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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

**A WISTFUL GLANCE BACK AND A PRAGMATIC LOOK FORWARD**

David J. Allen, International President

In the introduction to Brother William S. Dye Jr.’s *Acacia Fraternity the First Half Century*, founder George A. Malcolm made the following observation, which is as prescient today as it was when written:

“Fifty years from the hour when some of the younger Acacians may be reading what I have written, will occur the centennial celebration of Acacia. Let those members of Acacia who survive to that proud moment, ponder if they also have sown in order that their brethren may reap.”

I can only wonder if Brother Malcolm realized just how accurately he would be. Even then, fifty years ago, he made it clear that those future Acacians, who would be among all celebrating our 100th Anniversary, have an obligation to stand up for what it really means to be a member of this Fraternity.

Do we have the courage to insist that the values of those who founded our Fraternity remain as firmly embedded in our daily lives and in the chapters of our initiation as they were in those of our Founding Brothers? Even more importantly, do we put into practice in our daily living the immutable lessons each of us has learned as we travel along life’s pathways? Many times we have heard that life is not a destination but a journey. In our individual journey have we, by example, provided others with reason to see the uniqueness of membership in Acacia?

This edition of the TRIAD is devoted to glances back over the past half-century and a look forward as to the place of the fraternity system in the 21st century. Through the words of our living past presidents, we relive the Acacia they led and the lessons they applied. We also have the achievements of those past presidents who have passed on to the Chapter Eternal whose service over the past fifty years strengthened Acacia.

We are in debt to each of these Brothers for their devotion to Acacia and the sacrifices they and their families made to keep Acacia strong and growing. Brother Delmer Goode would find much to delight him if he were with us and writing “Acacia at Its Centennial” to follow his earlier historical work *Acacia Fraternity: The Third Quarter Century*. Our look back through the eyes of these Acacia leaders provides a foundation for a pragmatic view into the future of our Brotherhood.

This TRIAD also provides valuable information on our current chapters and their activities as well as the achievements of the staff through the 2003 Leadership Academy. Our alumni will have added insight into the focus of Acacia as we begin a new century. The Council and staff remain dedicated to increasing the presence of Acacia chapters through strengthening existing ones and expanding onto other campuses that are ripe for colonization.

As noted in the last TRIAD, a committee is in place and working on a strategic plan as we set our course for the next 100 years.

That plan will be circulated at this summer’s Centennial Conclave. The preliminary review of the Strategic Planning Process will bring all Acacians up to date on the near term goals. The updated information on the ever-increasing role of the Acacia Fraternity Foundation as evidenced by the number of individual scholarships awarded since the last Conclave is impressive.

The Foundation’s importance to our future is highly presented for all Acacians to view, evaluate and participate by providing support.

I hope to see you at the Centennial Conclave in July. Talk with your alumni brothers and arrange a trip to Indianapolis so that you will play a part in this once-in-a-lifetime celebration – ACACIA – A CENTURY OF BROTHERHOOD.
To a Hollywood director, you couldn’t ask for a better script. As I write this letter, 45,736 men have followed the path of Pythagoras by becoming members of Acacia Fraternity. From James M. Cooper, Michigan ‘04, pin number one at the first chapter of Acacia, to Travis Biaggi of Northwestern Oklahoma State ’02, pin number twelve of our most recent expansion, there is a story behind every pin number. From Long Beach State to Carleton University (Canada) there is a story. From a rented room at 236 S. Thayer Street in Ann Arbor, Michigan to 8777 Purdue Road in Indianapolis, Indiana, there is a story. From the wheat fields of eastern Washington to the great cities of North America there is a story. From President of the United States to a chapter house cook, there is a story.

For whom among us didn’t come away with a unique experience during our undergraduate years. Acacians come from all backgrounds: different colors, creeds and economic status, but under one roof they form a unique bond. That bond is called brotherhood.

Much of Acacia’s success is traceable to dedicated and loyal service from our many volunteers throughout our history. Our Founders gave us a compass with a ritual and mentor whose teachings have stood the test of time. In fact, except for a little word-smithing here and there, the Acacia Ritual remains virtually unchanged today! Back in 1977, I can recall my 10th grade math teacher explaining the importance of mastering the intricacies of geometry. With my 25th high school reunion in the not too distant future, I hope I will get a chance to tell him how right he was. Geometry changed my life.

Is Acacia’s ritual still relevant in 2004? If you haven’t had the opportunity to witness an initiation recently, I encourage you to stop by your chapter to re-acquaint yourself with our three degrees. The International Council and headquarters staff have placed renewed emphasis on our ritual. Along with a new Gold Book (educational manual) on initiation, in recent years we have been initiating several pledges at our Leadership Academies. Whereas ritual exemplification is not new to our Leadership Academies, the element of a “live” initiation has renewed interest and discussion. Better yet, come to this summer’s Conclave and see it first hand.

Given the nature of this historic year, I am encouraging you to mark July 21-24, 2004 on your calendar as we “Celebrate a Century of Brotherhood.” The Conclave will be held at the Indianapolis Hyatt Regency and a wide variety of memorable events are planned. To help facilitate registration, a special link to the Hyatt Regency has been established at our web site at www.acacia.org. You may also contact the Hyatt directly at (317) 632-1234 or (800) 633-7313. Make sure you notify the hotel you are with Acacia Fraternity to enjoy the specially discounted rate.

From rush to ritual, educational activities are being planned to increase and better chapter and alumni operations. Also planned are special 100th Anniversary “Field of Excellence” Awards. These awards are designed to honor alumni who have excelled in their chosen field.

Social activities have been planned as Conclave is also a time to enjoy fraternity through the spirit of brotherhood. Events include Acacia’s own Doug MacCraw, Nebraska ‘86, a nationally-known comedian/hypnotist, a trip to the NCAA Hall of Champions, the sixth biennial Acacia Golf Classic and Acacian Scott Houston, Indiana ’81, will present his workshop on learning to play the piano. Scott has been seen in recent months on PBS and on QVC promoting his class.

We have intentionally scheduled a program designed for all Acacians. The Conclave Planning Committee would like to extend an open invitation to members from our inactive chapters. Inactive chapters have an equally special heritage and we want to get the word out to encourage all to attend. Spouses and significant others are also encouraged to come and enjoy the many social activities that we have planned. A Hymn book won’t be required, as the Conclave Planning Committee will be putting together a special “Acacia Sings” choir.

Shall the Greek movement enjoy success into the next century? In my nineteen years of service to Acacia we have never witnessed more interest in starting new chapters or re-colonizing at universities where we once existed. Much effort is being made to bring these inquiries to fruition.

Be it hands-on support at the local level, getting active at a higher level or financially supporting the Fraternity through the recently mailed Acacia Fraternity Foundation appeal, all that is required from you this centennial year is your willing participation. I ask that you take a moment to reflect on your undergraduate experience and support the new Acacia Fraternity. Don’t wait for the movie, contact a brother and re-live a special period of your life as we “Celebrate a Century of Brotherhood.”

Editor’s note: For a special message, please combine the italicized words.
ACACIA FRATERNITY: THE LAST FIFTY YEARS

As Acacia celebrates its second half-century of operation, the TRIAD takes a look at the events that shaped the Fraternity through the eyes of its past presidents. From Krieger through Allen, we hope these articles remind you of the issues, the good times and the rough times that have made Acacia 100 years young.

WILLIAM E. KRIEGER

William Krieger was elected National President during the Golden Anniversary Conclave held in Michigan in 1954. Krieger took over a successful organization, and Acacia continued to grow during his tenure.

Krieger made it a point during his eight years to be a mobile president. He traveled extensively during his term, visiting many chapters’ 50th anniversary celebrations and he was often the guest speaker at the chartering of new chapters of Acacia. During his first four years, Krieger traveled nearly 35,000 miles.

Throughout Krieger’s entire term, Acacia experienced a steady growth in chapter size. This growth had been going on since the end of World War II and continued strong. During his term, ten new chapters were added to Acacia, including Long Beach, Louisiana State, Illinois Wesleyan and Missouri School of Mines.

Krieger and his Council focused on chapters with problems. At the 31st Biennial Conclave in Bloomington, Indiana, it was reported that fourteen chapters had fewer than 30 members and only eleven chapters had over 50. This was compounded by the fact that the cost of sending Field Secretaries to help chapters was rising. When Krieger retired from the presidency at the 1962 Conclave in Austin, Texas, improvement was seen as fourteen chapters had membership at the 50+ mark.

Another trend during Krieger’s tenure was the steadily increasing financial assets of Acacia. In 1942, under National President Walter W. Kolbe, Northwestern ’27, a bylaw was added to start a TRIAD fund. This fund provided a lifetime subscription to the TRIAD at a cost of $15 per initiated member. Before this, subscription to the TRIAD had been voluntary and by 1942 only a little over $15,000 was in the fund. During Krieger’s term this fund reached nearly $200,000.

Much of the money in the fund was used to help chapters with their housing. Krieger’s term saw the expansion or new construction of housing for fourteen chapters with many others in the planning and development stages. In 1960, the value of Acacia’s housing was roughly $4 million.

While money was coming in, Acacia still had to deal with two big money issues. The first was the cost of Conclave. Acacia was the only National Fraternity to pay for the cost of two delegates from each chapter to attend, in addition to running the Conclave. The cost of a single Conclave ran about $17,000.

The second issue dealt with chapter rehabilitation. At the 1958 Conclave a third Field Secretary was appointed. Field Secretaries traveled to chapters that needed the most support. National officers also traveled to chapters when possible. The cost of travel, as well as Field Secretaries’ salaries, was second only to Conclaves in cost.

An effort to increase alumni support was also underway. At the 30th Conclave held at Stillwater, Oklahoma in 1958, Executive Secretary Roy C. Clark, Northwestern ’21, announced that alumni giving was low compared to other national fraternities. During the next four years, alumni contributions would show a significant increase, while undergraduate contributions also continued to grow steadily.

After Krieger graduated from Illinois in 1917, he became assistant Business Manager and Purchasing Agent for Bradley University. From 1924-30 he was Treasurer of the Essco Manufacturing Company. He entered the public accounting field in 1930. In 1941 he established a private practice and became a CPA in 1943. He served two terms as president of the Illinois Chapter Alumni Board. He was then elected National Treasurer in 1953. In 1954 he became National President. During this time Krieger was awarded the highest honor in Masonry by becoming a 33’ Scottish Rite Mason in 1957. He received Acacia’s Award of Merit in 1958.

Krieger’s term was also about revision and new ideas. The Pythagoras was updated twice, once in 1956 and again in 1960. The third edition of Acacia Sings was published in 1960, thanks in large part to R. Earl Snapp, Cincinnati ’42. Venerable Dean and Advisor manuals were presented in 1956. The introduction of rush manuals and the first Gold Books began in 1960.

Finally, at the 1956 Conclave, Founder George Malcolm unveiled the Founder’s Achievement Award. The award was given to the chapter showing overall excellence in scholarship, activities and Fraternity traditions. It is more commonly known as the Malcolm Award. The first chapter to earn it was Oklahoma State at the 1958 Conclave.

The position of Judge Advocate was reintroduced to the National Council at the 31st Conclave. This position had been first introduced in 1927, but in 1938 it was disbanded in favor of having the chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee do the same job. The National Council appointed Judge C. Lenton Sartain, Jr., Louisiana State ’56, to this position. At the 1962 Conclave, Jesse B. Beaird, Jr., Oklahoma ’50, was appointed the next Judge Advocate.

Krieger also formed an Objectives Committee. The purpose of this committee was to present to the Council a series of continuing suggestions for the improvement and betterment of the Fraternity, with both short and long-term goals. Appointed to head this committee was a young man from Cincinnati, George F. Patterson, Jr.
As rush is the lifeblood of the fraternity, 1958 saw the office of Rush Chairman officially named an executive position at all chapter houses. This move represented an increased focus on rush in all Acacia chapters.

Dealing with alcohol in the fraternity was also a topic of interest before Krieger became president. Much time was spent on the issue, but no permanent action was taken. During the 1956 Conclave it was discovered 23 out of 44 chapters were subject to suspension because of alcohol violations. Although many argued it would bring down the Fraternity, a motion was passed to adhere to alcohol policies based on the institution in which the chapter existed. Instead of the National Council having to deal with every alcohol issue, the weight was shifted to individual colleges or universities to deal with violations. Despite the worries, this did not create problems and served to strengthen Acacia.

In 1962, at Krieger’s final Conclave as National President, a new honorary award, the Order of Pythagoras was introduced. This was a companion to the Award of Merit, but the difference was that the Order of Pythagoras could be given to undergraduates as well as alumni. A total of 63 were given out at the Conclave.

Old arguments were brought up during Krieger’s years. Perhaps the oldest and most often-discussed topic at Conclaves during this period was membership requirement. Membership requirement in Acacia has a long history from its beginning as a strictly Masonic Fraternity, to the early 1930s when internal conflict over membership requirement led to a broadening of Acacia’s membership policy. At the same time, colleges and universities around the country were threatening to close down any fraternity that possessed membership requirements. In 1960 the final restrictive feature of Acacia membership was repealed.


Other people deserving recognition include Office Managers Edith A. May and Audra B. Eikost; National Editors Edgar R. Kelly, Illinois ‘43 and E. Alan Olson, Minnesota ‘45; and National Scholarship Chairmen Dr. Robert C. Bradley, Cornell ‘23 and Lafayette W. (Pete) Knapp, Jr., Cornell ‘49. With their combined effort, Acacia grew to be a stronger fraternity.

The eight years as National President were smooth for Krieger. This allowed him time to travel the country visiting many chapter houses, as Acacia continued to show a steady growth that had been going on since the end of the war.

Krieger passed away on June 18, 1969 in Peoria, Illinois. His devotion and leadership to Acacia are sorely missed by all Acacians of the finest men you’ll ever meet.

Patterson was elected National President of Acacia Fraternity at the 32nd Biennial Conclave in 1962 at Austin, Texas. He followed the term of William E. Krieger, Illinois ‘17, where he was dubbed the “right-handed trouble-shooter.” George served as National Treasurer from 1954-62 and was also chairman of the Objectives Committee. His terms as National President took Acacia through a hectic time in America: the ‘60s. Drugs, campus unrest and the Vietnam War all impacted Acacia, and Patterson held Acacia steady through it all.

One of Patterson’s first projects was to continue to develop the new Province system. This system began under Krieger in 1959 with the development of the Gold Books and was brought to fruition in 1962. Supervised by Executive Secretary Roy C. Clark, Northwestern ‘21, fourteen Province Governors were each responsible for specific Acacia chapters around the country and Regional Conferences were replaced by Province Retreats.

The main goals of this body were to develop ties between Acacia and Masonry, develop colonies and new chapters, coordinate Continued on next page
summer rush, develop alumni group meetings and cooperate with Field Secretaries. Many prominent Acacians were Province Governors including former Judge Advocate C. Lenton Sartain, LSU ‘56, former Assistant Executive Secretary Robert E. Jeppson, Kansas State ‘53 and future National President Irving M. Field, Missouri ‘54.

Far from letting the Province Governors do all the work, Patterson, as did Krieger, used his time as National President to travel the country. He attended many chapter functions, from charters to initiations to house dedications.

Acacia continued to grow, both in finances and expansion. Ten new chapters were added, including Central State Oklahoma and Shippensburg. In 1965, Acacia implemented Resident Field Secretaries, a program that placed members from successful chapters with chapters in need. By 1967 the program showed “beneficial results” and was continued.

