99, continue to work for the fraternity’s betterment. They are icons in this house. I’d especially like to congratulate Steve Stein for his recognition as a recipient of the Award of Merit, one of Acacia’s highest honors, from Cornell Venerable Dean Tom Balcerski.

The Cornell Chapter is stronger than ever. Our house is in fine shape, and
**Chapter News**

**Iowa State Focuses On Academics**

we are all proud of what we have achieved here. After our great time at conclave, we are proud of our chapter and the International Fraternity of which we are a part. We are Acacians and we are proud of it.

**Iowa State**
The Iowa State Chapter has been hard at work continuing the tradition of academic success that has become synonymous with Acacia all over the country.

At the 53rd Biennial Conclave, the Iowa State Chapter received the Academic Programming award. Additionally, three of our members won Foundation scholarships totaling $3,000. Our goal for the coming year is to have a house grade point average above a 3.5 and be the top academic house at Iowa State for the fourth straight semester.

![Iowa State brothers at Acacia's 53rd Biennial Conclave.](image)

Summer rush was a huge success. We signed nine new members and were able to fill our chapter house to capacity. Our new member class contains five National Merit scholars, one VEISHA scholar, and a second place finisher in the International Debate finals.

Our homecoming pairing this fall finished in fourth place overall with good showings in many events and activities. A number of our men recorded significant hours building the lawn display and performing our Yell Like Hell routine. We will begin preparation for our Varities song and dance skit in the next few weeks. Our increased membership base has allowed us to participate more actively in these and other Greek events.

Other future plans at the Iowa State Chapter include our annual house party, Seven Days of Service, and our Pages of Promise textbook drive. Last year we collected almost 11,000 books. Our goal for this fall is to collect 15,000 books at Iowa State to send to African school systems and universities. We have already expanded this project out to six other schools in Iowa.

Thanks to the generous donations of our alumni, we were able to replace over half the windows in our chapter house. These new windows not only enhance the beauty of our house but will also help us save hundreds of dollars in heating and cooling costs in the next few years.

Future capital improvements include refinishing the wood floor on our main level, replastering and painting our dining room, and turning our basement into a library. These improvements will transform what is already the nicest house on campus into an even better place to live, learn and grow.

**Iowa**
After graduating a large class of seniors in the spring, the Iowa Chapter was left with a young and inexperienced house. Instead of worrying about this, we have been using our youth to our advantage. It has been a time of fresh perspective and high energy. We have focused this energy on recruiting new men, and have gotten used to seeing new faces around our house. We look forward to the coming weeks and welcome any new challenges they bring. We also want to thank Chris Berry for his service to the fraternity as chapter advisor. Chris recently wed and has passed the reins on to Bryk Lancaster to help guide our chapter. Thanks Chris!

**Indiana**
The fall semester got off to a great start with a strong rush. The chapter ended up pledging 35 men. We also initiated our spring class, adding 18 brothers to the chapter. Our chapter roll is now up to 2,143 initiated brothers since our founding on May 22, 1920. We look forward to celebrating our 85th anniversary this coming spring.

Philanthropy has always been one of our great interests. This year the annual Miles for Meals philanthropy run took place when the Indiana and Purdue Chapters ran a football from Bloomington to West Lafayette. Since its beginning three years ago, this event has raised over $30,000 for food banks in the IU and Purdue areas. It has helped to raise the name recognition of Acacia throughout central Indiana.

The annual toy drive philanthropy effort has begun as this article is written. We will, as we have done for many years, collect funds, provide funds ourselves and solicit toys and clothing from Bloomington merchants to be distributed by the
Monroe County Salvation Army. The chapter held its biennial Night on the Nile dance in November and, as always, it was a great success. The Egyptian theme and the decorations in front of the house with the sphinx looking down on everyone are always a campus favorite.

This spring we will have our annual Waterball Challenge charity effort. This event has raised funds to assist those less fortunate and to strengthen relationships with the local police and fire departments.

The Little 500 bike team is off to another positive start. With only one veteran rider returning, the team has its work cut out and knows it. Rigorous training is already underway. The house corporation and our chapter alumni association, in cooperation with Bike Team Captain Andy Cvinger, has put together a coordinated fund raiser in order to underwrite the high costs involved with fielding a competitive team. Acacia is second in overall standings since the race was instituted in 1953. Veteran riders Pat “Rico” Riley and Kurt Gensheimer will coach the 2005 team.

Our house corporation devoted much of its financial resources to upgrading the exterior and interior of the chapter house. The Lautzenheiser Library has all new furniture. New carpet was placed in all the hallways and the interior halls as well as the exterior areas were painted. The corporation is also financing upgrades to our computer system.

Our chapter and alumni are grateful for the recognition the chapter received at the conclave. It was our honor to share the Malcolm Award with the brothers from the Central Oklahoma. We also received Chapter Excellence Awards for Alumni Programming and Advisory; Athletic Achievement; Human Service Programming; and Membership Recruitment.

Fall recruitment was one of the most successful we have had in some time. Our hard work paid off and we were able to formally pledge 14 men. They are making great progress towards becoming brothers.

