



The Iowa Acacian

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Alumni Chapter of Acacia

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Welcome to the second edition of *The Iowa Acacian*, a quarterly newsletter for alumni of Acacia Fraternity in Eastern Iowa. You'll find here information about the goings-on of the alumni chapter of Acacia and news from individual alumni, as well as a new feature or two that we hope you'll enjoy.

If you have ideas or contributions for *The Iowa Acacian*, send them to Michael Morris #859 at [<spanprof118@yahoo.com>](mailto:spanprof118@yahoo.com).

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Save the date! Acacia Fraternity's biennial conclave will take place 9-13 August in St. Louis. More information to follow later!

Financial report, Corporation Board

R. Daniel Wilkes, treasurer

Cash flow – May 1, 2005 to July 31, 2005

Income	\$ 7,149
Expense	
Mortgage	\$ 6,885
Maintenance	\$ 7,781
Utilities	\$ 1,091
Management	<u>\$ 283</u>
Total Expense	<u>\$16,040</u>
Cash flow	-\$ 8,891

Account balance as of July 31, 2005 = \$25,804

The lease commencement with Pi Kappa Phi has transitioned the building corporation into the role of a true landlord. This change has been neither easy nor cheap.

As expected, our cash flow during the summer was negative. The adjacent table provides a summary of the building income and expenses. Income was above budget due to an unexpected payment from the active chapter. However, maintenance costs for the year

are expected to exceed \$22,000, which is approximately \$7,000 more than budget.

Most of the maintenance expense is to correct deferred maintenance. The corporation board consulted with both our property manager and tenant to identify immediate maintenance concerns. Items completed thus far include significant cleaning, painting and selected carpet replacement. Additional projects will include new room locks, new stove, selected fascia replacement and miscellaneous repairs. All projects have been undertaken to keep our tenant happy and maintain our rental permit. Remember without a viable tenant, the board would have been forced to sell the chapter house.

Your comments and suggestions are welcome. Please contact Dan Wilkes with your concerns. He may be reached at home (319) 221-1440, work (319) 369-2506 or via e-mail at: dwilkes@aegonusa.com.

Alumni Chapter in Full Swing

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The Alumni Chapter held its first two meetings in which alums signed a petition requesting a charter from the International Council, paid a chartering fee, elected officers , adopted a constitution, set annual dues, and planned a first social event. This chapter will focus on helping the reformation of the undergraduate chapter at the University of Iowa, run an alumni-oriented website, keep alumni informed through quarterly newsletter mailings, plan social outings for Acacia Alums, and search for lost alumni.

The 1st meeting was held on Saturday June 11th. This meeting saw the election of temporary officers, the signing of the petition, and the raising of the money for the chartering fee. After the meeting the chapter house was cleaned of all Acacia memorabilia which will be stored in Brother Tabor's basement until the Undergraduate Chapter is reformed.

The 2nd meeting was held Saturday August 6th. This meeting saw the election of permanent officers, the adoption of a constitution (a copy can be viewed at www.uiacacia.com), the establishment of dues for the alumni chapter, and the planning of a Hog Roast to be held on Saturday September 30th , 2005, before the Illinois game.

The officers of the Alumni Chapter shall be President: Aaron Morrow, Vice President: Brian White, Secretary: Devin Johnson, Treasurer: Patrick Hewitt, and Social Chair: Michael Morris.

Dues, per the constitution, "shall be payable on or before the first day of January each year." Dues for 2005 have been set at \$40.00 and are due immediately. Dues for 2006 have been set \$75 and are due before January 1st, 2006. These dues will go to fund the alumni newsletter mailings, building and maintaining a website, and any other administrative costs that are incurred. Any Acacia alumni in good standing can become a member. Please see the attached form to pay your dues to the Chapter.

An alumni website has also been established. www.uiacacia.com will have links to the this and archived newsletters, the constitution and bylaws of the Eastern Iowa Acacia Alumni Chapter, contact information for the officers of the Alumni Chapter, a list of the members in the Alumni Chapter, Alumni Updates, a list of "Lost" Brothers whose contact information is not current, and eventually a section where all Iowa Acacians can update there contact information online.

We need your help! If you have any questions regarding the Alumni Chapter or would like to be involved in the chapter please contact Aaron Morrow at the address below.

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An appeal to all good Acacians

Brothers,

As you are probably aware, the Iowa chapter of Acacia Fraternity is in a transitional period. This Alumni Chapter has been established to aid in this transition and rebuild Acacia to a level that we can all be proud of and sustain for many years to come. The success of this Alumni Chapter and the reformation of our Iowa Chapter are going to require dedication, communication, and some hard work. Fortunately, these are the principles of Acacia and should not be new concepts to us.

The Alumni Chapter would like to extend an invitation to each and every one of you to join with us in our duty. In addition, we will be hosting a variety of events that hopefully will bring many of you back to Iowa City to see old friends. We will be updating our database that will soon be available on the internet. I hope everyone will take advantage of this to contact others and share some memories.