The National Headquarters also took part in the expansion program. The Headquarters was moved from Evanston, Illinois, in 1969. After 30 years in the Chicago area, the Headquarters moved to Boulder, Colorado, in September of 1969.

In 1966 at the 34th Biennial Conclave in New Orleans, the Acacia Educational Foundation was established. This tax-exempt foundation’s goal was to provide aid to young men needing financial assistance in obtaining a college education. At the 1968 Conclave in Kansas City, Missouri, the Foundation awarded the first Roy C. Clark Scholarship. The AEF also presented the Award of Honor to past National President George E. Frazer for his contributions and continuing support of the Foundation.

Two new positions were also created. The first position, Assistant Executive Secretary was officially created in 1965. Although Robert Jeppson held this position from 1959-61, Harvey L. Logan, Long Beach ’60 was the first to be officially appointed Assistant Executive Secretary.

The second position, National Alumni Director, was created at the 35th Biennial Conclave at Kansas City in 1968. Marvin W. Logan, Iowa ‘28, was appointed to this position. At the same time legislation was adopted providing for the reactivation and activation of alumni chapters. Club 65 was a fund-raising drive to raise money for the new National Headquarters. Alumni who donated $65 or more were to be honored at the 1970 Conclave at Estes Park, Colorado, with their names on a plaque. Club 65 was also extended to alumni groups, actives and entire chapters.

In 1966 the Nebraska chapter began the task of finding a way to honor one of Acacia’s hardest working and most beloved members, Mr. Acacia, Roy Cecil Clark. After talking with other chapters and to the National Council, a plaque was presented at the 1966 Conclave in New Orleans, Louisiana. This was the Roy Cecil Clark Outstanding Acadian Award. It was to be presented to “the undergraduate who most nearly exemplifies the attributes of Brother Clark – perseverance, integrity, foresight, loyalty, devotion, wisdom, and leadership.” However, before the first undergraduate was awarded this honor, Brother Clark passed away in May 1967.

Patterson said he had looked forward to working with Brother Clark during his presidency, as he had worked with him as National Treasurer. Early in Patterson’s term as National President, Clark became ill. George remembers Clark as Acacia’s finest.

“After a long session was over, he would be out with the boys all night. But he would always be the first one up in the morning,” he said. “He worked harder than anyone ever has for the Fraternity.”

Patterson also commented, “You meet certain people in life you’ll never forget and you think what a lucky person you were to know that individual.”

Patterson was introduced to Acacia through his father, George F. Patterson, Sr., Iowa ‘15. He was invited to the Cincinnati chapter house by his father to have dinner, and although he enjoyed it, he decided to look around a few months before finally settling on Acacia as his fraternity. He was initiated in 1942 and was appointed Junior Dean. He went on to become Senior Dean and Venerable Dean of his chapter.

One of the many memories Patterson has of his chapter was being the first member to greet the first returning veteran of World War II. “There were only a few of us left in the house at that time,” he said. “I heard the doorbell ring and when I answered it, there was Roland W. Wagner, Cincinnati ‘42, in his GIs.”

Patterson welcomed “Rollie” back and showed him to his old room. One of George’s prized possessions is Rollié’s fraternity ring. “I never bought one myself, so whenever you see me wearing the fraternity ring at meetings or affairs, that’s Rollié’s ring.”

Patterson said that his fraternity pin was also borrowed. “It’s my father’s pin,” he said. “I keep mine in a safe deposit box, and I wear my father’s pin to all events.”

Patterson, along with Earl Snapp, Cincinnati ‘42, was also a contributing factor in bringing the Cincinnati chapter back after the war. During William Krieger’s term, Snapp worked with Patterson when he was head of the Objectives Committee, helping to create the third edition of Acacia Sings in 1960.

One of the greatest friendships Patterson had was with Founder Charles A. Sink. They met at the Golden Anniversary Conclave in Michigan. After that, they became close friends. “Brothers at Conclaves would say, ‘Where’s that Patterson?’ And the answer usually was, ‘Oh, he’s over there talking with Sink again.’”

At Sink’s funeral in 1972, Mrs. Sink said to George, “I knew you’d show up.” She announced to everyone after the funeral, “I knew George Patterson would be here today. I want you to have these.” She then presented Patterson with Sink’s Founder’s Ring, Award of Merit and other Acacia awards to take to National Headquarters for her.

“I couldn’t say anything,” Patterson said. “I just had chills going up my back and all I could do was hug her.”

Patterson served as both a Financial Advisor and Chapter Advisor for Cincinnati. He served on the Jurisprudence Committee from 1948-54 and was National Treasurer from 1954-62. After his two terms as National Treasurer he served two more as National President. George has attended every Conclave since 1946. He has also attended many leadership academies, house dedications, charterings and other formal events over the years.

Patterson has met four of the Founding Fathers and nearly every past National President. He has received many awards, including the Award of Merit in 1958. Patterson is also one of a few Acacians to receive the Order of Pythagoras after his Award of Merit.

“I guess they felt I deserved one after all that time,” George said. “I’ve got so many awards already, I don’t need anymore.”

Patterson also joins an elite group of Acacians who have an
award named after them – the George F. Patterson, Jr. Outstanding Alumnus Award. He was the first recipient in 1980 - “For tireless service and devotion to Acacia and its ideals.” One of the highest achievements a member can receive, this can only be awarded to an alumnus who has already been honored with the Award of Merit. At the 52nd Biennial Conclave in New Orleans, George was further honored with the presentation of the first George F. Patterson, Jr. Scholarship, awarded by the AFF. This scholarship is presented to the undergraduate who best exemplifies the attributes of Brother Patterson: dedication, loyalty and leadership.

Needless to say, George has been very involved with the Fraternity long after his term as National President. He served on the Board of Trustees of the Acacia Educational Foundation, and later, on the Board of Directors of the Acacia Fraternity Foundation. He served on the National Interfraternity Conference, starting as a Board Member in 1971 and moving up the line until he became President from 1974-75. He was awarded the Gold Medal of NIC in 1979. He served as president of the Interfraternity Research and Advisory Council from 1978-80. He has also served on the Board and in various positions for the National Interfraternity Foundation, Inc. and the Center for the Study of the College Fraternity.

“I’ve done it all,” Patterson said. “It’s been family first, fraternity second and my practice third.” Patterson continues to be involved with fraternity and often travels to nearby chapters. He’s still practicing law at Patterson & Nolan, in Cincinnati even though he says “I don’t get as worked up as I used to.”

You’ll be sure to see Brother Patterson at Acacia’s Centennial Celebration. My advice to you is to sit down and have a chat or a listen. You’ll hear some great stories. International President David J. Allen, Indiana ’57, refers to George as his mentor. Take Brother Allen’s advice and learn from a true Acacia legend.

**LAFAYETTE W. (PETE) KNAPP**

When Pete Knapp took the helm of Acacia at the 1970 Conclave in Estes Park, Colorado, he got more than he bargained for. Knapp became National President in a tumultuous period not just for Acacia and not even for fraternities nationwide, but for the entire American public.

This was a time when Vietnam was still causing problems between people of all walks of life. And even though the war would be coming to an end, the emotional and ideological impact it had on Americans, especially the college crowd, would reverberate for years to come.

It was at this time that Knapp was elected the head of Acacia. The theme for the 1970 Conclave was “Direction” and by utilizing the one word, Knapp would steer Acacia through the rough times. As with other times in Acacia history, Pete had a tough time balancing Acacia’s budget. Yet through all this he brought his “do for others” philosophy to Acacia and successfully weathered the years when Acacia could easily have gone over the brink, never to recover.

Knapp was a member of the Cornell chapter of Acacia where he was initiated in 1949. He became advisor for Cornell and later served as Iowa’s advisor. Pete was also a key figure in the rechartering of the Iowa chapter. He was the National Scholarship Chairman before being elected the National Treasurer in 1962. He held this position until he was elected National President in 1970. Knapp is a recipient of the Order of Pythagoras and the Award of Merit.

Pete balanced his time as National President while he was working as the Director of the Institute of Agricultural Medicine and a professor at the University of Iowa. His work in the Accident Prevention Lab in the Institute was noticed, as he received a Kellogg Foundation Grant for $890,000 for his study.

By the 1972 Conclave in New Orleans, it was apparent that Acacia was in deep financial trouble. The accounts receivable for this period were at their highest levels in Acacia history. The National Council took steps to alleviate the problem but could only rely on the chapters’ help to pay on time in order to succeed in this endeavor.

At this time, Acacia also turned its full attention to expansion. During the 1971-72 period, membership in Acacia bottomed out. But, by 1974 membership was again on the rise. Tom Bolman and Richard Shiffer led the effort to reach out to colonize many schools. Trying to steer around the radical movement that many larger colleges and universities faced, the effort focused on smaller campuses around the country.

This practice made Acacia well known for its expansion efforts, but the end result was mixed. Eight chapters, and a number of colonies were initiated at this time. While some chapters such as Saint Cloud State and Pittsburgh/Johnstown were successful, others failed to achieve the results that the expansion team wanted. Even with the mixed results, Acacia showed an increase in both membership and chapter size from 1970 to 1974.

Communication was also important to Pete. Two big changes occurred at this point in time. The first was that the TRIAD was changed to *The Acacia Journal*. This newspaper was printed four times a year. It not only served to inform Acadians, but it also cut costs so that more money could be put toward the expansion effort. At the helm of this publication was Mary Gleason. Her work on the *Journal* was recognized and she received many awards throughout the *Journal*’s history.

Knapp’s long term goal was better communication between the undergraduates and the Council. During his term, two Undergraduate Counselors were added to the National Council. The Continued on next page
first appointee was Donald W. Solanas, Jr., who would later serve as International President. James F. Hendricks and Charles W. Sartain, were the first two to be elected to the position. All were a bit befuddled as to their role, but over time this position became a way for the Council to communicate more readily with undergraduates and is now part of the election process.

To the same purpose, during Pete’s tenure the National Council held its meetings in chapter houses around the country. The first of these National Council meetings took place at LSU. The next meetings at Purdue, Illinois and Colorado would also take place in chapter houses. This effort not only gave undergraduates a chance to see the Council in action, it also gave Council members a chance to have face-to-face talks with the members of these houses.

Pete’s term over the course of four years took Acacia through one of its roughest periods. A well-balanced Council also helped Knapp. With two future national presidents, Irving M. Field and Joseph F. Reed, along with G. Kenneth Nelson, Calvin O. Hultman, and Jesse B. Beaird, Jr., the Council helped Knapp in overcoming the trials and tribulations of this period.

Because of the social and political climate the fraternity system itself was in trouble. Knapp held the ship steady, however, and Acacia grew stronger because of his leadership. Perhaps Pete put it best himself at his address to the 1974 Council when he announced his retirement from the position of National President:

“… As the tenor of our country changed, the fraternity system came under fire and we had been backsliding. We took very definitive action as we met for the first time as a Council at the chapter at LSU and said, ‘This is going to come to a halt. We are going to initiate a program which is going to increase our membership, which is going to make us that which we had aspired to be, that which our founding fathers wished us to be,’ and we launched ourselves onto an expansion program the likes of which really awed the fraternity world. And I am very pleased to say we, ourselves, brought our backsliding to a halt. We have turned it around. Our membership is on the increase.”

Knapp retired as National President, but did not step down from Acacia. After his four-year term he served as the National Alumni Director. Knapp said in a September, 1973 Journal article, “The chief values I obtained from the fraternity experience were brotherhood, business experience and responsibility.” From his time at Cornell to his term as National President, and after, he showed those values were never forgotten.
years often said that he did a better job serving Acacia as the “Pledge Head Steward” than he did as National President. Irv’s work as Scholarship Chairman and Treasurer was discussed earlier.

Irv worked as hard, if not harder, for his beloved adopted WSU chapter as he did for his active chapter. He led the thrust for new housing as WSU housing in the early 1960s was very poor and Irv remembered the same caused the demise of the Missouri chapter. The WSU chapter was completely replaced in two stages in 1964 and 1976. WSU’s golden years, on campus and nationally, continued to about 1990 when the whole fraternity system deteriorated. In recognition of Irv’s service to WSU, the chapter initiated him as an honorary in 1985 when Irv’s son, Paul, was initiated into the WSU chapter. Irv thus holds the unique distinction of holding two roll numbers – one at Missouri and one at WSU.

As Province Governor, Irv held annual retreats at Yakima, Washington, located central to WSU, the University of Washington, and Oregon State University. His work here caught National’s eye and in 1967 when Harvey Amos resigned as National 1st VP, Irv was appointed National 2nd VP and Marv Logan moved up to National 1st VP.

Irv’s National 2nd VP period will be covered by others. However, this was the period that Acacia acquired a magnificent new National Headquarters in Boulder, Colorado. The building was wood and stone on the outside and sited on a beautiful landscaped pool belonging to the building next door. Inside, the archives were a large burning 3, 4, 5 Triangle and sang, “We’re All Good Brothers.”

Irv’s term as president from 1974 to 1978 emphasized brotherhood, fiscal responsibility and preparing for Acacia’s 75th anniversary in 1979 to be celebrated at the Snowmass Colorado Conclave in 1978. To prepare for the 75th, the council voted early for a Third Quarter Century History to be written by Acacia Historian, Delmer Goode, and published by National. Another early unanimous vote, at Tom Bolman’s urging, was to endorse the Shrine Burn Centers for support as Acacia’s National Project. At the New Orleans Conclave in 1976, it was voted to reinstate per capita dues. This was necessary in the interest of fiscal responsibility.

In February 1978, Harvey Logan, Executive Director since 1966, resigned to pursue other long-term management interests. It was with sorrow and deep regret that the council and Irv accepted his resignation.

Another leg of the fiscal responsibility chair Irv desired was the drive for $75,000 to retire the debt on the National Headquarters. The Foundation reported at the Snowmass Conclave that the drive for $75 K was a success with $76,000+ pledged and about $35,000 paid.
My Acacia experience began on a winter’s evening in 1954 when I received a phone call from Jim Batchelor. I was a freshman at Long Beach State and had decided not to join a fraternity my first year. When Jim called and told me they were forming a chapter of the Acacia Fraternity, I was immediately interested as two high school friends had pledged Acacia at USC that year. In addition my father was a Mason, as was my grandfather, and it seemed like a slam-dunk.

We held meetings, raised money and recruited new members and, of course, did our pledge studies under the leadership of the USC chapter and their advisor, Harvey Amos. After all our work we were initiated as the founding members of the Long Beach Chapter of Acacia on September 8, 1955. This is when I first met Roy C. Clark, the Executive Director of Acacia, and a true legend in his own time, along with Lucille Malcolm, the widow of our founder, George Malcolm. I had three great years holding various offices in the chapter and my senior year was elected Venerable Dean, an experience I still learn from.

In 1962 I became the Chapter Advisor. Two of the undergraduates at that time were Harvey Logan and Norm Saatjian, both of whom went on to have a very major impact on the National Fraternity.

In 1964, I attended my first Conclave in Memphis. It was there I met George F. Patterson, a person who I admire and respect beyond words. George got me interested in Acacia at the national level; I attended every Conclave after that. In 1970 I attended the Conclave in Estes Park, Colorado, and decided to run for a seat on the Council. For no real reason I ran for the National Counselor’s position and, lo and behold, I was elected for a 12-year journey that carried me to being elected the National President in 1978, an experience only a few have the opportunity to enjoy.

During these years we opened our National Headquarters in Boulder, Colorado, and by this time Harvey Logan had become the new Roy C. Clark and was the Executive Director of the Fraternity.

Things were not always easy for our Brotherhood during much of this time as finances were always a problem. National officers had to sacrifice most of their time paying their own expenses to Council meetings and Conclaves.