This year at homecoming we did our float with Sigma Pi Fraternity along with Alpha Sigma Alpha and Delta Gamma sororities. The theme for this year’s homecoming was Around the World, and we went all out on our Italian theme. We won second place in the homecoming float competition and drew a lot of attention at the parade during the festive weekend. We would like to invite our alumni back to Indiana to see the progress we have made this year. Good luck to everyone and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

Illinois Wesleyan
This year the Illinois Wesleyan Chapter started off running as we attempted to have our most successful rush in several years. Thanks to the hard work and planning of the active chapter, and support from the local alumni, we doubled the size of our house.

Homecoming, held in early October, was a great success with excellent turnout from chapter alumni. Many thanks to the local alumni, who coordinated and ran the events.

Kansas State
This year we have taken several huge steps to become more recognized on campus. Our biggest step was to start a new philanthropy. We tried to get the whole community involved to try and break the world record for the largest pillow fight. While we did not break the record, we raised over
K-State Continues “Drive-By-Rakings”

K-State Venerable Dean Nathan Mentzer at the Centennial Conclave.

$500 for the local school district.

This year we hosted our first Senior Man Olympics, where we invited our alumni to participate in games such as flag football, basketball, pool and darts.

We are also continuing our Drive-By-Rakings. This is a community service project involving showing up at a house unannounced, raking the yard, hauling off the leaves and leaving a note saying, “You have been the victim of a drive-by-raking.” Finally, we had the first Night on the Nile since we have been back on campus.

Our chapter officers for this year are Nathan Mentzer, venerable dean; Ryan Hamel, senior dean; Lane Roney, junior dean; J. J. Jones, secretary/treasurer and Tanner Callender, senior steward. Please feel free to call on any of us.

Louisiana State University

The brothers at LSU would like to let everyone know that we are having a great semester so far. We came into this semester flying high after last year’s National Championship and have continued to thrive with that momentum. We have 33 pledges, all of great quality, and we are looking forward to initiating them soon.

This school year we are planning a new philanthropy, Acacia Kingpin. It will be a bowling tournament to support MDA. We have it planned for the spring, and we already have many sponsors. Since we are benefiting MDA, we will be on the “Jerry’s Kids” telethon next Labor Day weekend. We hope everything is going well with you.

Miami

The brothers of the Miami of Ohio Chapter would like to congratulate our four new brothers of the Alpha Omicron pledge class. Each new brother is taking an active role in the success of the chapter. This year is an important year for us; recruitment is priority number one. Rush has been going well, and we would like to send a thank you to Leadership Consultants Devin Johnson and Tim Phillips for all their efforts and hard work.

Our housing corporation has secured a construction loan to repair and update the chapter house. It has also provided us with new living room and dining room furniture. We are looking forward to a revamped house, as well as a big spring pledge class.

We are already preparing for our third Annual Acacia Toy Drive, benefiting the Oxford Community Center.

The brothers would like to send our best wishes and good luck to other chapters with deferred rush and look forward to meeting brothers at this summer’s ALA.

Missouri

After conclave, the men of the Missouri Colony came back invigorated and ready to take on the fall semester. One of our goals that we’re working on is our relationship with the local Masonic lodge. We’ve adopted a flowerbed at the local lodge and are working with the Scottish Rite. Some of our brothers are volunteering with the Clown Corps and others are helping with our local Shriners Motor Club.

During homecoming, we challenged each one of the colleges and offices on campus to collect canned goods for the Central Missouri Food Bank. We made front-page news with our partnership with STRIPES, a campus organization that offers free rides on Friday and Saturday evenings to college students who may be under the influence of alcohol. Our colony pledged three to four men every weekend to help out. We also volunteer every week at the Central Missouri Food Bank. Currently, sixteen actives have completed 250 human service hours this semester.

During rush, we inducted four quality pledges. Our Senior Dean, Geoffrey Maddox, has been working diligently with them on their pledge education. We’re excited for these pledges and hope to initiate them into our brotherhood soon.

On October 16, 2004, our corporation board met and decided on a fund-raising campaign to obtain a house by 2007. We also were able to meet with 25 alumni from the 1950s and 1960s. It was wonderful to hear stories from the past, especially how our house was the most academically sound house at Mizzou.

Finally, our fraternity also participated in GAMMA, a month of alcohol and drug awareness events. I’m happy to announce that we are currently in first place with our participation and
involvement with this large event. As the semester winds down, we are eager to see our new leadership develop and carry on our legacy of leadership, human service, and brotherhood. We hope that we can succeed with the strategic plan of our fraternity, and with the help of other chapters, I’m pretty sure we can.

Morningside
Wow, things have been pretty hectic around here. First, let me give you a little background. Over the past few years our membership has been declining gradually. More people have graduated than we have been bringing in – that all changes this year. Six of our active members were able to make it to conclave in Indianapolis this summer. It was the first conclave any of the six of us had been to, so it was a great experience for all. After listening to all of the other chapters’ ideas about recruitment and just how they work in general, we were fired up to start the semester. We knew this was a crucial semester for us to initiate a large number of guys.

As soon as we were able to move back to school, we started recruiting. We co-sponsored a dance with the Morningside Activities Council that had tiki torches, drinks and food for the entire freshman class. We had activities planned nearly every night, from bowling to card night to sand volleyball – everything we could think of.