Below is a form we will use to update your information. Please fill it out and send it back. That is all that we ask. If you are interested in helping our cause with a monetary donation, the prorated membership fee for 2005 is \$40. Membership for subsequent years will be \$75. These fees are for the sole purpose of maintaining the Acacia Alumni Chapter and sending out these mailings. If you would like to contribute more, it would be greatly appreciated. In addition, advertising space will be available in the next issue for a flat fee of \$25. If you are interested in advertising, please check the appropriate box and I will contact you directly. We hope to hear back from each of you.

Fraternally,

Robert Samples #834

Name: _____	Address: _____
Spouse: _____	City: _____ State: _____
Kids: _____	Profession: _____
email: _____	
Are you still in contact with any other Acacia members? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
How would you like to receive your future Newsletters? <input type="checkbox"/> email <input type="checkbox"/> mail <input type="checkbox"/> both	
Are you interested in Acacia Alumni Events? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Would you like to volunteer to assist in rebuilding the active chapter? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to join the Alumni Chapter (\$40 for 2005)	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to advertise in the next issue (\$25)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to make an additional contribution	_____
For: _____ (ie. Social, recruitment, etc.)	
Comments: _____	Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please make money payable to: Eastern Iowa Acacia Alumni Chapter	
Mail to: Pat Hewitt	
517 East Fairchild Apt. 3	
Iowa City, IA 52245	

Come tailgate with your brothers!

Information on this fall's tailgaters--and other alumni social events

Of course, members of the Acacia alumni chapter will be tailgating before all home football games this fall. The schedule of games is: 3 September, Ball State; 17 September, University of Northern Iowa; 30 September, Illinois (Homecoming); 15 October, Indiana; 22 October, Michigan; 19 November, Minnesota. We plan to tailgate in the shady area behind 901 Melrose. Directions to the tailgate site are as follows: Proceed west down to Melrose past the hospital until you cross the bridge, then take the path on the left IMMEDIATELY after the bridge. Proceed straight down the path a short distance and we'll be there!

For Homecoming this year we plan to have a hog roast once again. Brother Ryan "Mac" McCarty has generously agreed to provide the hog. Beverages that come in large steel containers that are pumped will also be served.

After the Indiana game in October we expect to have a social event for alumni in downtown Iowa City. At press time arrangements had not been finalized for the event, but check <www.uiaacacia.com>, where we will post time and place as soon as they are certain.

-Michael Morris #859

Tips for a more enjoyable tailgater

The 2005-06 Iowa football season brings with it some changes in enforcement of laws regarding drinking at and near Kinnick Stadium, as a University of Iowa Police officer explains:

It's fall again, and the population of Iowa City has grown by 17,000. That means that The University of Iowa's police department is preparing for an influx of Hawk fans. Dealing with UIPD, unfortunately, is not a positive experience for most people, so here are some tips to keep you and your friends out of trouble and enjoying the game.

One of the keys is not drawing negative attention to yourself. Negative attention includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Attempting to bring alcohol into the stadium
- Fighting with anyone in or near the stadium
- Passing out or vomiting in the stands
- Yelling obscenities in the stadium or generally being a nuisance to those around you
- Arguing with any security personnel

In the past fans have generally received warnings for serving or consuming hard alcohol at tailgate parties in University parking lots, which is against the law as well as University policy. This year citations will be issued for this violation. Another violation to be targeted this year is possessing open containers of alcohol on sidewalks and roadways. While in most cases you will probably be asked to empty your beverage and move along quietly, be aware that taking one last drink or arguing with the officer will probably earn you a trip to the Johnson County Jail for public intoxication. So be a good sport and leave the beer and alcohol at the tailgate for the post-game celebration! Go Hawks!

-Officer S.C. Morgan #846, University of Iowa Police

One of my favorite Acacia memories

Byron Tabor

It was the first really nice weekend of spring in Iowa City. Sunday night and everybody was winding down. I heard bottle rockets popping over the house. Roscoe had returned from spring break with a suitcase full of fireworks. A few of us went up to the roof to help him shoot them off. At first we were just shooting them straight up but before long the FIJI's were out shooting their bottle rockets towards us. Well something like that wasn't going to go on for long. We started shooting back. Then the Teke's started shooting at the Fiji house. Soon we saw bottle rockets coming over the Fiji's from the DU house. THE BATTLE WAS ON. People were running all over the parking lot. Firecrackers, bottle rockets, it was really getting noisy. The interesting thing was that everybody was shooting at the Fiji's.

Roscoe decided that it was time to make a statement. He had a couple of pretty sizable rockets. Probably a little bigger than a roll of quarters. We had a vacuum cleaner extension tube on the roof with us and the plan

was to fire this baby over the Fiji's. A little shock and awe. We angled the tube on a couple of bricks to get the proper trajectory. And then the match.

In the meantime two Fiji's were on a sprint to the Teke house where they tossed an entire pack of firecrackers into a first floor open window. After their great display of bravery they ran like the wind back toward their basement door. As some of you remember their basement door was down in a cement-lined hole much like ours.