There were always differences of opinion on lots of issues, but the good of the Fraternity always prevailed. During this time we brought undergraduates onto the Council. One of these young men was a very impressive LSU student, Don Solanas, who went on to become National President. I was lucky to serve under two outstanding Presidents, Pete Knapp and Irving Field, and learned much from them both which helped me when I was elected.

One of the duties of the President is to select a Judge Advocate. My choice was a young lawyer from Indiana, Dave Allen, which turned out to be a great choice. Dave was the administrative assistant to the Governor of Indiana. One of my most vivid recollections of Dave was during a break at a Boulder Council meeting. He was on the phone with the Governor and out of the blue said, “Governor you are full of s—t,” which I later explained to him he couldn’t say to the Governor to which he informed me “he is and I can.” So much for my political expertise.

While my Acacia experience was not always without problems, trials and tribulations, it has been without a doubt one of the most interesting and rewarding of my life. The people I have met, the friends that I made, are invaluable to me.

To have met and talked to Charlie Sink, one of the founders of our Fraternity and Lucille Malcolm are priceless memories I will cherish always.

We move on each year with new members, new Councils, new challenges, but the good of the Fraternity is always in the forefront. I have lots of special moments - receiving the Acacia Award of Merit and the George F. Patterson Award. But the most important to me was a resolution from the 1996 Conclave wishing me, my wife and our family their love and support as only a month earlier they had heard that my wife, Carolynn, had been diagnosed with a terminal illness, Lou Gehrig’s disease, a fatal neurological disease. She was dedicated to our Fraternity as well as her own sorority, Delta Delta Delta, which she served as Chapter Advisor, a member of the house corporation and a delegate to their Convention. She loved Acacia and Acacia loved her. A more courageous person has never lived.

I extend my warmest affection to those who are in Acacia now and those who have been before us and especially those into whose hands we place the future of our Fraternity.

Let the celebration begin and “we are all good brothers.”
Looking back on these years in Acacia’s history, the most prominent remembrance I’m struck with, and the most uplifting, is the remarkable talent and dedication of the people I served with on the National Council and Staff.

I was blessed to be associated with and be able to draw upon the abilities of a very strong Council: Marty Wingren, Don Solanas, Dave Williams, Dan Hildebrand, Ron Hopkins and Dave Allen. Additionally, the counsel from close advisors George Patterson, Roy Miller, Leonard Wood, Frank Cole, Delmer Goode, Joe Reed and Irv Field was invaluable to me.

Mostly, I cannot say enough about the headquarters staff led by Tom Nelson and Scott Valley during my administration. Rarely have I seen so many people accomplish so much from so little. People like: Darold Larson, Scott Houston, Tom Piernik, Brad Colerick, Jeff Eller, Alex Taylor, Price Mounger, Brett Thomas and Doug Schmidt. And, of course, the true unsung heroines of Acacia Fraternity: Gretchen Mathews, Pat Hinshaw and Joan Busenbarrick. I’m filled with admiration for the commitments and sacrifice all those individuals made “to give life to those with whom they were associated as they traveled along life’s pathway.”

In the early part of my administration, we focused on slowing our expansion efforts so we could improve the quality of our operations and chapter services. We had recently completed the headquarters move to Indianapolis, which was a huge and successful undertaking, and it was important to regain our momentum from the transition.

We had 36 chapters and four colonies, with a chapter size of 38 men, small in comparison to other fraternities, but still a slight increase in size and stability. We were determined to stand for excellence, and we maintained a history, the most prominent remembrance we achieved our goal of standing for excellence, and we maintained a reputation in the Greek world far bigger than our size.

Academia we sponsored at Conclave.

With chapter services stabilized and programming improved, we reinitiated our expansion efforts, and at one point chartered three new chapters and had six successful colonies. During my administration, we became an International Fraternity, with the chartering of our Western Ontario chapter in 1985. Initiations trended up, as did average chapter size.

We created “The Year of the Alumnus” as part of our Alumni Task Force headed by Don Solanas, Dave Allen and Scott Valley. This five-part program was the most sweeping change made in alumni relations in years, and as a result, alumni giving increased significantly. To better recognize our alumni, Dave Williams created an Alumni Induction Ceremony, and we officially made it a part of the Acacia ritual.

We created the “Building Our Future” campaign to increase the endowment of AEF. We sent out 900 letters under my signature and followed up with a phone-a-thon conducted by the brothers from Indiana and Purdue University. We raised $156,000 in cash, gifts and pledges from this effort, a significant increase to our modest corpus.

To support our motto “Human Service,” Don Solanas created the “Seven Days of Service” program, which better focused our chapters’ efforts on raising money for our national charity, the Shriners Burns Institutes. The program was a huge success over these four years. We further strengthened our ties to Masonry by providing formal publications on Acacia to the Shrine of North America for distribution to all their temples. We initiated the Imperial Recorder of the International Shrine, Jack Jones, as an honorary Acacian.

In a significant undertaking, Dave Allen led the efforts to recodify our Bylaws and Constitution, and this landmark piece of legislation was ratified by the 1986 Conclave.

Certainly we had our setbacks along the way, with loss of chapters, continual struggles with finances and some staff and Council turnover, but all in all Acacia progressed and became stronger. We achieved our goal of standing for excellence, and we maintained a

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John F. Hoffner
Purdue ’66, #951
National President, 1982-86

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very strong presence in the fraternity world. We have maintained strong continuity in our Council and Staff leadership over the years since my administration, and it has been gratifying to see many of my colleagues from those days take Acacia to new heights.

Words cannot describe the admiration I have for all those people who dedicated so much under such challenging conditions to help Acacia preserve its rich heritage so that the young men who follow us in our Second Century might enjoy the special brotherhood we have been privileged to be a part of. The best I’ve been able to do is to have written “A Brother’s Tribute,” which is a poem dedicated to a few special brothers I served with, but is also meant to apply to anyone in any fraternity who has ever experienced the joy of brotherhood.

**W. Martin Wingren**

Marty Wingren was elected to the office of International President at the 44th Biennial Conclave held in Dallas, Texas, in 1986. Wingren soon had the task of guiding Acacia through one of its most difficult periods, however, this was also a period of growth and many positive developments.

Wingren focused on alumni, expanding the donor base through fund-raising drives and updating the national registry. He worked to build alumni relationships both on a national and chapter basis. As 1986 was dubbed the “Year of the Alumnus,” one of the main goals was to have a network of alumni not only to raise money but to help in career services, undergraduate counseling and chapter expansion. The Fraternity began the process of tracking down the many “lost” alumni across the country for an updated Alumni Directory.

This period also saw the revival of the Regional Leadership Academy. In 1989, after a four-year hiatus, Cornell hosted the largest-ever RLA and more were to follow. These academies gave regional chapters the chance to work together, along with the Headquarters staff, and learn new ideas for everything from recruitment to educational programs.

Perhaps one of the most important steps Acacia took at this time was the installation of the first computer network at International Headquarters. This in-house database allowed for an easier way to track alumni and keep up-to-date information on chapters.

Acacia took on international scope in 1985 when the University of Western Ontario was chartered. For the first time a Conclave was held outside the United States when the 1992 Conclave took place in Toronto.

The early ’90s were also the beginning of what was to become the PC era. Political correctness was just beginning, and the fraternity system had to quickly adapt. There were many issues on the forefront - risk management, hazing, and alcohol and drug abuse - all of which the International Council tackled.

A leading issue at this time involved risk management. During Wingren’s tenure, Acacia developed the basis for a comprehensive risk management program. First steps were also taken to start a International Insurance program.

Heightened media coverage and the subsequent public outcry required fraternities to look at the problem of hazing. Because of the liability involved, the pledge program itself was considered for elimination. However, chapters and alumni agreed that shortening the pledge period was an excellent beginning to improve pledge education.

Wingren was active in Acacia from his start at California, serving as Venerable Dean and House Manager. He was one of the driving forces behind the rechartering of the California chapter in 1980. He was a Regional Counselor from 1980-82, was elected First Vice President in 1982 and served in this position until being elected National President in 1986. He presided over the ’88 Conclave in New Orleans, the ’90 Conclave in Indianapolis and the ’92 Conclave in Toronto. He is a recipient of the Order of Pythagoras and the Award of Merit. Marty served as Area Trustee on the Acacia Educational Foundation from 1969-87 and was a key figure in the creation of the Acacia Fraternity Foundation in 1989.

During Wingren’s presidency there was a debate over what was more important: expansion or existing chapters. The main problem was that expansion allowed for growth, but sometimes at the cost of slighting existing chapters. Wingren and the Council decided this double-edged sword was a problem that couldn’t be solved, they could only try to balance it out so that no chapters were left behind, and the Fraternity continued to grow.

Chapters did indeed spring up: California University of Pennsylvania, Carleton and Millersville University were all chartered while the University of Wisconsin, Franklin (Pennsylvania), Illinois Wesleyan and Ohio University were rechartered during Wingren’s term. By utilizing alumni and sending representatives out to chapters and colonies, many of the chapters that could have folded were saved through their effort.

While much good was done over this time to help Acacia, one criminal act could have served to tear down the entire fraternity. In what can be characterized as the darkest period in Acacia’s history, it was discovered that the president of the Acacia Educational Foundation had embezzled the foundation’s assets.

Acting quickly, Wingren and the Council, especially International Judge Advocate Jed Morris, Washington State ’74, formed the Acacia Fraternity Foundation. With the hard work of this group, the Fraternity overcame, arguably, the most difficult situation in its history. Other Council members and former Fraternity officers who helped support Acacia were: Ronald D. Hill,
The years 1992 through 1998 could be referenced as another period of formative years for Acacia Fraternity. I refer to it as “formative” because the events and time of these six years required Acacia’s leaders to truly commit to their belief in the purpose and goals of Acacia Fraternity and lead the Fraternity in some new directions. The new directions allowed Acacia to remain a leading participant in Greek organizations on college campuses and continue the Fraternity’s long history as a keystone in the infrastructure of the international fraternity system.

The 1992-1998 period was a continuing challenge for campus Greek organizations. It was a time of ascension to middle and upper college administrative positions for the fellow graduates and alumni.

Non-supportive college administrators, an increasing litigious society, and poor personal decisions made by 18-year old college students in individual behavior situations placed tremendous pressure on the fraternity system nationwide and Acacia Fraternity as one of the system members. It was a time for Acacia, its alumni and undergraduates to face the critical issues of hazing, risk management, liability insurance, educational foundation expectations, and personal development of members as well as leaders. It was a time to make decisions, as hard as they may be, because we believed in our fraternity.

As other Presidents have stated, the most exciting part of these years was the friendship and brotherhood shared by those Acacians with whom I served. The volunteer leaders were many and included Dave Allen (Indiana), John Zentgraf (Shippensburg), Scott Fowler (Illinois), Mike Fillman (Western Ontario), Bob Hampe (Washington State), Scott Cleland (Ohio), Jose Sanchez (UCLA), and Jed Morris (Washington State), as well as a series of outstanding Undergraduate Counselors. Our volunteer Council is only as good as an effective and professional staff. My admiration and thanks continue to this day for the work of Darold Larson, Scott Houston, Gretchen Mathews, Pat Hinshaw, and the hard-working Leadership Consultants that challenged our Council for these years and developed outstanding programs for the benefit of Acacia, its undergraduates and alumni.

The years started with the first International Conclave in Toronto, continued with the Conclaves in New Orleans and St. Louis, and ended with the great Fraternity celebration in Cleveland in 1998. Conclaves are always great experiences, and the Councils focused on improving the committee system at the Conclave, our legislative body. I believe we were successful in increasing the undergraduates’ understanding of Acacia and the amount of responsibility of running the fraternity we place in their hands.

During these years, Acacia did not avoid the most difficult problems faced by other fraternities on our college campuses. We dealt with the alcohol poisoning death of a brother at Cornell, the death of a brother at New Hampshire due to a fall from a roof and underage drinking, the near-fatal accident of a non-Acadian partic-
The significance of the establishment of an international liability insurance program for all Acacia chapters, alumni boards and house corporations must be highlighted. It was a long time coming, and these Councils believed it was a necessary step for Acacia to take if we were to remain a viable and surviving member of the fraternity system in the United States and Canada. Acacia’s ability to network with other national fraternities through associations such as the National Interfraternity Conference provided the opportunities to gain the knowledge and information to implement such a program. And, it must be emphasized that the final momentum came from the 1996 St. Louis Conclave as it directed the Council and staff to establish Acacia’s International Insurance program, recognizing its importance to today’s and tomorrow’s undergraduates. The program has been in existence since 1998 and has been well received.

The Acacia Fraternity Foundation was founded in 1989, in no small part due to the perseverance and effort of the late Marty Wingren, California ‘65, a past President of Acacia. The charter members of the AFF invested their time and talents to make the new Foundation succeed and place it in position to be an important part of the structure of our fraternity.

The Councils during the 1992-98 years learned of the importance foundations can make in an international fraternity, and boldly partnered with the AFF and its leaders to move Acacia into a new dynamic of alumni support and foundation programming. In the spring of 1996, the Indiana chapter and its alumni stepped forward with an equally bold statement of belief in Acacia by partnering with the Acacia Fraternity Foundation in the construction of its Academic Learning Wing and Ford Library addition to the chapter house in Bloomington. It showed all of us how Acacians can work together to reach new goals and successes. Other chapters have followed the Indiana model and successfully partnered with the AFF in achieving their new goals and objectives. My special thanks are given to the Foundation board during all these years for their hard work, professional performance, and clear belief in Acacia and our purpose.

One of the great pleasures of being President of Acacia is the opportunity to visit Acacia’s undergraduates and alumni. During my tenure, I had the pleasure and honor to charter new Acacia chapters at Bloomsburg (PA), Central Florida, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Central Oklahoma, and Morningside (IA). Social get-togethers with Acacia alumni were held at various venues when Darold Larson and I represented the Fraternity at NIC and other national meetings. In both cases, it was important as well as enjoyable to meet face to face with Acacia’s undergraduates and alumni and discuss the challenges and goals for the fraternity.

The Acacia Information Highway was adopted by one Council as a strategic objective. The use of computers, the Internet, and web pages was going to be a critical part of communication in future years and it was the firm belief of staff and leaders that Acacia needed to be up front in developing opportunities to utilize these vehicles to communicate with our chapters, alumni leaders, undergraduates, chapter consultants and even ourselves. The staff developed an outstanding Internet access and web page for the Fraternity, guided at times by our undergraduates and their knowledge and needs. Our capabilities in the communication area have been and continue to be very beneficial to the Fraternity and its membership.

During these years, the Councils maintained a focus on programming for the undergraduates, particularly in the area of personal and leadership development. It had been recognized for many years that since the institution of the Leadership Academy at each of the Biennial Conclaves, the Fraternity was missing an entire set of chapter leaders with no similar focus during off-Conclave years. That changed in the summer of 1995 with the successful institution of the Acacia Leadership Academy. The ALA brings two to four undergraduate leaders from each chapter to Bloomington (IN) for four days of leadership development and the brotherhood experience of Acacia Fraternity.

The idea of the off-year ALA was the brainchild of Darold Larson, who sold it to the Council and, with the assistance of staff and alumni leaders, successfully implemented the ALA project. The benefits of this outstanding event continue today as the fifth biennial Acacia Leadership Academy was held in the summer of 2003. It was an honor to be the team leader for these six years and work with so many great Acacians.
A nucleus of veterans on the International Council and an experienced headquarters staff welcomed me as a relative newcomer to the role of International President following the Cleveland Conclave in August 1998. I made the transition from the Acacia Fraternity Foundation where I had served since 1992, including the last three years as Foundation President.