We are going to continue working with schools around the area for our philanthropy projects. We have been working with Covington Elementary in South Sioux City for two years now. We are also going to work with another elementary school in the area and help set up a tutoring program after school for the kids. On top of those, we are trying to get involved with the Sioux City Jaycees and help out with haunted houses, Festival of Trees, Meals on Wheels, and other such projects. Another ongoing effort is an autism night. One evening in December, all of us go and help out with autistics kids. We play games and do arts and crafts with them, and everyone has a good time.

This is going to be a banner year for the Morningside Chapter. We hope to initiate our 100th member this year. We took our pledges to visit the Nebraska Chapter in October so they can see what it’s like at other chapters. Conclave really set us straight this summer. We brought back a lot of new ideas and we are making a change for the better.

Ohio State
I am very pleased to inform everyone of the recent growth in the Ohio State Chapter of Acacia. Over the past several years we have grown from a chapter that had nine members to one that had 26 members at the end of last school year.

One of the most recent events that showed our growth and improvement was Acacia’s Centennial Conclave, where we were honored with several awards, including the Harvey L. Logan Award for the most improved chapter. We were also honored for our excellence in ritual exemplification. We were one of three chapters to win this award, and we were honored to demonstrate a portion of our ritual.

Some outstanding individual Acacians were also honored for their hard work and dedication. Brother Marv Rothhaar was awarded the prestigious George F. Patterson, Jr. Award as the Outstanding Alumnus of the year. Also, Brother Jeffrey Jordan received the Award of Merit, one of Acacia’s highest honors. In addition, there were three Order of Pythagoras recipients from the Ohio State Chapter – John Kemp, Ricky Odey, and Joshua Stein. Finally, Joshua Stein was elected to serve as an undergraduate counselor on the International Council of Acacia.

We also recently had our homecoming weekend and Parents Day celebrations. Homecoming was a huge success, with many brothers returning to the chapter house before and after the game to meet some of the younger brothers, to catch up with some old friends, and to celebrate Ohio State’s first Big 10 victory, as the Buckeyes defeated Indiana, 30-7.

Parents Day was also a big success, with well over 50 people in attendance. It was on this day that all of the award winners from the Centennial Conclave were honored in front of the other brothers and their parents. Among those brothers in attendance was John Kemp. Unfortunately John was not able to attend the Centennial Conclave this summer, so it was a
great honor to present him with the Order of Pythagoras. Everyone’s parents enjoyed the event and enjoyed meeting some of the other parents. The active chapter showed everyone in attendance that WE ARE ACACIANS. WE ARE PROUD OF IT.

**Penn State**
The Shin Chapter of Acacia has gotten off to a fast start in fall 2004. Pride and motivation have been key themes in our house throughout the first two months of the school year. Alumni support is growing, membership is increasing, athletics are continuing to have success, academics are improving, capital campaign projects are being completed and overall brotherhood seems to be at its highest.

Members who attended conclave this summer returned to State College with some new goals for the fraternity, the main objective being the improvement of alumni relations. With one of the largest Acacia alumni groups, we feel there are many opportunities for further brotherhood and networking. Alumni Day was held October 16 at the chapter house and offered a chance for the actives to show the alumni our commitment to the future of our brotherhood. The alumni present seemed to be very receptive to our ambition and ready to support us in growing. The keynote speaker at the banquet was Dr. Vicki Triponey, VP of Student Affairs for Penn State University. Dr. Triponey pledged her support to the Greek community and noted Acacia as a leader and model organization to follow.

Capital campaign projects were the main topic of discussion at the annual board meeting following dinner. Recent completed projects are the replacement of dining room furniture, installation of a T1 Internet connection, and replacement of the back patio – for which actives provided the labor. The only current ongoing project is the installation of a fire sprinkler system, but kitchen plans are being made and it looks like hammers will be swinging come mid-May of 2005. Individual awards have also been presented by the chapter to Joe Butler, Brother of the Year; Brandon Mueller, Most Improved Brother; and Chris Kaplanis, Academic Achievement. Rob Kameen was recognized for his many contributions to the fraternity, receiving the Order of Pythagoras, and his election to the 2004 Penn State Homecoming Court.

Five new members were initiated to membership in Acacia on September 28, 2004. These honored men are Ryan Colwell, Rob Millner, John Moro, Steve Phillips, and Igor Telyatnikov. These five sophomores possess all the ideals and values that are required of a true Acacian.

Recruitment was a screaming success this fall. Having the largest membership of any fraternity at Penn State gave us the flexibility to be very selective with our bids. We ended up pledging 19 quality gentlemen, most of who are from the Pittsburgh area. The early return shows that we are in the top five in terms of numbers for the fall 2004 pledge class.

Lastly, please check our new website at [www.acaciapsu.com](http://www.acaciapsu.com). Sophomore brother Mike Markovich worked diligently on this project and the site deserves as much recognition as we can get. Feel free to browse through pictures of some of our events and read about current actives.

Brotherhood and morale are at an all-time high at Penn State Acacia. We know we have something great going on in our house right now and we are determined to take full advantage of it. We are leaders on campus, will continue to lead on campus, and are looking to make an even bigger difference by assisting our brother chapters in any way.

