



## *The Iowa Acacian*

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**Welcome to the latest edition of The Iowa Acacian! You'll find here information about the goings-on of the alumni chapter of Acacia and news from individual alumni. 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.**

**Check out our website for current updates on your  
brothers and recent photos: <[www.uiacacia.com](http://www.uiacacia.com)>**

## Eastern Iowa Alumni Association Starts New Year

The Eastern Iowa Acacia Alumni Association (EIAAA) has been hard at work. This is the third newsletter being put out since our formation in July. We have held a hog roast for Alumni at Homecoming, and increased our membership. We are looking forward to growth, consistency, and good fortune in 2006.

Our first major task for 2006 is the formation of a strategic plan. Devin Johnson is heading up the strategic plan committee that will be drawing up our plan of attack for the next five years. See his article on the next page.

The next meeting of the EIAAA will be on Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006, at 11 AM the meeting will be held at AegonUSA in Cedar Rapids. A conference call will also be set up. At this meeting the future of the Acacia Scholarship program will be discussed.

Also new officers will be elected at this meeting. The offices that will be elected are President, Vice

President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Social Chair. These offices hold 1 year commitments.

The EIAAA is looking to expand its membership outside its core group. If you are interested in running for an office or just being a member of the EIAAA see the Dues Form on Page 6.

The EIAAA has also been helping the Corporation Board. A complete report and update on the affairs of the Corporation Board by President Chris Berry see Page 5.

One main goal of the EIAAA is to have a Fall and Spring social event every year. The Fall event has become a Hog Roast on the Homecoming Saturday. This Hog Roast is held at 901 Melrose Avenue where the recent local alumni tailgate for every game.

This year the University is not hosting an Official Spring Game due to the construction going on at Kinnick Stadium. Therefore, the Spring

Social Event will be held on Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The event will be a golf outing the morning and will be followed up with a casual social event upstairs at the newly remodeled Airliner Bar and Grill. A separate mailing with full details will be mailed out in February with the next newsletter. But mark your calendars because the date is set in stone.

A special mention goes out to our Brother Brian Gallo who left for service in Iraq on Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Brother Gallo's story can be found on Page 3.

We have also included a list of "Lost Alumni". We need your help in finding these lost brothers. Please if you know the whereabouts of any of the Brothers on the list contact Aaron Morrow. If you have and questions or would like more information on the EIAAA please contact Aaron Morrow or visit our website at [www.uiacacia.com](http://www.uiacacia.com).

**-Aaron Morrow #836**

## **Brother Brian Gallo leaves for tour of duty in Iraq**

Brother Brian Gallo #844 has left for a tour of duty in Iraq. Brother Gallo took part in the Army ROTC program while attending The University of Iowa and earning a degree in political science in 2004. After graduation Brother Gallo was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the US Army. After extensive training he was assigned to an infantry unit scheduled for a one-year rotation.

Brother Gallo is scheduled to return in early 2007. Our hopes and prayers go out for his safe return. I am sure he would appreciate correspondence from his fellow brothers. His email address is <Brian.J.Gallo@us.army.mil> which he will begin checking again in early January. As soon as we know his address in Iraq we will send it out so that you may write him or send packages.

**-Patrick Hewitt #849**

## **Iowa Acacia Alumni Association to meet January 14**

On Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup> the first step will be taken towards completing the Eastern Iowa Acacia Alumni Association's (IEAAA) five year strategic plan. The association was formed with the initial goal of seeing Acacia Fraternity return to campus at The University of Iowa. The strategic plan will incorporate this goal as its focal point.

The development of our strategic plan will mirror the methodology used by our national fraternity for the development of their strategic plan. During the morning session the participants will determine the key areas of focus for our strategic plan. This will be followed by a brief lunch. The afternoon session will involve developing as many details as possible for each of these key areas.: financial information, timelines, developing objectives to achieving goals, etc.

The meeting will include Iowa Acacia Corporation Board members, EIAAA members, Acacia alumni, young and old, Iowa Acacians, non-Iowa Acacians, and other individuals with experience that could contribute to the diversity and expertise at the meeting. If scheduling permits, a representative from Acacia Fraternity Headquarters will facilitate the meeting. The idea is to bring together a diverse group to develop the main points the plan while brainstorming as many ideas, angles, solutions, and objectives as possible.

After the meeting each section of the strategic plan will be assigned to a committee of three members. The committee chair will be responsible for compiling the data from the meeting into a usable document. This document will then be reviewed by the other two members of the committee. When the committee has finished its work the final document will be submitted to the EIAAA for final review with the hope of adopting it at the spring meeting of 2006.

So live.....

**-Devin E. Johnson #839**

## *Help us find these lost Acacians*

**Below you'll find a list of Acacians whose whereabouts are still unknown to us. as of December 2005 If you know where to find any of them, email Aaron Morrow at [amorrow836@hotmail.com](mailto:amorrow836@hotmail.com) and let him know where to find them!**

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

**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 #836 at the address below.**

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## Iowa Acacians Corporation Board Happenings

The Iowa Acacians corporation board happenings have been uneventful since the last article in June 2005. The majority of the corporation board's activities have dealt with chapter house maintenance. The corporation board has spent more than \$24,000 on maintenance year to date. Some of the maintenance is for items that have been neglected over the past few years due to the lack of funds from the Iowa active chapter. Other maintenance issues stem from the expectations of current tenants, the Iowa Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi. A short list of some of the maintenance issues addressed include: general cleaning, carpeting, interior painting, re-keying all interior doors, new gas stove, mud jacking front steps, tree trimming, etc ... These items are not that substantial by themselves, but when added together have cost a large amount of money.

**The current debt structure limits positive cash flow. Pi Kappa Phi's rent allows us to pay the mortgage, real estate taxes, insurance, property management fees, while leaving roughly \$11,000. for maintenance. This sum is enough to cover routine maintenance issues and keep the current tenant happy. The corporation board is not looking to change the debt structure since the debt is being paid down by roughly \$15,000. a year. Should any major maintenance issues arise (e.g., replacement of the boiler) different financing arrangements will be required.**

The corporation board has also been exploring the idea of remodeling and/or expanding the chapter house. In order to be a competitive facility for future tenants, including an active Acacia undergraduate chapter, the house needs to be updated. An architectural consultant has toured the house and supplied an initial site plan for expanding the facility. All of the planning is preliminary as the corporation board explores all of its options and tries to get ideas for what is feasible.

I would like to thank Dan Wilkes for all of the hard work and time he has spent with the current tenant, property manager, and maintenance issues. His dedication has allowed Acacia to keep the chapter house so that an active Acacia undergraduate chapter may have a place to call home when they return.

The next corporation board meeting will be held in early February. Please feel free to contact me about any questions, comments, and/or concerns as I am always willing to listen to your thoughts about Acacia Fraternity.

**-Chris Berry #821**

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## **Mark your calendars for Acacia alumni spring social event on April 22!**

Mark your calendars for the Acacia alumni spring social event, to be held in Iowa City on April 22. It promises to be a great time with opportunities for you to catch up with your brothers and friends. As you may recall, past spring social events have been held in conjunction with the spring football game. However, since there is no spring game this

year, a golf outing will be held in the morning, followed by a casual social event in the newly remodeled Airliner in downtown Iowa City in the evening. Look for a separate mailing in February with full details and a form on which to RSVP. We look forward to seeing you there!  
**-Michael Morris #859**

# *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 membership fee for 2006 is \$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 (\$75 for 2006)	\$_____
<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.)	
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