Serving with me as elected Council members during all or part of the four year period were: Jed Morris, Washington State; Scott Cleland, Ohio University; George Levesque, Carleton; Gene Ambroson, Morningside; and Craig Johnson, Louisiana State. Undergraduate Counselors included Bryk Lancaster of Iowa; Jacob Yackenovich of Ohio State; Jason Archer of Kansas State and Dominic Nelson of St. Cloud State.

Dave Allen of Indiana University accepted my appointment to continue as Judge Advocate; Rob Roberson of Illinois Wesleyan was appointed Treasurer when that office became vacant, and Jim Katsaounis of Ohio was appointed to a temporary position, Assistant to the Treasurer.

Brother George Patterson, our beloved Past President, was faithfully at our side for all meetings and constantly available to provide wise counsel and support to his Fraternity and to its board and staff leadership. His steadfast example of dedication to Acacia inspired us as it has so many previous leaders.

When I have the opportunity to review the written accounts prepared by my recent predecessors, I expect to read that we all faced similar challenges and struggles related to the need for Acacia to survive and to find ways to prosper under most difficult circumstances. Acacia is more challenged than many other fraternities because our chapter base is relatively small. The fact that we are able to remain viable is a testament to the experience and skills required to be successful in this demanding position. Although we tried to tackle this one, regretfully we were never able to make any sustainable progress. This was a major disappointment to all of us.

As an alternative strategy to growing the Fraternity in the traditional way of chapter expansion, consolidation with another fraternity was briefly explored. This approach theoretically has the benefit of being less costly than expansion and could result in cost savings and economies of scale in operations and programming. This was not the first time in Acacia’s long history that we dipped a toe in these waters, but as in the past, the obstacles, both real and perceived, were too great to overcome.

It was especially rewarding to me that the Foundation-Fraternity partnership grew and prospered during this time span. Financial support for chapter services including staffing was significantly increased by the Foundation Directors. This enabled the headquarters to provide regular chapter visits in response to stated needs of the chapters. The Foundation showed true leadership in making this investment in the Fraternity, over and above the traditional levels of support.

The Fraternity continued to hold successful biennial Conclaves; Leadership Academies in the years between Conclaves; the TRIAD returned in 2002 and has been published again this year; the web site was upgraded; the headquarters staff expansion has been sustained along with the corresponding expanded chapter services; collaboration between the Foundation and the Council was strengthened; and the ground work for initiating strategic planning and Centennial planning was laid. Acacia has continued its active participation in the affairs of the Fraternity Executives Association and the North-American Interfraternity Council.

In closing, I must make note of key individuals, without whose contributions and tireless efforts Acacia would suffer. Brothers Darold Larson and Keith Bushey lead the headquarters staff with dedication and skill. They have sacrificed for Acacia so often and in so many ways. Brother Bill Utic, Foundation President, is a pillar of the Fraternity in that most critical position. He leads by example and has full credibility and integrity.

Brother Patterson is our hero and our inspiration. We have been privileged to learn from him and to call him Brother. And finally, with due respect to those who have held the position, simply stated, Dave Allen comes to the presidency of Acacia uniquely prepared and with due respect to those who have held the position, simply stated, Dave Allen comes to the presidency of Acacia uniquely prepared and in full possession of the experience and skills required to be successful in this demanding position.

The combination of Acacia’s rich heritage and its wealth of current and emerging leaders bodes well for a successful launch of the Fraternity’s second century. We are proud to be Acacists.
As Acacia prepares to celebrate its centennial year in 2004, one of the significant events that helped to make this possible was the creation of the Acacia Fraternity Foundation in 1989. Conceived by International President W. Martin Wingren, California '65, and Acacia’s International Council, the Foundation was created by the Fraternity as a means for Acacians and friends of Acacia to support Acacia with tax-deductible contributions. More importantly, the new Foundation began to build up an endowment that would allow Acacia to reduce its dependence on undergraduate per capita dues and pledge and initiation fees.

Today, the Foundation supports over one third of the fraternity’s annual budget and underwrites Acacia’s educational and leadership programs. With the creation of chapter accounts, the Foundation also provided a means for alumni to provide financial support to chapters. Since 1989 the Foundation’s endowment has grown to over $1 million and annual giving has increased three-fold. The Foundation has provided over $3 million to the Fraternity and its chapters since 1989. Income from the Foundation’s endowment has allowed the Fraternity to increase its professional headquarters staff and put more Leadership Consultants in the field to work with chapters and establish new colonies.

The following is a brief history of the Foundation.

The first president of the Foundation was Brother Marshall A. Burmeister, Northwestern ’41. Joining Brother Burmeister as members of the inaugural board of directors were Brothers Clifton K. Hillegass, Nebraska ’38, Capt. Duncan McPherson, California ’63, W. Jeffrey Neal, Kansas State ’81, and John A. Rosso, Arizona ’65. International President Marty Wingren’s letter of invitation to these men stated, in part, “I am personally honored, as is the International Council and headquarters staff of Acacia Fraternity, that you will join in this historic effort to improve and expand the educational and charitable objectives of the Fraternity.”

Essential legal support for developing the Foundation’s articles of incorporation and bylaws, and for obtaining IRS recognition as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt education foundation was provided by Brothers David J. Allen, Indiana ’57, and H. Wayne Kirk, California ’62. Scott J. Houston, Indiana ’80, served as the Foundation’s first secretary and treasurer. Joining the Foundation board in 1990 were Brothers Richard E. Keyes, Cincinnati ’49; John B. Lane, Vermont ’56, C. Wayne Roush, Missouri ’38, William A. Utic, Cornell ’74, and George C. Woolsey, California ’34. Brother Utic was elected Foundation secretary and treasurer, replacing Scott Houston. Brother Neal was elected Foundation vice president.

Other Acacians who have served as Foundation directors since 1990, listed by the year that each was first elected to the Foundation board, include:

1991 – Gerald C. Cook, Shippensburg ’66, George F. Patterson, Jr., Cincinnati ’42, and Albert S. Conly, Texas ’73
1993 – Mark R. Guidry, LSU ’57
1994 – Orval M. Conner, Nebraska ’50, and Robert E. Jepson, Kansas State ’53
1995 – Philip H. Johnson, Penn State ’77
1996 – Larry E. Schroeder, Georgia ’77, and Jack W. Wedgwood, Purdue ’60
1997 – Dean R. Blanken, Colorado ’91, Irving M. Field, Missouri ’54, Maximilian J. B. Hopkins, California ’80, and Marty Wingren, California ’65
2000 – Glenn E. Lavering, UCLA ’49, and Ronald T. Hopkins, Syracuse ’69
2001 – John H. Peper, Texas ’71, and Douglas F. Trumbower, Penn State ’63
2002 – John C. Barber, Purdue ’58, John B. Pugh, Iowa State ’50, Hal D. Hanes, Indiana ’63, and Donald W. Solanas, Jr., LSU ’68
2003 – Daniel D. Bayston, Illinois ’80, George E. Hansell, Purdue ’45, John Price Howe, Syracuse ’64, and Dewayne E. Ullsperger, Nebraska ’82

From its inception, the Foundation has striven to represent the entire Fraternity. The number and variety of chapters, geographic locations and age groups represented on the Foundation board is the result of these efforts. Foundation directors volunteer their time, and pay their own meeting and travel expenses.


The first Foundation chapter accounts were established in 1991. Four chapters opened chapter accounts: Cornell ($13,610), Minnesota ($255), Oregon State ($818) and Syracuse ($3,755). Today, there are over 50 chapter accounts with a combined balance of almost $600,000.

The first Acacia Leadership School, conceived by Acacia Executive Director Darold W. Larson, Washington State ’81, and funded by the Foundation, was held at the Indiana chapter in the summer of 1995. Undergraduate representatives from every...
The Acacia Fraternity Foundation, thanks to the generosity of our alumni and friends, provided $380,000 in support to Acacia in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003. These grants provided:

- Forty-one Leadership Consultant visits to Acacia chapters and colonies.
- Renovation of the Kansas State chapter house (34% of project cost).
- Renovation of the Purdue chapter house library.
- Forty-seven undergraduate scholarships.
- Publication of chapter Leadership Manuals (Gold Books) and the purchase of educational materials for distribution to chapters.
- Computers for the Indiana chapter house library.
- Installation of Internet connections in the Miami chapter house.
- Underwriting Leadership School attendance costs for the Illinois Wesleyan, Indiana, Miami and Penn State chapters.
- Scholarship program expenses for the Iowa, Penn State and Shippensburg chapters.
- Management and administrative support for Acacia’s leadership training programs.

The Foundation received $291,000 from donors in the fiscal year, including $56,000 in contributions for the Annual Fund. Foundation directors and members of Acacia’s International Council raised an additional $13,000. Alumni contributed $17,000 to underwrite Acacia’s Summer Leadership School and $204,000 was contributed to chapter accounts in 2002-2003. The Foundation supplemented this support with investment earnings from the General Fund.

The Foundation had out-of-pocket administrative expenses of $11,664 for outside accountants, insurance, bank charges, filing fees, copying, postage and telephone use for the same period. This is four percent of funds raised.

On behalf of the Foundation’s Board of Directors and Acacia Fraternity, thank you for your support. The Foundation can be contacted at 317-872-8210 or by e-mail at acacianat@acacia.org.

Fraternally,

William A. Utic
Cornell ’74
President

Acacia Fraternity Foundation Report

President’s Report (continued)

chapter and colony live and work together in a simulated chapter environment for a week, trading experiences, listening to outstanding speakers and learning essential chapter leadership skills. The Leadership School has become one of Acacia’s most popular and successful educational programs, and continues to be held at the Indiana chapter in non-Conclave years.

Brothers Patterson and Lane were elected in 1998 to the newly established position of emeritus director. Since that time, two additional brothers have been honored as emeritus directors: George C. Woolsey (2002) and Irving M. Field (2002).

The Texas-based Acacia Educational Foundation ceased operation in 2000 and its remaining assets were merged into the Foundation, reaffirming the Acacia Fraternity Foundation as Acacia’s national educational foundation.

The Foundation’s mission statement, adopted in 2001, reflects the goals of the Foundation since its beginning and its focus for Acacia’s second one hundred years:

- To fund the educational and leadership programs of Acacia Fraternity.
- To provide scholarships for members of Acacia Fraternity.
- To encourage academic, professional and personal achievement by the members and alumni of Acacia Fraternity.
- To provide an opportunity for members and friends of Acacia Fraternity to financially support scholarships and the educational and leadership programs of the Fraternity.
- To provide additional opportunities for Acacia alumni to participate in the work of Acacia Fraternity.

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The charitable and non-profit organizations in our communities play an important role in our lives. They help people in many ways. Serving meals to the needy, providing mentors, funding worthy causes and providing community leadership are but a few examples. Many of our Acacia chapters have been most resourceful in finding ways to support their communities through Acacia’s emphasis on human service programming. For high school and community college students making the transition to a four-year college or university may seem like an imposing challenge. One or more of the following questions may be on his mind:

- Will I fit in and make new friends?
- Will I succeed academically?
- Will I be able to get involved in campus organizations and better my leadership skills?
- Will I find other people interested in the same things that I am?
- How can I best prepare for my career?
- Will I feel like part of the campus community or just another number?

Acacia Fraternity exists as a proven support network for young men embarking on this important period in their lives. The fraternity can help personalize a young man’s college experience by offering a scholastic support system; hands-on experience in leading committees, managing budgets and interacting with faculty and administrators; exposure to careers through educational programs and discussion with alumni; the chance to give back to the community through human service projects; and close friends to cheer him on when he is successful and support him when times are tough.

I’m sure all of us can remember times in our college experience when Acacia made such a difference in our lives. It is no wonder that fraternity members tend to graduate from college at a higher rate than those men not involved in fraternities, and become more involved in their communities over the years.

As alumni, we can play a critical role in making all of this possible. Both short and long-term financial support is needed for Acacia’s chapters to continue to make a difference for the next generation of college-age men. Alumni dues and direct support to Acacia’s chapters are, in the most part, not tax-deductible. However, gifts to the Acacia Fraternity Foundation are fully tax-deductible as charitable contributions.

Recently, the Foundation teamed up with Network for Good to allow alumni and friends a safe and efficient way to support the educational goals of the AFF.

Network for Good is a nonprofit collaboration to help nonprofit organizations. Network for Good is the Internet’s leading charitable resource — an e-philanthropy site where individuals can donate, volunteer and speak out on issues they care about. The organization’s goal is to connect people to charities via the Internet. Founded in 2001 by the AOL Time Warner Foundation and AOL, Inc.; the Cisco Foundation and Cisco Systems, Inc.; and Yahoo! Inc., Network for Good is an independent, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization headquartered in San Francisco, Calif. Go to www.acacia.org for information on how to utilize this new resource.

Alumni support of the Foundation’s Annual Fund and Leadership School provide essential short-term support for Acacia’s educational and leadership training programs. But we can make an even greater long-term impact by including the Foundation in our estate plans. You can make a gift of money, securities, real estate, life insurance policies, annuities or other property to the Foundation, and designate the gift for the benefit of your chapter, for scholarships, for the Leadership School or for the general purposes of the Foundation.

If you have a professional financial advisor, lawyer, accountant or other trusted advisor, please talk to him about including the Acacia Fraternity Foundation in your will or living trust. If you have no one to talk to, then get in touch with the Foundation.

Remember, no gift is too small. Little drops of water, little grains of sand, make the mighty oceans and the fertile lands. Leave a legacy.
The Acacia Fraternity Foundation’s Annual Fund may have a
sounding name, but it is very special in the way it provides
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or roughly $260,000, can be supported through educational grants
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Acadia Leadership Attendees: 21
The fifth biennial Acacia Leadership Academy was held on the Indiana University campus from July 23-27, 2003. Over 80 of Acacia’s best and brightest undergraduate leaders converged on the IU chapter house for four days of workshops, guest speakers and recreational events.

The Acacia Leadership Academy continues to be one of the Fraternity’s most successful educational programs. The goal of the ALA is to create a model chapter. Attendees are taught the “ins and outs” of fraternity operations along with educational tracks to help motivate and increase awareness of issues facing our Fraternity. At 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 23, 2003, Executive Director Darold Larson opened the 2003 ALA to a group of eager brothers. From the opening session, the attendees knew they were there to learn about the workings of Acacia Fraternity and how to implement their newly found ideas at their own chapters. After the opening session, the attendees were put into four groups led by the Acacia Fellows. The fellows for the ALA this year were International First Vice President J. Scott Cleland, Ohio ’88, International Counselor George A. Levesque, Jr., Carleton ’89, Riley Wheeler, Wisconsin ’89 and Jeremy Davis, Iowa State ’00.

The headquarters staff would like to thank these brothers for donating their time and energy to the success of the Leadership Academy. Thank you, brothers!

Thursday morning began with “Good Morning Acacia” followed by speakers Captain Keith Cash, IU Police Department, and Carl Salzmann, Monroe County Prosecutor. Carl is an honorary initiate of the Indiana chapter. Their program brought to light the depiction of fraternal life from community members outside the fraternal setting. That afternoon, Brothers Levesque and Cleland gave presentations on life after the fraternity entitled The Real World. This program gave pointers on resumes, interviewing and dressing for success.

Friday morning began with the traditional North American paintball games in Nashville, Indiana. As in years past, this has been an exceptional team building experience for all the attendees. On our return to Bloomington, we were greeted by David Stollman of CampuSpeak who gave his words of wisdom on Membership Recruitment. The attendees were extremely attentive to his ideas and excited to use them at their own chapters.