**Pittsburgh-Johnstown**
What’s up boys! Just a little hello from myself, Vincent Massucci, and the UPJ Chapter of Acacia. Our representatives who attended the Centennial Conclave had only good things to say about the event.

Things here at UPJ have taken a huge turn for the better. Since our last update we have forgone many trials. We faced losing our house, losing our charter and saw a huge decline in numbers within our pledge classes. Things just weren’t looking good. However with the help of Keith Bushey and the current executive board, we have made an awesome comeback. The past two years have proven to be a reflection on the active members in our chapter.
We have kept our house and charter and have initiated 31 new members in three semesters. Considering we have deferred rush, that is incredible for a university that’s as small as ours. We are without a doubt the biggest fraternity on our campus. We hold an outstanding reputation with campus administrators and other organizations as well.

We do more service work within the community than almost all of the other Greek organizations combined. That in mind, our ties with the local Masonic fraternity remain very strong as we do a lot of volunteer work for them as well. I highly encourage all chapters to keep good relationships with your local Masons. They are a much-respected group of men.

Last year we celebrated our chapter’s 30th anniversary. A lot of work went into the planning of such an event. The attendance, however, was amazing. It proved to our alumni that things were still running properly and reassured them that their chapter still has many years on UPJ’s campus. We have a great bunch of guys and we love having brothers from other chapters visit.

In closing I would like to wish everyone a great year! It’s always a pleasure to hear from you guys so don’t hesitate to get in touch with us. Our house phone line is 814-269-7702.

**Purdue**

The Samekh Chapter of Acacia, located at Purdue University, is undergoing an extensive upgrade to the house. Every room in the house is now wired with T1 Internet lines, accompanied by wireless access points in each hallway. Our library is fully equipped with brand new burgundy colored office furniture, giving it a sort of “board room” atmosphere as we like to call it. Along with the new furniture in the library, we added six new light fixtures to brighten up the room. Just outside the library, in the living room, is a brand new grand piano. Moving on to the basement, we re-tiled the entire floor from the kitchen into the chapter room as well as in the entertainment room. Also in the basement, we replaced the entire drop ceiling and all of the light fixtures. All of this work could not have been accomplished had it not been for the continuous hard work between our local board and our brothers.

In addition of all these wonderful upgrades to the house, we are proud to announce the addition of 17 new pledges. Our rush chairmen worked tirelessly throughout the summer, aiming to recruit as many young men as possible. This new pledge class is the largest since the fall of 2001, so you can imagine the excitement surrounding our chapter.

This excitement led to the throwing of our biennial Night on the Nile party which we decided to have in the fall this year due to the poor weather we usually encounter in the late spring. Nile was held successfully during the final week of September and was definitely the talk of the town in West Lafayette. This year we built the biggest Sphinx head ever, complete with a pyramid and the Nile delta.

**Rensselaer**

School started and the Rensselaer Chapter rushed for a month, pledged new members, and initiated pledges from last spring. However, some of the most important events that have set the course of this chapter for this year started even before the school year began.

This past summer many active and alumni brothers had the opportunity to attend Acacia’s Centennial Conclave. Meeting other brothers from chapters all across the country proved an incredible experience. It was surprising to see how quickly all these strangers warmed up to each other. The mood set right from the beginning was like a reunion of old friends. During group discussions the actives had a chance to share their problems with their fellow brothers from other chapters, and both actives and alumni offered new solutions we could bring back to our chapter.

We were also proud to have three members who earned the Order of Pythagoras. Additionally, we received the President’s Award, given to the chapter with the most growth, and also the Pledge Education Award which was an honor, considering the caliber of all the Acacia chapters.

The Centennial Conclave also hosted the unveiling of the Acacia Strategic Planning Committee. These and many other Egyptians were on hand for Purdue’s Night on the Nile.

Conclave Inspires Rensselaer
Plan. Our attendees became enthusiastic about the plan and were eager to share the information when they got back to the house. We thought about how we could go into the new century invigorated and determined to increase the number of quality brothers, get alumni more involved, and improve many other aspects of our fraternity.

During our chapter retreat, conclave attendees shared their experiences and the strategic plan with the rest of the chapter. The excitement from conclave, which spread from the attendees to the other brothers, got the semester off to a great start.

Another highlight of this year was our summer work week, which was the most successful we have seen in the recent past. The success was mostly due to the many alumni who volunteered to help us. It was great to see so many alumni working with the actives to make us feel the Rensselaer chapter is much larger than what is contained at 145 Sunset Terrace.

**Shippensburg**

The Shippensburg Chapter has been hard at work to meet the promises we made to the brotherhood at this summer’s Centennial Conclave. We have kept our promise to the International Council to have all our bills for this year paid in full and on time and have brought on board a new chapter advisor, Mike Pisco, of the CUP Chapter.

We have also completed our first fundraiser of the year. We should earn around $2,000, which will all be sent directly to headquarters to be applied to our financial obligations.

Alumni ties have also been a big focus. We are working at regaining the support of chapter alumni, young and old. Our fall 2004 rush came to an end in late September, and we took on a pledge class of eight who are still going strong. We have high expectations for the rest of the semester as well as the rest of the year.

