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## Wow, What A Year!

Dear Brothers:

In late December - before New Year's Eve - it is traditional to take a moment to pause and reflect on the past year. Serving the Fraternity has programmed me to think in terms of an academic calendar as the end of my year. My New Year's Eve comes around Memorial Day, so as I pause and reflect on the past year I note many accomplishments.

They include re-chartering at Syracuse, the 100th anniversary celebrations at our Illinois, Missouri and Ohio State chapters, along with the 30th anniversary at Saint Cloud State. Also, a most successful Conclave in St. Louis, our ever-improving and timely communication through the *TRIAD*, the introduction of our new electronic newsletter, *The Crest*, and the creation of our new Membership Development Program. If you have yet to review this program, I encourage you to visit the website at [www.gatesofsamos.org](http://www.gatesofsamos.org).

On May 27th, Indianapolis marks the 91st running of the *500 Mile Race* and, on race day, while thousands are singing "Back Home Again In Indiana" I just might throw my row for a loop with a rendition of "Auld Lang Syne."

The reflections of the past year remind me that we have created many memories for our undergraduates this year. However, the Fraternity is more than a few fond memories as an undergraduate. It's about the connections we share with our brothers and the lifelong friendships we form as a result of the hard work and accomplishments that come through fraternity life.

In this edition of *The Crest*, I asked our undergrads and alumni the two following questions:

*Who can you credit for recruiting you to join Acacia?  
and  
Specifically, what did he do to recruit you?*

I always say, behind every roll number there is a story. I would like to hear *your* story. Most of us can draw a straight line back to the person or people who got us involved in Acacia - I hope you have. So if you read this, spend a minute and send me an eMail at [dlarson@acacia.org](mailto:dlarson@acacia.org).

Happy New Year!

Fraternally,

Darold Larson

## A Few Good Men



As summer approaches, many high school seniors are looking forward to graduation, a break from school, and the excitement of attending college. Do you know of a young man who would benefit from membership in Acacia? Let us know.... [ [MORE](#) ]

## Syracuse VD Named IFC Man Of The Year



Venerable Dean Robert Smith was recognized for all of the hard work and sacrifices he has made in the past year with the highest honor that the InterFraternity Council can bestow on a member.... [ [MORE](#) ]

## Righteous Indignation



For me, being in a fraternity means walking a fine line. On one side are my brothers, with whom I have some of the best times of my life, and on the other are my friends who can't for the life of them figure out why I needed to join a fraternity in the first place.... [ [MORE](#) ]

## K-State Wins For Scholarship



The Kansas State Chapter was recognized for its commitment to academic achievement with two honors, including the *Outstanding Scholarship Programming Award*, at the 2007 Greek Awards Banquet.... [ [MORE](#) ]

## AcaciaCAN Food Drive



While I was collecting bags, I walked up onto a porch and an elderly lady saw me coming and greeted me at the door with praise. She said that this was the best thing she ever heard about from the Greek community.... [ [MORE](#) ]

## Cornell Alum Immortalized In Novel



Two New Hampshire men (one of them an Acacia brother from the Cornell Chapter) are part of a remarkable tribute that Herman Wouk inserted into the pages of his epic WWII novel *War and Remembrance*.... [ [MORE](#) ]

### Cornell Centennial Plans Well Underway



The Cornell Chapter celebrates its centennial in 2007, and to commemorate the occasion, the chapter is hosting a reunion weekend August 24-26, 2007. Don't miss your chance to join your fellow brothers as we celebrate this exciting occasion.... [ [MORE](#) ]

### Penn State VD Wants To Be A Millionaire



Penn State Venerable Dean Mike Markovich, a 21-year-old senior from Johnstown, PA, was in the hot seat on *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire* earlier this semester.... [ [MORE](#) ]

### Acacia Claus Update



The 2006 *Acacia Claus* Holiday Toy Drive was a great success this past year. We would like to thank all the chapters that participated in the event. Thanks again to all chapters involved and we look forward to an even more successful 2007 *Acacia Claus* Holiday Toy Drive. [ [MORE](#) ]

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