On Saturday morning, all attendees were invited to the Bloomington Masonic Lodge for breakfast and socializing followed by the initiation of four members of our most recent colony at Missouri-Columbia. The degree work was performed by various undergraduate members – and it was a job well done.

That evening was our closing banquet held at the chapter house followed by the presentation of the Acacia Fraternity Foundation and Emma C. Allen Memorial Scholarships. In addition, the International Council recognized four brothers with the Order of Pythagoras for their dedication to the Fraternity. Two brothers recognized with the Order of Pythagoras were Nick Churchill, Indiana ’00, and Blake Hutchison, Wisconsin ’97. Nick and Blake served the past year as Leadership Consultants for the International Headquarters office. Brother Jason Duryea, Missouri School of Mines ’98 was honored for his work with his chapter, and Brother Jeremy Davis, Iowa State ’00, (2003 ALA Fellow) was honored for his work as Chapter Advisor at Iowa State. Jeremy was also the first Venerable Dean when Iowa State recolonized in 2000. Congratulations to these brothers. These are honors well deserved.

Sunday morning saw the departure of our brothers and an ending to another Acacia Leadership Academy. Many stories will certainly be told about the 2003 ALA and, hopefully, we learned something along the way. We look forward to the sixth Acacia Leadership Academy in 2005 where Acacia’s best and brightest undergraduates will once again convene.

The International Council, Acacia Fraternity Foundation and headquarters staff wish to thank the Indiana Building Corporation for again allowing us the use of the IU chapter house. We would also like to thank the IU House Director, Susan Kinser, for all she did to make the 2003 ALA a huge success. Thank you, Susan!
CALIFORNIA

This past semester has been going well out here in sunny California. The chapter has been able to stay strong in the large and competitive Greek system, emerging from the most recent fall rush with 11 pledges, a high number for this community, coming within the top five of the 36 chapters on campus.

Not only did our recruitment shine but so does our brotherhood. Implementing new ideas and events influenced by our brothers from other parts of the country, our brotherhood is as strong as it has ever been. The brothers are using this opportunity and motivation to initiate annual philanthropies that will take place late this semester and at the end of the academic year next spring.

Combined with the excitement surrounding the Centennial Celebration, the California chapter of Acacia is looking to improve in all aspects of its operation and enjoy itself thoroughly in doing so. Everything is going our way as we move into the new century riding the excitement and prosperity of the brotherhood.

CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Academics continue to be top priority, as Acacia Fraternity once again boasts the highest grades on campus. The scholarship program is back in full swing with all students posting their schedules on their doors in addition to a full class schedule for every member posted in several places around the house. One brother then wakes up for his class, checks the list, and wakes up any other brother who has class. When you make it to class, then you see a dramatic effect on grades.

We also continue to sponsor our most-improved brother award, which focuses on academic improvement each semester. Our library is now fully functional, with four working computers, broadband Internet access, printers, a copy machine and quiet workspace.

Members of Acacia can be seen in almost every facet of leadership on the California University of Pennsylvania campus. Josh Pennington is the Chapter Venerable Dean and also serves as SAI Board of Directors Treasurer, PR Officer of Student Government, Student Cabinet Representative, IFC Representative, Phi Sigma Pi Honors Fraternity Rush Chair and is on the University Forum. TJ McAlloon serves as SAB President, Fraternity Secretary, Student Government Senator and Cabinet Representative. Steve Rava serves as Chapter Treasurer, Student Government Senator, Cabinet Representative and is on the University Forum. Adam Zajicek serves as Rush Chair, SAB Representative and IFC Representative.

Acacia’s commitment to campus leadership stretches throughout the 85 clubs and organizations on campus. Our overwhelming support of the Student Activities Board over the past few years has been instrumental in helping to bring new and exciting talent to the university community.

Acacia has also continued to support the local community. We showed up in full force to the Oak Festival at the Center in the Woods, with more than ten brothers and initiatives helping out for a total of over 40 man-hours of volunteerism. We continue to support Youth Athletics, moving up to the second-base club donations to the Diamonds are Forever Youth Baseball League. Acacia’s contribution now is at $250 and hopes to achieve the Home Plate Club of $1000 in the near future. Members of Acacia also helped with some maintenance at the Youth Baseball Fields, moving loads of sand and doing other labor for the league. Acacia was also recognized for fixing the defaced grave, and returning the previously stolen headstone that had since been recovered, of a prominent local family.

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

Greetings from the Central Oklahoma Chapter. This semester we have continued to serve our community and our university with the traditional Acacia spirit. We have 29 outstanding young men who are pledging this term. They have dedicated themselves to the fraternity process and continue to define the term brotherhood and human service through their endeavors.

The UCO chapter has again set the standard for others to follow by completing our annual “Seven Days of Service” community project by helping others in need around the greater Oklahoma City area. Brothers worked with the Oklahoma Food Bank, Edmond Adopt-A-Street program, the Cross and Crown Missions and hosted a Halloween spoook trail for the Campfire Girls of America.

“All of the activities went really well and our chapter looks forward to this week every year,” said Kris Starr, Senior Dean. “It’s also an opportunity for us to celebrate brotherhood and build on the strengths of each other.”

In other news, the UCO Campus Life Office recently held our Greek Convocation that recognized the achievements of all Greek organizations and presented athletic and academic awards for the past year. We were proud to represent Acacia with over 60 members present, more than any other house on campus! Acacia stole the show once again by accepting first place awards in five different team sports as well as winning the All-School Championship.

The UCO chapter also had six members make the Greek honor roll with a 3.5 GPA or above. These outstanding members, along with the rest of our house, combined for the highest men’s GPA for both the 2002 fall and 2003 spring semesters.

Kenneth Wohl, Venerable Dean, was also honored with the award for All-Greek Man and just recently was crowned UCO Homecoming King. This year marks the eighth straight year our chapter has been recognized for this honor.

As you can see, the brothers at UCO are doing well and the future looks as bright as ever. We hope to continue our tradition with excellence and integrity here at the University of Central Oklahoma.

Acacia, Happy 100th Anniversary and we look forward to seeing everyone in Indianapolis this summer!

CORNELL

This autumn brought with it much more than a season’s change to Northcote. Into Cornell Acacia fell eight new members, sharing not only eagerness to contribute to their brotherhood but appreciation for the large shoes it is now theirs to fill. For, this fall, many of the faces that helped shape the character and charisma of this fraternity no longer surround our dinner table.

Josh Roth, who had been the center of the philosophical and fraternal spirit of Acacia for the past few years, took his Pathfinder from Westchester to Boston University School of Law. Scott McQuade
set off with his higher-than-Top-Secret Classification to work for Miter Corporation in Virginia. Ilya Cherepakhin went pakhin’ back home to New York City, where he now works in marketing. And the never-to-be-forgotten Thomas Ricketts himself went back home to Boston, where he is living with his parents.

They may have left, but their influence pervades. Every one of the brothers, new and old, each day thinks of some way in which we can carry the tradition these noble men left to us.

As actives, we have all engaged this responsibility to the best of our ability. In all aspects of fraternity life, Acacia has grown to be a leader on campus and continues to grow in reputation and stature. Within ourselves, we have all taken a greater role in our own affairs, bettering our house and our brotherhood every day. Our brotherhood is the biggest it has been in over ten years, and we continue to actively seek to enlarge our membership.

We have a strong fall pledge class, and hope to have a record number of new recruits in the spring. We have upgraded our home’s Internet connection, and have made several substantial repairs to our aging fraternity house. We also have become extremely strong in interfraternity athletics, where we now are playoff caliber in several sports. Although it may be autumn, all aspects of Cornell Acacia are in full bloom.

As a brotherhood, we look forward to the coming year and many ways it will present for us to better our fraternity.

As a brother, and as President, I look at my fraternity with overwhelming pride. And when I admire how far our fraternity has come, I am most pleased in knowing that I am far from alone in cherishing the evermore rewarding privilege and honor of being a part of Cornell Acacia Fraternity. For, in the shoes of an Acacian, every fall is a most enjoyable enlightening step forward.

### Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Considering our recent financial situation and lack of active brothers, we have made significant progress within our chapter.

Although our chapter is smaller this semester and most of our older members are gone, we have been doing our best to organize ourselves and conduct daily fraternal business. Our whole fraternity, as well as our chapter advisor, is working hard to keep Acacia moving in the right direction.

We believe that we are more organized now than we have been in a long time and progress will steadily increase. Our main goals this semester are to reduce our debt as much as possible, participate in as much community service and as many Greek events as possible. All of our brothers are doing very well in their studies and we hope to have one of the highest combined GPAs between all of the fraternities at IUP.

### Iowa

The Iowa chapter saw an exciting summer. Our scholarship program ran smoothly again, bringing in nearly 25 quality applicants for interviews. Two scholarships of $500 were awarded to incoming male leaders. These two days brought the brothers together for an afternoon of boating, a BBQ and interviews with leaders from across the state.

The Iowa chapter also sent four delegates to the Acacia Leadership Academy. Brothers Aaron Morrow, Mike Johnson, Devin Johnson and Will Mason all spent the week networking with members from other chapters and came back full of excitement and new ideas. Brothers Morrow, Mason and D. Johnson all held major roles during the initiation degrees of the Missouri—Columbia Colony. And Brother Morrow was the Captain of “The Missing Soldiers,” the team currently holding the coveted Acacia Cup, which is awarded to the team that wins the Acacia Olympics.

Formal Recruitment brought the brothers of the Iowa chapter back together for a week of cleaning and preparing for formal rush. The executive officer council met and set goals for the semester and helped motivate the other members for formal recruitment.

The fall Pledge Class was finalized at six men, all coming from a variety of backgrounds and majors from Cinema to Business and from small town Iowa to Chicago suburbs. These six men have jelled quickly and will be wonderful additions to our active brotherhood.

Homecoming week 2003 saw the men from Acacia paired with the men of AEPi and the women of Delta Delta Delta. Although we didn’t place in the top three, our men had an exceptional showing with nearly 85 percent attendance for the events of the week. The men danced and performed in a skit based on Alice in Wonderland in the Iowa Shout Competition, and single-handedly designed and built a float for the parade on Friday.

The rest of the semester is full of many exciting events including: a large alumni gathering for Parent’s Weekend; a formal in the Twin Cities with the Wisconsin and St. Cloud State chapters; a Halloween party planned by our new member class; Initiation; an educational on the Masonic fraternity presented by a local Acacian/Mason; several brotherhood outings and a strong academic finish.

The brothers at Iowa wish our alumni the best, and hope to hear from all of our brothers soon and to see them at Conclave 2004 this summer in Indianapolis.

### Kansas State

Driven by the purpose of “Together, Building Exceptional Lives,” the Men of Acacia balance priorities by expanding leadership potential, serving the community, increasing brotherhood and highlighting the success of individual members.
The Men of Acacia featured a new extension to CORE (Coordinated Opportunities Resulting in Excellence) by inviting Acacia Senior Men to share their journey and life story as a profile of success. Entitled CORE Plus, the seminar-type program allows Acacia Senior Men to introduce their life, goals and mission with specific methods of reaching them.

Acacia Senior Men contribute time to the lessons learned through various experiences, family and friends. They supply a supportive base, the tools needed to be effective in their line of work, the importance of a solid foundation, methods of finding satisfaction and purpose from life, balancing their priorities and how they defined success in their lives. The Men of Acacia thank Dr. John Markley, ’54, for his open sharing and introductory CORE Plus experience.

Head football coach Bill Snyder developed the process of reaching success and exceeding goals in K-State’s college football program.

Discussing the background to leadership principles, Snyder delivered the keynote address to students and alumni of Acacia Fraternity at the annual 2003 Summit Weekend at the Manhattan Country Club on June 7.

“It appears to me leadership and success go hand in hand,” Snyder said. “The principles and values of leadership correlate with the values and principles of success.

“From athletics, education and government to personal lives, the range of these common ideals appeal to any walk of life.” he said. Snyder’s focus on positive youth development has reached a new level of concern in recent years.

“This is the most complex time for maturing and growing,” he said. “Great models become significant for young people. First and foremost, we need to promote the concept of placing youth around people who generally want to make their lives better. Young people need leadership to guide them towards those kinds of people.

“You truly are gentlemen who will make lives better,” Snyder said. “You are looking to help young people, and there is nothing more important.”

Last year, each member completed nearly 30 hours of community service through projects with the Boys and Girls Club, Downtown Manhattan, Lee Elementary, local community, Kansas 4-H Youth Development and faith-based organizations. We hope to expand this goal by investing time into others. Human service places a true priority of loving others.

In fall 2003, the Men of Acacia helped with the Boys and Girls Club of Manhattan. Each Friday, the Club sponsor a teen’s night for the youth of the area to spend in games and recreation. Basketball, Capture the Flag, computer games and cards are a few of the methods of getting to know the teenagers and ensuring a bright spot in their week.

From the start of four men in the fall of 2001, the Kansas State chapter grew to nine members by 2002. To start the 2003 semester, 17 men are currently living in the chapter house, with three out-of-house members. This success reflects a new approach to the K-State campus. Our recruitment committee targets selected men and arranges for face-to-face meetings. Recruits begin to experience the Acacia culture by seeing the brotherhood in action.

From the Acacia Leadership Academy, connections were established to men at the University of Missouri-Columbia who sought to start up a new chapter. After an initial meeting to exchange ideas, the men of Mizzou traveled to K-State to initiate and celebrate the addition of two members. Congratulations to all of those involved in the rebuilding process.

Recently, JJ Jones, ’02, saw a six-year dream come to fruition. The Ludell, Kansas junior, majoring in animal science and industry, with a minor in international agriculture, was chosen to represent nearly half a million youth as the central region vice president of the National FFA Organization. The FFA prepares students for agricultural careers, and has more than 7,000 local chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

During his tenure as vice president, JJ and the five other team members spent approximately 300 days traveling for FFA. He traveled to Japan for a two-week international agriculture experience tour. The team conducted state FFA conventions, workshops and represented FFA to businesses and industries.

JJ’s goal as a national officer is to help students discover a passion for agriculture. In high school, JJ participated in public speaking, livestock judging and poultry judging within FFA. He also served as the 2000-01 state FFA president. Congratulations, Brother Jones!
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So with six fully initiated brothers we plunged into fall recruitment. We successfully recruited four of the greatest men from our campus: Ben Coe, John Brajner, Kyle O’Brien and Geoffrey Maddox (son of John Maddox, one of our alumni from the 1980s).

We are into the final weeks of pledge education with initiation right around the corner. So far this semester the ten of us have clocked well over 100 service hours with the Mid Missouri Food Bank, Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Columbia City Fall Festival of the Arts.

Our pledge class has successfully signed us up for an Adopt-A-Spot section of Interstate 70 that we will begin maintaining later this year. We have also joined forces with local Twilight Lodge #113 Masonic Lodge to assist with needs at a local domestic abuse shelter. We also have planned a school supplies collection drive in November to benefit Fun City Youth Academy, an organization that helps underprivileged children in Boone County. Our pledge class this semester organized a leadership seminar through our campus Experiential Education, complete with team building exercises and ropes course. It was an awesome experience for all of us.

Our post-initiation goals include holding our first colony retreat, hosted by the Kansas State chapter, a huge recruitment drive to end out the semester and a campus relation project to connect more closely with the Greek system and the rest of our campus community.

Next semester goals include working closely with International Headquarters, using the Colony Direction and Spirit of Excellence Gold Books, as we work towards attaining our charter. We are also planning a large reunion to celebrate and promote not only the Centennial but also our Founder’s Day. Dates and times are still pending but it looks like late April or early May.