This past spring, the chapter took a blow with the selling of the chapter house at 101 Brookside. Shortly after the sale, we were able to work with the university on new housing and are now proud to call 26 Middle Spring Avenue home. The new house has amenities that we were unable to have at the old house, such as Internet connections. If you are in the area, please stop by and let us show off the new house.

**St. Cloud State**

Greetings from your brothers in Minnesota. Since the last TRIAD our chapter has been hard at work. The rush strategy we implemented has paid off with nine pledges, one of the biggest pledge classes we’ve had in a while. We had 17 returning active brothers and all have been working hard to benefit our fraternity. Our brotherhood has never been closer. We have been concentrating hard on academics, resulting in a cumulative GPA of 3.08 – the highest we’ve seen in several years and we’re very proud of it. Along with academics we have worked very hard to stay active on campus and have a strong successful rush. We hosted a volleyball tournament again this year, had another freshman move-in day BBQ, awarded four Good Guy Scholarships to incoming freshmen, completed our Adopt-a-Highway, held a successful Alumni Homecoming Hog Roast, as well as many other mixers throughout the semester so far.

We have improved the chapter house this fall by finishing our Brick-By-Brick patio fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who donated – the finished patio looks great! We also plan to get the roof replaced either this fall or next spring in order to preserve the beautiful house we live in.

We are looking forward to the holiday season, as we will be working with both the Salvation Army and the Boys and Girls Club of America.

Congratulations to brother Morgan Kaufman for being elected undergraduate counselor to the Acacia International Council. This is very inspiring to all us brothers. Congratulations also to Ryan Dawald, Luke Lamprecht, and Morgan Kaufman for receiving the Order of Pythagoras at the Centennial Conclave. It has been several years since brothers from our chapter have achieved this honor.
Texas
The Texas Colony established itself this year as a here-to-stay part of the University of Texas. We started off the year with a great deal of promotion to establish our name on campus and recruit more outstanding men. To get our name out, we made ourselves into a complete street team. We went from dorm to dorm and all over campus with hundreds of flyers promoting rush events as well as our website. As a result, we had tremendous turnouts at events, made many contacts and saw a significant spike in visitors to our site.

Our recruitment ended well and we are now ten men strong. This spring, we will sponsor another scholarship drive that should bring in more men to Acacia. We know that this next semester's rush will be crucial for us in establishing our chapter as well as moving into our Acacia-owned house that is currently leased to Delta Chi. We are all working hard, and we are determined to reach our goal of chartering and moving into our permanent house.

We have also striven to show ourselves in philanthropy. We participated in the Alpha Delta Pi Kickball Tournament and will each be completing at least 64 hours of community service by the end of this semester. Next semester, we will increase that amount to 100 hours. Philanthropy events are already set with many organizations in Austin including homeless shelters and Halloween projects for young children.

At conclave, we were happy to see our alumni advisors, Rob Mickam and Marshall Jones, receive the Order of Pythagoras for their determination to see us succeed. Conclave also gave us a view of the inner workings of Acacia on a large scale and within each chapter.

With the ideas shared at conclave, we plan to make this our most successful year yet and make significant strides towards earning a charter. We would also like to thank all other chapters, alumni, and Acacia staff for the support and welcome that we have received.

Texas A&M
The Texas A&M Colony of Acacia is on track for the '04-'05 academic year. Undaunted by last year's setbacks and attrition, we have recruited a strong fall pledge class, and intend to bring our numbers back up in time to tackle spring rush.

Active participation is robust and promises to make this a productive semester. The colony continues to lay a solid foundation of brotherhood and upon it is building a structure of on-campus and social activity.

Our philanthropic endeavors for this semester include Habitat for Humanity, an “Acacia Claus” toy drive, and partnering with our local Masonic Lodge on a pancake supper benefitting the MDA.

Wisconsin
The Wisconsin Chapter has pulled itself out of troubled times. While much hard work lies ahead, our chapter is up to the challenge. Little more than a year ago, we owed over $10,000 to headquarters. Today, thanks to fiscal restraint by the chapter, as well as a generous donation from alumnus Jim McFarland, the ink has changed from red to black. By pulling together and tightening our belt, we became a much more cohesive unit. Our progress has been recognized across the board, especially this summer at conclave where we were presented awards for Outstanding Financial Operations and Good of the Fraternity.

The University of Wisconsin has also recognized us for outstanding academic improvement last spring. The house has quieted down during weekdays, and brothers are helping each other more with difficult classes than has been seen in previous years. Our venerable dean, Mike McLean, won many awards, including the University of Wisconsin All Greek Philanthropist. Mike had help from our chapter, but did the majority of the work to raise over $11,000 for leukemia research.

Finally, new students at Wisconsin have also noticed our efforts. With an active chapter of 24 guys, we have retained eight strong pledges. They are doing well on their quizzes and classes. Word is spreading across campus about us. Our social gatherings are drawing more people. Some students have even taken the initiative to approach us and ask about joining. Our rush chairs are planning some mid-semester recruitment events and we are expecting spring rush to be even stronger than fall.
Alumni News & Notes

Boston
Stephen M. Golden M.D., #68 – Published in 2004 Edition of Conn’s Current Therapy: Resuscitation of the Neonate. Received Best Department of Defense Clinical Research Poster Award by Society of Armed Forces Medical Laboratory Scientists at 2004 meeting.