Back on the roof as Roscoe got the big bad boy lit the fuse put off quite a flame and as he jumped back from it he bumped the tube. The tube fell off the bricks. Rocket and tube lay briefly flat on the roof. With the fuse lit nobody was really brave (stupid) enough to grab the tube and stand it back up on the bricks. So with a great hiss the rocket leaped out of the tube, off the roof and took a downward trajectory. It miraculously missed everybody's car as it took two skips across the parking lot and went into the Fiji's basement door well. Our

two intrepid Fiji's, who were oblivious to the fact that a rather large rocket was headed in the same direction, followed the rocket right into the hole at which point the rocket exploded rather spectacularly. The Fiji's came out of the door well a little faster than they went in and ran around the back of their house never to be seen again.

The cops eventually showed up and things settled down rather quickly. They visited our house and asked to speak to our president. Jeff Evans reentered the house after a brief talk with Iowa City's finest. He told us that we were supposed to lay off. Which meant one thing. When the cops left we were back on the roof and the battle resumed. This prompted a second more stern warning when the cops returned. Jeff was getting a little concerned because the threat was upgraded to presidents going to jail if the noise didn't stop. It was fun to tell Jeff we were headed for the roof again. "I CAN'T GO BACK TO JAIL"! Oh well, good thing we were out of ammo.

This installment is the first of a series. If you have a favorite memory of your time at Acacia Fraternity you'd like to share, we want to hear about it! Email it in Word format to <spanprof118@yahoo.com>

Check out our website: <www.uiacacia.com>

Where are our brothers? *Help us find these lost Acacians*

Below you'll find a list of Acacians whose whereabouts are unknown to us. If you know where to find any of them, email Aaron Morrow at amorrow836@hotmail.com and let him know where to find them!

Roll #	First Name	Last Name	MI				
408	Thomas	Helgeson	K	560	Marc	Potter	
410	Robert	Gregg	L	565	Thomas	Osmundsen	W
423	Robert	Henderson	B	568	Gerald	Bever	W
426	Dwight	Finken	H	571	Dennis	Young	D
430	Albert	Maxwell	K	574	John	Cassidy	M
444	Harald	Hoeffding	O	595	Stewart	Gott	P
446	Jack	Easton	E	616	Steven	Fortnam	G
447	Craig	Ankerstjerne	E	626	John	Lucas	M
448	Gary	Wiele	W	632	Michael	Untrauer	A
459	Glen	Brehm	W	645	Thomas	Belt	D
465	Robert	Mossman	R	647	Frank	Hoback	J
472	Alan	Wyckoff	A	648	James	Dwyer	J
476	John	Hacket	S	676	Gregory	Foley	A
490	John	Reynolds	A	688	Bruce	Smith	R
494	Michael	Grulke	G	692	Mark	Peters	T
498	Perry	Paxton	A	695	Mark	Trendel	A
501	Patrick	Rogers	E	696	Robert	Strunk	A
505	James	Origer	D	723	Robert	Degen	T
506	Mark	Milach	W		Andrew		
509	Raymond	Heaton	R	729	"Drew"	McLean	C
517	Dennis	Severson	A	731	Scott	Nagle	A
520	Frank	Swinehart	J	732	Raymond	Ipjian	J
521	John	Bruesch	F	733	Robert	Brennet	J
529	William	Runge	J	778	Jeffrey	Dohrn	J
538	Gregory	Nelson	S	781	William	Wirtz	C
542	Douglas	Hoelscher	A	786	Tim	Fisher	R
551	David	Watson	E	789	Michael	Jurgens	P
558	Jeffrey	Getchell	B	796	Peter	Miller	J
					Gregory		
				800	"Wade"	Franck	W

Alumni news and updates

This section is intended for you to tell your fellow brothers about the things that are happening in your life. A wedding? A birth? A new house? A get-together? A visit? The Iowa Acacian would like to know about it! Send your news and photos (in jpeg format) to Michael Morris #859 at <spanprof118@yahoo.com>.

Congratulations John and Annie!

John Liss and Annie Parker were married at Old Brick church in Iowa City on 16 July. Despite the failure of the air conditioning at the church on one of the hottest days of summer, the guests proved real troopers and dancing continued late into the night. Congratulations John and Annie!

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are needed to see this picture.

The Wedding Crashers, front row: Heath "Merlot" Greene, Aaron Morrow, John Liss, Nate O'Leary-Roseberry, Pat Hewitt, Eric Lamp; back row: Devin Johnson, Bryk Lancaster, Brian White, Michael Morris, Jason Dreckman

Another wedding congratulations

We'd also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Jon Karl on his wedding 27 August. Good luck, Jon!

And finally.....

What formerly bald member of the Acacia alumni chapter, still a UI student, tells people he can't go out on Saturday nights because he has "papers to write"? And what does that really mean, since we're sure he never went near a computer on the night in question? Do the marks on his neck have anything to do with the real reason why he stays home? Everyone wants to know!