We have been utilizing our website, http://www.acaciamu.org, as well as other traditional modes of communication to help us connect with our alumni. It is coming along slowly but surely, but we need everyone’s help. We ask all of our Mizzou alumni to contact us. Likewise alumni from other chapters who may be in our area, please feel free to contact us as well.

**MORNINGSIDE**

One-hundred years is sneaking up on us quicker everyday. Another semester has started here at Morningside College and we are all back in full swing.

We started this semester with 13 active members after the six-member loss in the spring. Within a couple of weeks we found ourselves pledging six new members. They are all great guys with different personalities and backgrounds.

This past summer we witnessed the loss of one of the sororities on campus and this affected us greatly. Now with only one sorority, it is difficult to have Greek events. We have made great headway with our financial troubles; we have successfully raised money and collected outstanding money due to us over the first couple of weeks of school. We brought in enough money to pay all bills to the International Headquarters and also pay off the bills that we would owe this year in full. We currently owe nobody money, and only have around $650 in outstanding active member bills.

We are continuing our Philanthropy project with the South Sioux City School District. We’re actually adding another elementary school to this philanthropy, so we can reach out to more of the youth in the area. Our chapter is getting together with the Iowa and Iowa State chapters in October to hang out and celebrate our 100 years. We are also planning a Parents Weekend along with the college to show our parents what the fraternity is about and how it has changed our life.

Along with all these good points another sad aspect has happened; one of our senior active brothers found out that he’s being shipped out to Kosovo to help patrol the borders for a year. This affected the Fraternity greatly and we are starting to bounce back since his departure. In spring of 2004 we are planning to have a huge brotherhood night in accordance with our Spring Formal. We want to invite brothers from the Midwest to join us in celebrating our 100 years.

This semester we also had a visit from Leadership Consultant Morgan Kaufman, and he gave us some great ideas to change our chapter for the better; we can’t wait to see what will come of it all. In the end, we’re having a great year and it only gets better from here.

**NEBRASKA**

At Nebraska we have plenty to do. Not only do we have the International Centennial to prepare for, but we are also planning for our chapter’s centennial in February 2005.

The beginning of our celebration kicked off in late October with the homecoming of the class of ‘53 to honor the half-century since their graduation. During the visit we also had something rather special happen.

The alumni brothers had previously nominated and were now ready to present two Nebraska brothers with the Award of Merit. Nebraska Supreme Court Justice Harry Spencer, #375, who celebrated his 100th birthday earlier this fall, and William C. Hastings, #462, who, coincidentally, is the Justice that replaced Spencer on Nebraska’s highest court, were the recipi-
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ent of the greatest honor that our fraternity can bestow. It made this well-attended event truly amazing, and even our newest members are beginning to understand how very special the centennial is going to be.

In a couple weeks the chapter will be putting on our major philanthropy for the year, Melodrama, which is a one-act play and musical. In its 31st year, Melodrama, which benefits the local Shriner’s Burn Institute Transportation Fund, is the longest-running philanthropy on our campus. We look forward to another successful performance.

Northwestern Oklahoma State

Howdy from Alva, OK! No we’re not all cowboys here at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, but “howdy” is our universal friendly hello! Our Acacia colony is beginning its second year here on campus and we look to having a bright future.

At the beginning of the year we were visited by Brother Patrick McGovern. He consulted us in our rush week, which was very successful. With our rush events of flag football, movie night, info night, dorm storming, bowling and a tailgate party at a NWOSU Ranger football game, we signed 18 pledges.

We would like to extend a thank you to our brothers at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond for inviting us to their “Backwoods” date party. We had a great time conversing with, and meeting, our brothers from “down the road.” With the influence of Backwoods we were motivated to plan our first date party on Halloween. The dance was a success, with the Dean of Northwestern making an appearance to vote on the costumes.

We’ve not only had a great semester so far, but we have much planned ahead. Pledges plan on having fundraisers to not only help support their pledge fees and our colony’s income, but to also support the town of Alva. Homecoming is scheduled for November 15 and the theme is “Riding Proud and Free in 2003.” We plan to build and enter a float in the massive parade held before the football game where we plan to have another major tailgating event.

So if you’re in the neighborhood of Northwest Oklahoma, don’t forget your brothers in Alva on the campus of Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Have a safe and happy Centennial, and Ride Rangers Ride!

Oregon State

Things here at Oregon State have gotten off to a great start so far. November 1 was Homecoming and we had a great alumni turnout for the event.

Penn State/Altoona

Being a branch campus of Penn State, it is not always easy maintaining a high number of members and active brothers. Our chapter started the year with only ten returning brothers, but now we are looking to double our size with ten determined pledges by the end of the fall semester.

Despite the fact of the small chapter size, our brothers have become extremely close, working together as a family, from chapter activities, to intramurals, to studying and most importantly, to the daily life trials and tribulations that we face.

Also, due to the small size of our campus, the formation of the I.F.C. was just born this year, and our chapter has two members on the executive board. Being on a small campus, two positions on the I.F.C can have a lot of influence in our school’s Greek community.

In years past our claim to fame was working with the Red Cross hosting blood drives on campus. Our close affiliation with them keeps growing, and now our chapter holds six blood drives a year, not only getting donors from the campus, but also donors from the surrounding communities.

From here on out we are looking to grow as a more familiar name to all other chapters. Our chapter’s new, tightly knit group of brothers is looking for the future to be a very successful one.

Saint Cloud State

Greetings from Central Minnesota. Months have flown by since the last issue of the Triad for our chapter. We have implemented a new rush system in our
chapter and, in turn, have been very pleased with the attitude adjustment that it has brought. Brotherhood has never been better among our chapter. We are excited and expect to have large numbers during rush next fall.

We participated with our brothers from the University of Wisconsin and the University of Iowa in setting up a three-chapter formal in the Twin Cities, and sharing our rush strategy with them. We also made another great trip to our gracious brothers in Madtown for Halloween.

Since the last TRIAD we’ve been busy. We’ve held a volleyball tournament, a Move-In Day BBQ, a multi-band block party, an Adopt-a-Highway, re-built our website, began a new scholarship for books, awarded another “Good Guy” scholarship, held an alumni golf tournament, brought in a speaker against drunk driving, participated heavily in SCSU’s Leadership Series and every active is in at least one other leadership role on campus to name but a few. We also had members of Acacia on the Intramural foot- on campus to name but a few. We also had active in at least one other leadership role ly in SCSU’s Leaderhip Series and every active is in at least one other leadership role on campus to name but a few. We also had members of Acacia on the Intramural foot-

Some things we are working on to finish before the end of the semester is our Toy’s for Tot’s, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Safe and Sober and our possible “Century Philanthropy,” a service trip with our new advisor, Dr. Rothaus, to Belize.

Once again, congratulations to Brother Morgan Kaufman for being selected as the first Undergraduate Counselor from chapter number 80. Don’t forget to check out our new website at http://studentorg.stcloudstate.edu/acacia/.

Proud to be Acacians.

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**Shippensburg**

Over the summer and entering this school year our chapter has placed a big emphasis on recruitment. Coming into this year our goal was to double our amount of active brothers by the end of the spring semester. After the fall semester alone, we have nearly accomplished our goal.

Last year, only six brothers lived in our fraternity house. This year we bumped that number up to eleven. However, we are all looking forward to next year because for the first time in five years we will have over 20 brothers living in the house.

Another big issue for our chapter coming into this year is our past debt. We are glad to say we have stayed current with this year’s dues and are now focusing on raising money to put towards our past debt.

**Syracuse**

Syracuse Acacia successfully held its first major social event on campus this fall. Many thanks to Doug MacCraw, Acacia’s own hypnotist, who performed in front of a crowd of over 250 students, and also the brothers of RPI who came out in support.

We also joined our alumni for their reunion held at Green Lakes and the Sheraton Hotel. The academic year is very hopeful as we look to add to our numbers in membership during recruitment. The brothers will be participating in the COMPASS series leadership workshops sponsored by the university.

Among other projects for the year we intend to collaborate with Habitat for Humanity as well as sponsor a family during the holiday season. It will be another challenging year. However, with the support from the alumni and Headquarters, we look forward to the colony’s success, culminating at the 100-year anniversary at the upcoming Conclave.

**Wisconsin**

The University of Wisconsin-Madison chapter lived up to Acacia’s motto “Human Service” in a big way. For the first time the chapter used a raffle as its philanthropy and it paid off.

Selling tickets at $10, with the prize of $2500 for tuition, the house managed to raise $1500 for Special Olympics and at no cost to the house itself. While the brothers were amazed at the initial success, the sky’s the limit.

In coming years the chapter plans to involve more people by offering bigger prizes and cheaper tickets. On May 3, 2003, the house presented a check to the Special Olympics and stayed around to volunteer. This event not only helped strengthen the brotherhood in the house, but also served to get Acacia recognized on campus and in the city all by just living up to Acacia’s motto.

For information on how to contact these chapters, please refer to the Fraternity Web site, www.acacia.org.
Boston
Colonel Stephen M. Golden, #68 - Recently Colonel Golden was given the highest honor of the city and high school of Norwalk, Connecticut by being inducted to the Wall of Honor on October 5, 2003. Golden joins a select group of just 46 other people ranging from Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winners to sports figures and prominent politicians. As Norwalk High School says of its Wall, it would be “an envious roster for any public institution.”

California University of Pennsylvania
Frank J. Shoaf, #121 – Frank, his wife Tammy and daughter Kylee reside in Great Falls, Montana, where Frank is a ICBM operations officer in the 12th Missile Squadron at Malmstrom Air Force Base. The 12th Missile Squadron was recently awarded the General Samuel C. Phillips award for being the best missile squadron in the Air Force. Frank is also the editor of the 12th Missile Squadrions newsletter and the interim secretary of the Big Sky chapter of the Air Force Association. He is a member of the Association of Air Force Missileers, the Academy of Political Science and is working as an on-line volunteer with the United Nations NetAid Program. Frank is currently working on a biographical review book to include all of the brothers from the CUP chapter. He plans to start his Masters Degree in International Relations this coming fall.

Emporia State
Vernon E. (Rick) Buck, #29 – The Emporia State Acacia Alumni Association met for its annual reunion and business meeting in Emporia, Kansas on October 24-26, 2003. Emporia State Acacia alums enjoyed a weekend of food, drink, football and brotherhood. A major topic of discussion at the business meeting was the planned E-State Acacia cruise in 2005, along with the possibility of recolonizing Acacia at Emporia State.

Indiana
Calvin L. Kemp, #695 – Max Anderson, Jerry Wier, Bill Phillips and Cal Kemp conducted the first Western Conclave on January 31, 2003 at the Green Valley Country Club in Green Valley, Arizona. Much serious Fraternity business was successfully concluded and a good time was had by all.

George W. Sorrells, #1380 – After graduating with a degree in Management Information Systems, I have started work as the Network/Systems Administrator for the Winnesonne, Wisconsin school district. This has been after staying home with my children the past three years.

Iowa State
David H. Fifield, #671 – I recently returned to the U.S. from Hong Kong where I’ve been serving as in-house attorney for my company’s Asia-Pacific operations since 1997. I’m now located in the greater Houston area, working in Gulf Coast operations.

Louisiana State
Michael Paul Gallo, #756 – Twin girls, Anna Claire and Caroline Elizabeth, were born to Michael and Michelle Gallo in Duluth, Georgia on July 31, 2002.

Miami
Roger W. Brown, #129 – Some golf and lots of Lake Erie fishing in the summer. Softball, tennis and golf in the winter in Florida.

Michigan
Edmond H. (Ted) Colliau, #537 – I was initiated into the Michigan Chapter (1949-50), but transferred to Cal-Berkley in September 1950 and spent my last three years in their house. I still go skiing every February at Lake Tahoe with eight or nine of the Cal. Brothers, our version of the “Over the Hill Gang,” if you excuse the pun. Every three or four years, I go back to Ann Arbor for a weekend football game and get-together with the Michigan Acacians, so I’m able to maintain the “best of both Acacia worlds.”

Nebraska
Richard K. Spencer, #563 – I am now retired from the State of Nebraska where I was an attorney. I am also retired from the Army Reserve as a Lieutenant Colonel. I maintain a private law practice and am State President of the Reserve Officers Association and past president of the Cornhusker Kiwanis Club. My wife is Susan Johnson Spencer. I graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1960 and have two children and three grandchildren, all of who keep me busy.

Ohio State
George W. Towers, #575 – We have moved to the Masonic Retirement Village in Springfield, Ohio. Love the golf courses, three within a couple of miles. Keeping busy adapting to the new lifestyle.

Penn State
Scott C. Graham, #1467 – I am pursuing a Masters of Education in Sports Administration from Temple University in Philadelphia where I have a gradship and expect to graduate in May 2004. I am hoping to start a career in college athletic administration or to work for a professional sports team.

Purdue
Brent D. Cherry, #1782 - Cherry was inducted into the Gamma Sigma Alpha National Greek Honor Society in July 2003. Gamma Sigma Alpha honors only Greek scholars who excel in academics. Cherry is currently in graduate school studying economics at Marquette University.

Saint Cloud
Randall E. Mulligan, #67 – I recently joined Keller Williams
Premier Reality specializing in residential real estate in the Twin Cities and Minnesota/Western Wisconsin. If you’re moving or relocating to Minnesota, give a fellow brother a call for all your real estate needs! (657) 209-8258

SHIPPENSBURG
David E. Ressler, #98 – David recently retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class completing 32 years, five months in the Army National Guard. Sergeant Ressler served in armored cavalry, armor and artillery and food service. In civilian life, he continues to teach social studies at James Buchanan High School in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania and is now in his 32nd year as a H.S. faculty member.

Mark E. MacDonald, #354 – The spring 1985 pledge class of Acacia held their annual reunion at a new Hyatt resort out on the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland. Eleven of the 13 members made the annual pilgrimage to get together. Brothers traveled from California, Wisconsin and all over the northeast. We set aside 15 minutes to show pictures of our growing families, and the rest of the weekend involved golf, Playstation and bonding. The annual “retreat” allows us to reminisce about the good old days, at least those that we remember, and to share the fraternal bond that was forged through our Acacia experiences that continue to grow every year.

VERMONT
Christopher J. Plumpton, #475 – My wife Merideth and I will be celebrating the first birthday of our first child, our son Spencer (hopefully a future Acacian), on April 5, 2003. We will also be celebrating our 10-year anniversary from graduating from the University of Vermont this year. I would like to hear from other Acacians from the Vermont or Carleton Chapters.

WASHINGTON
Donald W. Sabo, #595 – The Acacia Fraternity Alumni Association of Washington has its annual Founder’s Day dinner/meeting each year in early May. The group is mostly University of Washington Chapter alumni, although occasionally we have brothers from other chapters join us. The 2003 meeting had 36 brothers and wives gather at Anthony’s Shilshole Restaurant in Seattle on May 10. So if you’re in Seattle around May 10-17 and would enjoy some brotherhood, contact Don Sabo, 6221 251 Avenue NE, Redmond, Washington, 98053. (425) 868-6783; danda2@mindspring.com


court judge by Governor Val Petersen in 1951 and before the merit system was instituted in 1960, Judge Spencer was elected to the Nebraska Supreme Court.

Judge Spencer has held many positions, including:
• Grand Master of Nebraska Masons, 1964;
• Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, 1955;
• coroneted 33 Degree Scottish Rite Mason in 1963;
• Potentate of the Sesostris Shrine, 1962;
• District Governor of Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis, 1957;
• President of the Lincoln Council of Churches, 1954;
• 60-year member of the Board of the Nebraska Masonic Home; and
• president of both The Home and the Foundation.