California
D. Brian Williams, #704 – Suzanne and I are off to Cairo, Egypt for a three-year assignment with BP. All the best to my fellow brothers.

Carleton
Andrew C. Maychruk, #21 – Owner with wife, Laura, of Buzz Cafe in Oak Park, IL for six years. Director of Information Technology for the Private Bank & Trust Co. in Chicago. We have two daughters, Irene and Lydia.

Cincinnati
Joseph L. Prior, #260 – I have been retired for 10 years from Cincinnati Public Schools as a high school counselor. Brother John Skelly and I are doing things together after having lost contact for 30 years.

Colorado
William J. Hanna, #365 – I retired in 1991 after teaching at the University of Colorado/Boulder for 45 years.

Cornell
Perry D. Slocum, #342 – Married to Louise Mason 2 1/2 years ago – my third marriage. My first two wives died. Being married is much better than being a bachelor.

Franklin
Roland N. Price, #395 – We are still able to travel four or five times each year around the world. My doctors are trying to keep me alive until I reach 100!

Illinois
Robert M. Shaw, #1444 – I started my own advertising agency, Concentric Marketing, in 2000. We’re now the fourth largest in our market. In 2003 and 2004, we were named to Entrepreneur Magazine’s Top 100 Start-up Businesses in the U.S.

Illinois Wesleyan
Dennis E. Stark, #3 – Returned to banking after five years as Vice President of Business and Finance at the University of Rhode Island; now Executive Vice President and board member of Independence Bank of East Greenwich, RI. Live with my partner of 35 years, Robert Amarantis, in Pawtucket, RI and summer in Narragansett-By-The-Sea, RI.

Indiana
D. Keith Atteberry, #304 – After graduating in 1942, I spent 38 years with General Motors Corporation. My wife, Annye Elizabeth, taught college-level math for 32 years. We reside at the Presbyterian Home of South Carolina. On January 28, 2004, we celebrated my 84th birthday.

Terry L. Wilkinson, #1061 – This school year I celebrate 30 years of sales and service to fraternity and sorority houses nationwide via my new company, All Greek Supply, formerly IFC Supply.

Christopher L. Richardson, #1258 – The Richardsons are back home again in Indiana! Chris received a promotion and has moved to Guidant HQ in Indy. Allison, Taylor and Kelsi are excited to see snow.

Daniel E. Cravens, #1638 – Still living in Phoenix and working in corporate finance for America West Airlines. I married Amy in June 2001 and we have a daughter, Elizabeth, born in September 2003.

F. Douglas Staley, Jr., #1695 – Our first child, Steele Douglas Staley, was born on November 21, 2003.


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Stephen J. Scalise, #890 – I am currently a State Representative in the Louisiana House of Representatives and a candidate for Congress.

William G. Cloon, Jr., #530 – My present title is Senior Circuit Judge (retired) and among my many club memberships I list six Masonic fraternities.

Minnesota
William S. Harrison, #450 – Floyd Nelson, Chapter Advisor of Minnesota Acacia during the 1930s, died recently at 97. He was a man of sterling qualities and will be sorely missed by those of us whom he guided through our formative years with wisdom and selfless example.
Matthew H. Lundgren, #861 – Will serve in the office of Senior Steward in the upcoming year for the Minnehaha Ancient Free and Accepted Masons Lodge #165.

Sgt. Patrick A. Haley, #866 – Will serve his country in the Middle East in the coming months. Good luck to him and God Speed!

Morningside
William L. Heubaum, #30 – Thank you for Acacia Sings. I am delighted with it. I am proud of Acacia’s long association with Masonry and encourage all Acacians to become Master Masons. Let brotherhood continue beyond college.

New Hampshire
Daniel T. Fagan, #920 – Married Mary Beth Tully and honeymooned in Australia. Fellow Acacians Dave Simonton (#918) and Rich Powlowsky (#909) attended the ceremony.

Northeastern Oklahoma State
SSG Kerry L. Jolly, #115 – Greetings, brothers! I am currently in Camp Fallujah, Iraq, with the U.S. Army (a temporary assignment). This camp is 3-4 miles from the town of the same name. It was previously an Iraqi military base and was a very nice place. Some of the areas of the camp are still fair and acacia trees line some of the streets. I mobilized in December 2003, and arrived in country in February 2004. I am a member of the OK National Guard, an engineer unit. We expect to be here for 12 months.

Northern Colorado
Robert C. Trezise, #37 – Secretary, Corinthian Lodge #35, A.F.&A.M., Leadville, CO. High Priest, Leadville Chapter #10, Royal Arch Masons.

Ohio
Gerald E. Kahler, #224 – Retired in 1995, following a career as a Human Resources executive for 32 years at General Motors Corporation. Received a Ph.D. in American Studies from the College of William and Mary in May 2003.

Ohio State
Paul A. Weglage, #761 – My wife, Karen, and I were honored by being named Volunteers of the Year for Winter Guard International at the World Championships Competition held in Dayton, Ohio, April 2003.

Matthew L. Sagone, #930 – Joined the firm of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey in their Columbus, Ohio office. I practice law in areas of construction, real estate and finance.

Penn State
Thomas D. McIntyre, #447 – Connie and Lefty McIntyre are leaving the rugged coast of Maine for the Nittany Valley so that we can be more active in the Penn State Chapter of Acacia. We’ll be much closer to our four grandchildren.

Pennsylvania
LaVerne W. Myers, #527 – My years at Penn State remain one of life’s highlights. As I look forward to retirement after 43 years of professional work, I hope to be able to get back to PSU more frequently.

William Bowers III, #536 – Nancy & Thad Morriman, ('59), Carol & Bill Bowers ('60), Ethel & Bill Paris ('62), and Veda Kay & John Black ('62) spent a week on North Carolina’s Outer Banks biking, golfing, ATving, hiking, hang-gliding, eating – and swapping PSU Acacia stories!

Purdue
Ross A. Frazier, #725 – Appointed to the Board of Governors, Shrine Hospital for Children, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Ohio State
Jeffrey J. Eller, #598 – Currently teaching high school history and coaching at Chelan High School, Chelan, WA.

Shippensburg
Joel Romaine, #99 – VP of Operations for DPL Federal Credit Union, Newark, DE. He has also been elected Vice Chairman of the Delaware Credit Union League.

Syracuse
Alan C. Eachus, #386 – Retired from Dow Chemical Company after more than 35 years of credited service.

Texas
Harry J. Brooks, #1055 – Started a new bank in Houston with two partners, Partners Bank of Texas. Raised almost $15 million in capital, the most capital raised by a state-chartered bank in recent history. Serving as President and Chief Lending Officer and member and Secretary of the Board of Directors.

Gus David Opperman V, #1089 – Managing partner in the law firm of Folger, Wheat & Opperman, Houston.

Washington
Roy F. Miller, #264 – He and Lena have been married for 68 years and are still running their household, although a recent fractured hip put him on the sidelines for a while. “I’m still able to have some involvement with the Idaho Youth Ranch. We’re presently taking care of 45 kids and operating 18 thrift stores in Idaho to raise funds to pay the bills.”

Washington State
Jack N. Pittis, #296 – Elected to Port Angeles City Council, January 2004. Member of the National Board of American Public Works Association.

Jeffrey J. Eller, #598 – Currently teaching high school history and coaching at Chelan High School, Chelan, WA.
If you are a Purdue Acacian from any of the last four decades, you may remember those long evening chapter meetings. You might also remember not feeling a sense of accomplishment after any given meeting until "Woody" made his closing comments. Leonard E. Wood, or Woody, as he was affectionately known, would sit in the back of the chapter room taking it all in, never making a peep. When the end of that meeting came, his voice was heard though. Never was it a raised voice either, but every brother in attendance heard what he had to say. For 35 years, Woody made his trek to the chapter house for those chapter meetings. In addition to regular meetings, Woody was a familiar face at any given time. He and his wife Margaret were an institution at the Purdue chapter house. Margaret even "adopted" the brothers at Purdue as "her boys," a phrase she still uses today.

On September 8, 2004, Leonard Wood was called to the Chapter Eternal after a short battle with prostate cancer. Woody was born on June 10, 1923 and was 81 years young. He was initiated into the Kansas State Chapter on May 20, 1942. After serving in the Army Corp of Engineers overseas during World War II, he returned to Kansas State to earn his BS and MS in Chemical Engineering in 1947 and 1948, respectively. In 1947 Woody was elected as venerable dean of the Kansas State Chapter. In addition to his duties to the chapter, Woody was a member of Blue Key and other honorary societies on the campus.

In 1953, Woody transferred to Purdue where he earned his Doctorate in Civil Engineering in 1956. During his tenure there, Woody was employed as a professor, researcher and consultant in the School of Civil Engineering. His work is legendary in the Cooperative Education Program in Civil Engineering on the campus, as evidenced by the many students and staff that kept in contact with him over the years. Woody was also listed in Who’s Who Among Universities and Colleges.

Even after Woody’s service as chapter advisor came to an end, his contributions and dedication to the Fraternity continued. In the last two years, Woody was a driving force in organizing a scholarship fund for Purdue Acacians living in the chapter house. Woody’s vision was that the Purdue Chapter become a leader in academic excellence by providing a scholarship fund awarding at least $20,000 in scholarships yearly to brothers from income derived from the fund. He anticipated the scholarship fund would attract men who share our ideals of leadership, character and service to join and carry the chapter on to excellence in the future. In the fall of 2003, the Leonard E. Wood Scholarship Fund became a reality.

Leonard E. Wood may no longer be with us, but his life and his legacy will live on forever. If you would like to help continue Woody’s legacy, you may do so by sending a check to the Acacia Fraternity Foundation, designated to the Leonard E. Wood Scholarship Fund. Your check may also be sent to the Purdue chapter house at 608 Waldron Street, West Lafayette, Indiana 47906, or to the Purdue House Corporation at 3749 North Kitley Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46226.
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Executive Director’s Message

IT!

Darold W. Larson,
Executive Director

Have you ever noticed that some people have IT? In your daily endeavors, you see IT every day. You will find people with IT among your business contacts, your social acquaintances and your family members. You’ll read about people with IT and see them on TV – some people are just blessed with IT.