These are just a few of the positions held by Judge Spencer during his long life.

SPENCER RECEIVES
AWARD OF MERIT

Judge Harry A. Spencer, Nebraska ‘28 recently received the Award of Merit, Acacia’s highest honor, just after his 100th birthday.

Spencer was born September 16, 1903, in Bishops Walton, England. His family emigrated to the United States in 1907, settling in South Omaha. He attended public school until eighth grade when he left to work.

Eventually Spencer started taking classes at South High School in the mornings while working at the Packers National Bank in the evenings. At age 22, in 1925, he graduated from South High. He became a Master Mason in Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 in South Omaha in June 1925.

He then attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he joined Acacia and graduated from law school in 1930. He started his legal practice in his own office in Lincoln.

He was elected Lancaster County judge in 1944, appointed a district court judge by Governor Val Petersen in 1951 and before the merit system was instituted in 1960, Judge
Perseverance Pays Off for Foss at Indiana

Todd D. Burlage

Sometimes around 11 a.m. Saturday, this whole difficult journey will become worthwhile for Matt Foss (Indiana ‘01 #1967).

It’s not that his five years with the Indiana football team weren’t rewarding, but when the Hoosier walk-on turned special-teams captain strolled to midfield for the coin-flip at a packed Michigan Stadium, that’s payback.

“I think it’s an experience he will cherish for the rest of his life,” said Indiana coach Gerry DiNardo. “Matt Foss is part of what all of this is supposed to be about. It doesn’t always have to be about playing time, it’s about being a member of a team and understanding the concept of a team. Matt Foss is one of the great success stories in college football this year.”

Matt Foss’ story begins at Snider during the late 1990s. The story winds through a junior college in southern Florida before finding its way to Bloomington. That’s probably where it should have started all along, Foss says now. It’s Bloomington that Foss resurrected his dream of playing college football. Even if he didn’t ever play.

“My first year with (Coach Cam Cameron), I was just sitting on the sidelines and having my back hurt because my pads were weighing me down just standing there all the time,” said Foss of those first three seasons when he didn’t play a single down. “But I stuck with it. It’s all about perseverance and keeping the will to play.”

The big break came when DiNardo came to town before last season. The new coach evaluated every player evenly, walk-ons included. By season’s end Foss was a special-teams regular and played 57 snaps at safety.

The year, he’s become a special teams ace and he was given a regular spot in the defensive rotation. Maybe more importantly, he was given a scholarship.

“That was unbelievable,” Foss said. “To get a scholarship that rewards my hard work and also to reward my family, it was thrilling and very satisfying.”

Snider coach Russ Isaacs still calls Foss the fittest player he has ever coached. As 5-feet-9 and 190 pounds, Foss makes up for his lack of size through hard work and a tunnel vision to accomplish anything he puts his mind to.

Foss even set the record in DiNardo’s shuttle run – a 300-yard conditioning test that Foss finished in 52.8 seconds, beating out the likes of speedy wide receivers Courtney Roby and Glenn Johnson.

“The general public sports fan doesn’t understand what it takes for a young man to go to a Division I school as a walk-on and rise through the ranks to the point where he receives a scholarship,” Isaacs said. “That is tenacity. It’s determination. It’s perseverance. It’s his willingness to accept his role. I can think of very few situations that will test your mettle that are any tougher than that.”

Of course, Foss can think of one. It came during his senior year at Snider during a time when everything seemed perfect. As a standout baseball and football player, Foss was weighing several college options. But six games into his baseball season, Foss broke his ankle.

The phone stopped ringing, the coaches stopped courting, “the depression set in,” Foss said. “Just a week before, you had 15 coaches calling you a week and now you don’t have anyone.”

Essentially, the only school still interested was a junior college in Florida, so Foss headed south to play baseball. He lasted only one year.

“My heart wasn’t in it,” he said. “My first love has always been football and I wanted to get back to that.”

So about 11 a.m. Saturday, Foss will take his first love to mid-field as special teams captain for the third time this season – an honor awarded game-by-game based on performance.

“It was all worth it the first time I got to put on the IU jersey and it said ‘Foss’ on the back,” he said. “But with the scholarship, and being able to play and being a captain, that rewards me more than I could have thought. I have had an amazing trip.”
In the fall of 1998, as a 19-year-old freshman, I pledged Acacia at Morningside College. My mission: to become a member of the Fraternity, no matter what.

I loved the ideals presented by the men of Acacia: service, leadership, and commitment. Acacia is an organization that not only “talks the talk,” but “walks the walk.” We tutor junior high students from the local area schools. We lead campus activities and present ourselves in a professional manner. In November, I became the proud 51st member of the Morningside Chapter.

In the fall of 1999, as a 20-year-old sophomore and a Co-Rush Chairman of the Acacia Chapter of Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, I decided to quit school. My mission: to serve in another way and become a United States Marine.

At the time, I was unsure of my future. I realized I did not know what I wanted in life. I was in need of a change and the Marines would provide plenty.

On August 17, 1999, after consulting my parents, my girlfriend (now wife), and a few close friends (who happened to be Acacians!), I signed my name on the line and enlisted for “no less than four years and for as long as may be needed.”

After completing boot camp at Marine Corps Recruiting Depot San Diego and graduating as a Private First Class, I was stationed aboard Camp Pendleton, California and became a member of 2D Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division (2/1). Because of my physical fitness test scores and my military occupational specialty (0331-Machine gunner), I was chosen to become a member of the Security Platoon. 2/1 was responsible for the security of 2D Battalion, 1st Marines was ordered back aboard the USS Tarawa ARG. We remained in the Persian Gulf and await further instructions. We were scheduled to train on the Hawaiian Islands in late January. However, due to the arising conflict in the Middle East, we received orders to sail directly to the Persian Gulf and await further instructions.

On February 12, 2003, 2D Battalion, 1st Marines went “feet dry” in Kuwait. We were stationed in the Northern Kuwaiti desert for 37 days prior to our crossing the Iraqi border. Early on the morning of March 21st, 2/1 crossed the southeastern border of Iraq (near the Al Faw Peninsula) and occupied the strategic naval port of Umm Qasr.

As a Marine with the Operations section, I was assigned to the Secondary Forward Command Group (“Force Bravo”). “Force Bravo” was comprised of the Battalion’s Executive Officer, the Assistant Operations Officer, the Battalion Sergeant Major, a Forward Air Controller (FAC), the Force Recon platoon, the Security platoon, and numerous radio operators. Our mission: monitor battle activity, secure battalion objectives, and assume control of the battle should the primary command group need assistance.

Within minutes of crossing the Iraqi border, we came under accurate mortar fire. Never have I been so scared. However, it has been said, “courage is fear that has said its prayers,” and we had spent the night prior praying vigorously. (It helped that we had trained for this as well!)

The following days found “Force Bravo” in danger numerous times, but, because of our commitment and strenuous training, no one was lost or injured.

2D Battalion, 1st Marines moved from Umm Qasar to Az Ubayar and from Az Ubayar to An Nasiriya. An Nasiriya presented us with a number of new dangers. 2/1 took part in a decoy mission on the night of April 2nd in order to occupy hostile Iraqi forces in the Nasiriya area, allowing Army Special Forces to rescue a now well-known POW named Jessica Lynch.

2/1 was responsible for the security of An Nasiriya for the remainder of April. After a proper turnover with our relieving unit, 2D Battalion, 1st Marines was ordered back aboard the USS Tarawa ARG. We remained in the Persian Gulf until the first week of June at which time we began our journey home.

I will again be attending Morningside College in the spring of 2004 and will become more involved with Acacia. I now realize the ideals that attracted me to the United States Marine Corps are the same ideals that attracted me to Acacia in the first place: service, honor and commitment. I will continue to serve others any way I can. I believe my mission is still going strong. The best I can do is to serve others as both an Acadian and a US Marine. As both, I know I can make a difference.
H. Keith Sawyers, Nebraska ‘56
Chapter Advisor Retires After 40 Years Service
Chris Kavan, Nebraska

When I first pledged Acacia at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the fall of 1997, I didn’t know the man I saw at most of our chapter meetings that first year, sitting quietly off to the side, observing and listening, was anything other than just our “Chapter Advisor.”

Even through the years, as I learned more about Keith, I regarded him in much higher respect and regard, but I still didn’t know about Keith outside of his position as Chapter Advisor and his long service to Acacia.

When, in my senior year, I was given an assignment in depth reporting to do a story about someone who interested us, I could have gone many paths. I could have chosen a celebrity who had come from Nebraska and made it big in Hollywood, or I could have gone after a firebrand local government figure as some of the other students had. Instead, the person who first came to mind was our own H. Keith Sawyers (Iowa State ‘56, #542). For one reason, I knew he was retiring that year after a 40-year career at UNL and Acacia. For another reason, I wanted to get to know Keith better and I wanted other people to know Keith and his story. This is only a part of the story I ended up writing, but I hope you will get a sense that Keith is not just a great Acadian, but also a great man.

For 40 years Keith taught at the UNL while active as an advisor for Acacia Fraternity. In four decades he saw about 5,000 students go through the architecture program and 42 classes of Acacia men go through college.

Keith has visited 92 countries, many with his wife Sharon. He has tried to travel to places he talks about in architectural history. Among his favorite sites are Chartres Cathedral, Notre Dame Cathedral, Lloyds of London, the Eiffel Tower and the Guggenheim Museum.

Keith said he traveled for the practical simple one: for fun. He said when someone finds something they truly enjoy, they should continue doing it, even if it means making sacrifices.

“A few years ago I had the chance to move into a bigger house,” he said. “I knew that if I did that I would not be able to travel over the summer. So I let the house go.”

Keith is happy with the memories he has—all 60,000 of them. His UNL office and home are filled with boxes upon boxes of pictures. He said out of all those pictures he could probably find only a dozen that actually include him and his wife. The rest are of buildings, monuments, museums and the countryside.

Shortly after his birth in Maitland, Missouri, in 1934, Keith was destined to travel. His father was a schoolteacher. In 1938 the family moved to Braddyville, Iowa. Keith had twin sisters and all coped with moving every two or three years. He lived in many small Iowa towns: Northboro, Hastings, Gray and Kirkville. He said only one town, Shanandoah, had a population above 600 people.

“In these small towns you were expected to do everything,” Keith said. “So all at once I was on the baseball, basketball and track teams, a member of the band and acted in drama.” The activities proved instrumental in his college years.

Moving wasn’t the only travel-related experience the Sawyers family had. Family was spread out across the Eastern United States. Every few years they took trips to Chicago, Pittsburgh and Boston. Stops in Canada were frequent, as was sightseeing at various historical locales. These early trips stimulated his love for travel.

Keith enrolled at Iowa State University in 1953. He decided to live off campus. Like many freshmen, he didn’t have a solid idea what he wanted to do. After his first year he found engineering interesting so he enrolled in Iowa State’s five-year program. It was during this time he found his true calling in architecture.

His high school involvement helped in college. Even off-campus he found getting noticed was easy. The off-campus areas around ISU were divided into wards. Like dorms, each ward elected officers.

“I found out that if you sat at the front of the room and asked a few questions every now and then, pretty soon everybody remembered who you were,” he said.

In his sophomore year he was elected ward president. In his third year he met an old friend he’d graduated with from Vail, Iowa. Acacia Fraternity was rushing him. They also rushed Keith. He pledged Acacia and was initiated. With his experience, he was actively recruited to help his fellow brothers run campaigns for Venerable Dean.

He said the main point of one platform was campus involvement. After Keith’s candidate won, he fulfilled his end of the deal by running for the presidency of the college engineering advisory board. He won that position.

Being board president allowed him to sit on panel discussions. One of those panels included the chairmen from Iowa State, Illinois and Nebraska. During the panel Keith mentioned he wanted to start working. The chairman from Nebraska listened to him and told Keith he’d call. The next day he did and Keith’s new job was teaching at UNL.

“Circumstances sometimes play in your favor,” he said. “Everything else fell into place, but if it hadn’t been for my roommate being rushed, I don’t know where I would have ended up.”

Keith had a smooth transition to UNL in 1958. Being in Acacia Fraternity had its advantages. Prior to his teaching career he stopped at Acacia to meet some of the members and had dinner on many occasions. When he moved to Lincoln his home was only a few blocks from the Acacia house at 410 N. 17th Street. Eating at the house became a daily event.

At that time, the house experienced some trouble with advisors. Midway through 1958 Sawyers knew he held the title of the “ unofficial advisor” for Acacia.

“Finally in 1960 the house asked me to be their advisor and, of course, I agreed,” he said. “I figured it would be a maybe one- or two-year stay. Little did I know it would last the next 40 years.”

He still keeps in touch with members from that first class. Each month about four alumni get together to have a meal and talk. One of those members is Rich Oehlerking. Continued on page 38
At the recent gathering of alumni from Colorado State College of Education, Colorado State College and University of Northern Colorado (all the same school in Greeley, Colorado), we were reunited with the Acacia wood coffee table that was the centerpiece of our “house” for 25 years. What stories that table could tell!

For the past 30 years, some of the brothers in the Denver metro area have been getting together for a golf/picnic outing. We rotate among eight homes for this annual get-together. Acacia went off campus at Greeley in 1974, and the table, trophies, pictures, charter, ritual table and robes have been missing since then. Every year we would speculate about what might have happened to these artifacts.

So, when I retired from Dentistry in June 2003, I decided to try and find some of our history. Thanks to the folks at Headquarters, I got a list of all the men who were initiated at Greeley. I also got a copy of the charter, a “lost” list and a “deceased” list. After innumerable phone calls, I located the table in Phoenix, Arizona, and made arrangements to have it shipped to Denver. The brother who had the table had “guarded” it for 30 years and was not particularly anxious to give it up, but I convinced him that the brothers in Denver should have the opportunity to enjoy it again.

I now have a “hot lead” on some of our other artifacts. If I find the original charter, I will return it. I have enclosed a picture of the brothers and the table taken on August 23, 2003. Quentin E. Dahm #107

ACACIA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2004
• Hotel Check-in & Registration
• Pre-Conclave Session
• First Family Reception
• Venerable Deans’ Reception
• Featured Program: Acacia’s Own, Doug MacCraw, Hypnotist

THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2004
• Conclave Registration
• First Business Session
• Featured Program: Recruitment for the 21st Century
• Acacia Sings Song Practice

FRIDAY, JULY 23, 2004
• Acacia Golf Classic
• Featured Program: Job Bound
• Featured Program: Membership Education
• Ritual Exemplification
• AFF Scholarship Banquet

SATURDAY, JULY 24, 2004
• Conclave Committee Meetings
• Centennial Business Session
• Scott Houston, “The Piano Guy”
• Centennial Conclave Banquet
2003–04 ACACIA FRATERNITY LEADERSHIP CONSULTANTS

Patrick McGovern

Greetings, Brethren! My name is Patrick McGovern and I am an alumnus from our Indiana chapter. I graduated in May 2002 with a Bachelor’s degree in Management from the School of Public and Environmental Affairs. I was initiated on October 17, 1999, pledge class Sequoia, #1886. I plan on going to law school in the future and pursuing a career in public service.

During my time as an undergraduate I served my chapter in the roles of pledge class president, Recruitment Chairman and Venerable Dean. After graduation I moved back to Indianapolis and filled a position as Operations Manager for Double Eagle Turf Management, a landscaping and lawn care company. When given the opportunity to take a role serving my fraternity again I jumped at the chance.