So what is IT? Simply put, IT is that very unique trait known as charisma. My decision to join Acacia wasn’t based on a unique marketing strategy, a great party, a beautiful house, a mission statement, or a rich Masonic heritage. Although these components assisted me in my decision, it was due to charisma that I became an Acacian.

I was reminded of IT during a recent trip back home where I had the opportunity to renew acquaintances with my Fraternity Big Brother at Washington State, Jamie Gregory. To me, Jamie was, and still is, the epitome of someone with charisma. Like moths attracted to a light bulb, Brother Gregory always attracted a crowd and is one of those knowledgeable, dynamic, quick-witted individuals who is able to entertain others and lead any conversation.

During rush week Jamie gave me the official tour of the Washington State chapter house. As we wound down a spiral staircase, Jamie pointed out that Acacia was a special place since it had the only spiral staircase in the fraternal system. Huh? What? Only Jamie could come up with an off-the-wall comment like that. Sure enough, after visiting the 27 other fraternity houses on campus, I informed Jamie he was indeed correct – Acacia had the only spiral staircase in the fraternal system. I suppose at that point, Jamie knew I wanted to be an Acacian.

I recall asking Jamie why Acacia chose a Greek word. Without hesitation he informed me that Acarians could spell and we considered ourselves three to four letters better than the other Greeks.

Every chapter has had Jamie Gregorys. Maybe you can remember a special brother who had IT. I also recall numerous brothers, who over the course of their four-year college experience developed IT. An unpolished diamond is what we used to call them. Sociologists love to opine on the nature vs. nurture debate, but the question remains, is charisma a learned trait or is one born with IT? Can charisma be taught?

In my mind, the answer is a resounding yes! And it is being taught every day in Acacia. The fraternity living environment offers the perfect atmosphere. The brotherhood developed in Acacia allows the opportunity for give and take, success and failure – all the while fine-tuning and elevating one’s social and communication skills. By trial and error a more mature confidence occurs through the daily activities of fraternity life – chapter meetings, dining operations, intramurals, membership recruitment, philanthropies and study sessions. As fraternity men, all too often we promote the purely social side of fraternity life and forget the other aspects that help prepare us for our future – one is developing IT.

Motivational speakers will tell you that success is a mindset and two common denominators are needed to achieve it: the love of what you are doing and the determination to never give up. Whether it is in the political arena, business, sports or the arts, everyone loves a winner! Americans are fixated on winning. Why do we love a winner? People who attain success have IT and their confidence captivates us.

When visiting a chapter I can see IT in the way brothers care for the chapter house. A chapter house says a lot about who you are and what you represent. Alumni understand this, as seen through the numerous housing projects that have been completed or are underway at chapters such as Indiana, Kansas State, Purdue, Iowa State, Penn State and Oregon State. To that end, last year Acarians supported the Fraternity through gifts to the Foundation in record numbers in Annual Fund support and gifts to scholarship and chapter fund accounts.

Preparing Tomorrow’s Leaders is the motto of the Acacia Fraternity Foundation. The mission is simple – provide scholarships to student Acacians and support the educational and leadership activities of the Fraternity. You won’t find a statement addressing charisma, confidence and charm, yet these adjectives are all by-products of a successful Membership Education Program. Maybe the Foundation should modify our motto to something like: Acacia Fraternity: Preparing Tomorrow’s Leaders by Developing Charismatic Individuals Since 1904.
The International Council of Acacia Fraternity is proud to announce the chartering of Acacia’s newest chapter at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, Oklahoma. Alumni and undergraduates from Central Oklahoma, Nebraska, Texas and Rensselaer joined members of the International Council for a weekend’s worth of activities, including the initiation of new members.

Approximately 150 well-wishers, including undergraduates and their dates, alumni, parents and International Council members, joined together on November 13, 2004, at a chartering banquet to celebrate Acacia’s 93rd installation. Acacists were honored by the attendance of NWOSU President Dr. Paul B. Beran, as well as the mayor of Alva, The Honorable Arden Chaffee.

Representing Acacia International Fraternity were Past President George F. Patterson, Jr., International First Vice President Barry F. Baxter and International Treasurer Robert E. Roberson – as well as Acacia Executive Director Darold W. Larson and Assistant Executive Director Keith M. Bushey. The charge was given by Brother Patterson.

The Fraternity also honored Chapter Advisor Travis Biaggi with an Order of Pythagoras for his dedication and hard work in directing the colony through its infancy.

In the spring of 2001, the university extended invitations to all national men’s Greek fraternities to gauge their interest in colonizing on the NWOSU campus. In September of 2002, Leadership Consultants Blake Hutchison and Nick Churchill arrived in Alva and began to plan events to fire up interest in Acacia Fraternity. Eventually bids were extended, and 21 willing men signed the pledge rolls. In the two years that followed, the colony continued to grow and prosper and ultimately was deemed ready for chartering by the International Council.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University was established in 1897 as the second school charged with preparing teachers to serve one-room schoolhouses across the state of Oklahoma. Its main campus is located in Alva, a city of nearly 6,000 residents in northwest Oklahoma. Alva is located 14 miles south of the Kansas border, approximately 115 miles northwest of Oklahoma City and 100 miles southwest of Wichita, Kansas.
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