The time that I have spent working with the Fraternity has resulted in the best experiences of my life. The lessons that I have learned as a result of working with this group of men will help me succeed throughout the rest of my career and life. For these reasons, it is an honor working toward the goal of bettering our Fraternity’s record on the national scene.

I have made wonderful connections with all of the brothers that I have met so far on the road and have felt very welcome. I feel honored to be working for our Fraternity in the year of our Centennial Celebration. This is a very exciting time for all of us. The fact that our Fraternity has reached our Centennial is a testament to the founding principles and values upon which we are based. I am an Acacian, I am proud of it.

Morgan Kaufman

Hello, my name is Morgan Kaufman, and I am a Leadership Consultant for Acacia Fraternity. I am a brother from St. Cloud State University in Minnesota (#244). I was initiated on November 16, 2002, and my major is print journalism.

I have held the office of Recruitment Chair, and have attended one ALA. During my time as Leadership Consultant I have had the opportunity to meet many of you, both actives and alumni. To say the least, I am incredibly proud to call each and every one of you brother.

Through my journeys I have grown leaps and bounds as an individual and an Acacian, and have each of you to thank. During this Centennial year, I feel it is important for each of us to remember why we are Acacians, and to honor the men who took giant strides in order for you and I to be enjoying this brotherhood.

All of us get to experience the Centennial. We are the only ones who can claim that, so let us make this Centennial one for the ages. Once my term is up, I still have two years of college left, and will be available in St. Cloud to help anyone, listen to anyone and motivate everyone. Finally, a toast to Acacia Fraternity: To one hundred years...so live another one hundred years...

Chris Kavan

Hello, Brothers, my name is Chris Kavan and I’m honored to be the newest member of the International Headquarters staff at Indianapolis.

Little did I know in my senior year in high school that picking out one scholarship out of literally hundreds would be one of the best decisions I made in my life. I joined Acacia at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1997 where I was pledged and initiated (#1173).

At Acacia I was the secretary for a year before becoming the historian, which I held until graduation. I was also elected as the coveted “Keeper of the Rolls,” of which I still take pride in.

My favorite time at the house was as the co-writer/director of our annual philanthropy, Melodrama, which I had a blast doing for three years. Melodrama consists of a one-act and a musical that lampoons Greek life and campus figures in general. Audience members come armed with toilet paper to throw whenever they see fit. Of course, the best part about being in charge is that you can write the best parts for yourself, not that I ever did that, mind you.

I majored in journalism at the university and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in 2001. I worked for the campus newspaper, The Daily Nebraskan, for the last two years at the university. The job market, however, was not very cooperative.

When I received a call from headquarters in September, I was thrilled at the chance to give back to the Fraternity while being able to finally put my degree to good use. Working on the TRIAD and web articles has been great and I’ve learned things about Acacia that I never would have found out any other way.

While I’ve met some fine Acacia brothers so far, I hope to meet many more. With work on the Centennial Celebration well under way, I can’t wait for Conclave to arrive. Here’s to a century of brotherhood and to many more to come.
Chapter Eternal

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- William M. Terrill #3

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- Herbert H. Schroeder #290

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### Cincinnati
- John E. Sigler #110

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### Colorado State
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### Denver
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- Robert C. Magenheimer #4

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- James A. Wasson #943
- Thomas A. Wiggins #343

### Frederick Byron Rudolph

Frederick Byron Rudolph, Missouri School of Mines ’63, (#83) age 58, died on October 9, 2003. At the time of his death Frederick B. Rudolph was the Ralph and Dorothy Looney Professor of Biochemistry and Cell Biology and the Director of the Institute of Biosciences and Bioengineering at Rice University.

During his 31-year career at Rice, Professor Rudolph made contributions too numerous to mention and was pervasive to detail. His research on nucleotide metabolism led to the discovery of an essential dietary requirement of healthy immune function. In partnership with his close colleague and friend, Dr. Charles Van Buren, he discovered that removal of nucleotides (key metabolites) from the diet delayed key immune responses and reduced the body’s ability to fight off infection. This finding led every major producer of infant formula worldwide to add these key ingredients.

He attended the University of Missouri-Rolla where he received his B.S. in 1866 and was a member of Acacia Fraternity. He then moved to Ames, Iowa, and completed his Ph.D. from Iowa State University in 1971.

He moved to Houston in 1972 when he joined the Rice faculty. He was the recipient of a National Institutes of Health Predoctoral Fellowship, a National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship and the E. I. Fulmer Award from Iowa State University. He was named an Outstanding Young Alumnus in 1980 and received the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2000 from Iowa State University. He was a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. His national activities spanned a wide range, including service on federal review panels, editorial boards, the board of directors for the Council of Technology Centers and consultant panel for World Book Encyclopedia for more than 30 years.

Professor Rudolph was vital to many initiatives and activities at Rice, providing consistent and calm leadership to advance goals across many fronts. He served as chair of the Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology from 1995 to 2003. He was a member and then chair of the Admissions and Financial Aid Committee for more than two decades, director of the Rice Institutes of Health, a participant in numerous inter-institutional activities with the Texas Medical Center and a member of the Rice-Baylor College of Medicine Planning Committee.

He was a leader in the design, construction and renovation of George R. Brown and W. M. Keck Halls at Rice University. His greatest joy came from his commitment to education at all levels. He was engaged in a variety of graduate and undergraduate programs at Rice, Project Kaleidoscope at the national level and a wide range of other outreach efforts. With support from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, a variety of private foundations and the National Science Foundation, Professor Rudolph provided key leadership to enrich K-12 education in Houston and in the South Texas region.
PORTLAND - His Beavers were called the ‘Giant Killers’ for knocking off USC and O.J. Simpson in 1967.

But the nickname that stuck to revered Oregon State football coach Dee Andros, Oklahoma ‘48, (#517), was "The Great Pumpkin." Andros used to roam the sideline in a bright-orange windbreaker. His portly frame led Harry Missildine, ex-Spokane Spokesman Review writer, to give him the perfect moniker.

Andros died at his Corvalis home on October 22, 2003.

He suffered from diabetes and had had several strokes, said Hal Cowan, OSU’s sports information director.

Andros endeared himself to a decade of Beavers fans by running onto the field ahead of his team. Later, when he lost weight following open-heart surgery, he joked that a better moniker might be “The Little Squash.”

Andros coached the Beavers from 1965 to 1975 and continued as athletic director until he retired in 1985. He had a 51-64-1 coaching record, but he was 9-2 against Oregon.

Andros was inducted into the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics Hall of Fame and the Oregon State University Sports Hall of Fame in 1991.

A native Oklahoman, Andros was a lineman on Oklahoma teams coached by Hall of Famer Bud Wilkinson. Along with Washington’s Jim Owens and WSU’s Bert Clark, Andros played at Oklahoma under Wilkinson. He had excellent teams at OSU in the late ‘60s, powered by fullbacks like Pete Pifer, Bill Enyart and Dave Schilling.

Eventually, the changing times caught up with Andros, as they did with Owens. OSU had racial unrest in the late ‘60s, and the Beavers were slow to respond to the increasing prominence of black athletes. The first of OSU’s long, lean years came in the early ‘70s, and Andros resigned to become athletic director after 1975.

Andros was a master orator and a beloved figure around OSU. He could whip himself into a roaring froth for 20 minutes at booster luncheons, especially the week before the Oregon game, and leave them wondering whether it was shtick or sincere. He was fond of saying, “It’s only Monday and my gut hurts already. And when the ole Pumpkin’s stomach hurts, he hurts all over!”

Andros’ best team was in 1967, when the Beavers went 7-2-1. In late October, they beat a 2nd-ranked Purdue team on the road. Two weeks later, they tied No. 2 UCLA on the road and Andros stood among his team and bellowed, “I’m tired of playing these No. 2 teams. Bring on No. 1!”

They did. The next week, the Beavers brought down USC and O.J. Simpson, 3-0, in a rainstorm in Corvallis.

Andros, whose full name was Demosthenes Konstandies Andrecopoulos, won a Bronze Star for his service with the Marines on Iwo Jima in World War II. He watched the famed flag-raising there.


“He was a very emotional coach who could prepare a team emotionally as well as anyone I’ve ever been around,” Brooks said. “He truly loved his players.

“I understand his memorial is going to be on Halloween. The Great Pumpkin. That's appropriate, I think. The state of Oregon is losing a heck of a guy. He’s a legend.”

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JAMES LOWELL FARRIS

James Lowell Farris, Purdue ‘61, (#827) a retired partner in Ernst & Young accounting firm, long-time member of the Los Altos Golf & Country Club, and avid wildlife photographer, died at his Pebble Beach home October 23, 2003, at the age of 61.

Brother Farris had battled cancer for the past year.

Farris was a management consultant who rose to become a partner at Ernst & Young, one of the world’s oldest and largest accounting firms.

He attended Purdue University, where he was a member of Acacia. He earned a bachelor’s degree in industrial engineering in 1964. Farris later attended Northeastern University in Boston, where he earned a master’s degree in business administration in 1969.

Farris developed his photography hobby during retirement, going on wildlife trips with his children. He and his son often went to a New Mexico wildlife preserve and fishing in Minnesota. He and his wife also traveled around the world, including Asia, Australia, and Africa. He especially loved taking pictures of birds, his son said. His pictures can be seen at www.FarrisFoto.com

Farris, an avid golfer, was a member of the Los Altos Golf & Country Club for 20 years and served as a board member. He had planned to attend his 40th college reunion and a fraternity reunion in Boston next year, his son said.

JASON WHITTLE

Jason Paul Whittle entered Chapter Eternal on October 17, 2003, resulting from injuries sustained in an accident on the Louisiana State University campus.

Jason was a resident of Lacombe, LA, a 2003 graduate of St. Paul’s School in Covington, LA, and a member of Acacia Fraternity in Baton Rouge. He was initiated into the LSU chapter on January 18, 2003, and held roll number 1353. Jason excelled as a pledge member of the fraternity and was honored for his efforts with the chapter’s "Outstanding Pledge of the Year" award for the 2002-03 academic year. The award has been renamed in his memory as the Jason P. Whittle award.

Jason is survived by his parents, Gerald and Connie Whittle, who have established a scholarship fund at his former high school. Donations may be sent to St. Paul’s School in care of the Jason P. Whittle Scholarship Fund.

While experiencing international travel, he was also about to find someone he could share the experiences with for life. In 1962 Keith lived in the College View Apartments. His room faced across the way to another room, a room occupied by his future wife, Sharon Chatfield. The two saw each other every day and soon began to talk.

In June 1965, the two were wed. From then on the pair would enjoy traveling together. After their marriage, the pair went to the University of California-Berkeley so Keith could earn his Master’s Degree in architecture.

He returned to UNL in 1966 to continue teaching. He soon found his niche in the architecture program by teaching history.

“It seemed like the right class for me,” he said. “I felt it only fair that I should travel to the places I talked about. Today I can probably count on one hand the places I haven’t visited that are in my books.”

Keith will always be a fixture at Acacia. Anyone taking a tour of the house will notice a sign on the first floor: The Keith Sawyers Academic Room. In 1999 the alumni also presented the first H. Keith Sawyers Service award. The award goes to the undergraduate who provides the most positive service towards fraternity life throughout his collegiate career. The award doesn’t focus as much on academics or campus involvement as it does a love for the fraternity and the hard work invested to show that love.

Professor Bill Borner has known Keith since 1972. He said during the all-college meeting at the beginning of the year, when Keith’s retirement was announced, Keith was honored for his service at the university with a standing ovation.

“He’ll be missed, no doubt about that,” Borner said. “Keith is the definition of the ‘Old Guard’ but in the best sense. He is positive, warm and compassionate about his work. He’s traveled everywhere . . . twice. This is just a flavor of Keith. Very few people can teach for 43 years and still be liked, but I think Keith has pulled it off just fine.”

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from the class of 1962. When Keith arrived, Oehlerking had just pledged. Even so, he said Keith brought a maturity that gave the house direction.

“Keith was very influential to the house,” he said. “While he was more mature than anyone in the house, he wasn’t afraid to come by and get down with us sometimes.”

Oehlerking said Keith stood by through the good times and bad. He said during the Vietnam War, Keith helped keep the house from closing down.

During the summer of 1960 Keith experienced his first overseas trip when he went to the France-American School at Fontainebleau, France. Thus began his 40-year, 92-country, worldwide life of travel. To help him along his way was Linus Burr Smith, chairman of the college of architecture, and a traveler himself. He helped plan Keith’s trip to Fontainebleau and in 1964 told him he should consider a trip around the world. He did just that. A large portion of the tour took him to Asia. He would visit each country again before 2000.

Anyone taking a tour of the house will notice a sign on the first floor: The Keith
A WISTFUL GLANCE BACK AND A PRAGMATIC LOOK FORWARD
David J. Allen, International President

In the introduction to Brother William S. Dye Jr.’s Acacia Fraternity the First Half Century, founder George A. Malcolm made the following observation, which is as prescient today as it was when written:

“Fifty years from the hour when some of the younger Acacians may be reading what I have written, will occur the centennial celebration of Acacia. Let those members of Acacia who survive to that proud moment, ponder if they also have sown in order that their brethren may reap.”

I can only wonder if Brother Malcolm realized just how accurate he would be. Even then, fifty years ago, he made it clear that those future Acacians, who would be among all celebrating our 100th Anniversary, have an obligation to stand up for what it really means to be a member of this Fraternity.

Do we have the courage to insist that the values of those who founded our Fraternity remain as firmly embedded in our daily lives and in the chapters of our initiation as they were in those of our Founding Brothers? Even more importantly, do we put into practice in our daily living the immutable lessons each of us has learned as we travel along life’s pathways? Many times we have heard that life is not a destination but a journey. In our individual journey have we, by example, provided others with reason to see the uniqueness of membership in Acacia?

This edition of the TRIAD is devoted to glances back over the past half-century and a look forward as to the place of the fraternity system in the 21st century. Through the words of our living past presidents, we relive the Acacia they led and the lessons they applied. We also have the achievements of those past presidents who have passed on to the Chapter Eternal whose service over the past fifty years strengthened Acacia.

We are in debt to each of these Brothers for their devotion to Acacia and the sacrifices they and their families made to keep Acacia strong and growing. Brother Delmer Goode would find much to delight him if he were with us and writing “Acacia at Its Centennial” to follow his earlier historical work Acacia Fraternity: The Third Quarter Century. Our look back through the eyes of these Acacia leaders provides a foundation for a pragmatic view into the future of our Brotherhood.

This TRIAD also provides valuable information on our current chapters and their activities as well as the achievements of the staff through the 2003 Leadership Academy. Our alumni will have added insight into the focus of Acacia as we begin a new century. The Council and staff remain dedicated to increasing the presence of Acacia chapters through strengthening existing ones and expanding onto other campuses that are ripe for colonization.

As noted in the last TRIAD, a committee is in place and working on a strategic plan as we set our course for the next 100 years. That plan will be circulated at this summer’s Centennial Conclave. The preliminary review of the Strategic Planning Process will bring all Acacians up to date on the near term goals. The updated information on the ever-increasing role of the Acacia Fraternity Foundation as evidenced by the number of individual scholarships awarded since the last Conclave is impressive.

The Foundation’s importance for our future is highly presented for all Acacians to view, evaluate and participate by providing support.

I hope to see you at the Centennial Conclave in July. Talk with your alumni brothers and arrange a trip to Indianapolis so that you will play a part in this once-in-a-lifetime celebration -- ACACIA-- A CENTURY OF BROTHERHOOD.

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