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Eastern Iowa Acacia Alumni Association Growing

The EIAAA held its most recent quarterly meeting in December of 2005. The main focus of this meeting was the election of officers. Aaron Morrow was re-elected as president, Dr. Michael Morris was elected as Vice President, Devin Johnson as Secretary, Pat Hewitt as Treasurer, and Aaron Morrow as Social Chairman.

The EIAAA strategic planning committee also met in early January with some outside sources and a representative from the International Headquarters, read on in Devin Johnson's article "Strategic Plan Begins to Take Shape".

We have put together a "Night on the Nile". This celebration is being held Saturday, April 22nd, 2006. The day includes a 4-person best ball golf outing in the morning at Saddleback Golf Course, a meeting of the EIAAA, and a dinner at the Airliner that evening. We are also initiating two honorary Alumni. Eric Lamp and Mike Powell will be shown the 1st and 2nd degrees and will participate in the 3rd degree. This will all take place at the Masonic Lodge in downtown Iowa City on Sunday April 23rd at 2pm. If you haven't sent in your RSVP and Alumni Contact Update Sheet this is a friendly reminder to please do so.

We are also looking forward to the International Conclave. The location of the Conclave this year is in St. Louis, Missouri. The Conclave kicks off on Wednesday, August 9th and runs through Sunday August 13th. The Conclave is being held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at Union Station. There will be group discussions, guest speakers; a scholarship awards banquet, and a final banquet. Check the international website www.acacia.org and our website www.uiacacia.com for updates and more information in the future.

Some exciting things are happening to your fellow brothers. They are getting engaged, having babies, and graduating from college. Check out our announcement section to learn more.

And finally an early heads up for you Iowa Hawkeye Football Fans. The EIAAA will be holding their annual fall Hog Roast this fall on Saturday, October 7th. That is the Iowa vs. Purdue Homecoming game. If you have any questions or would like to donate some supplies or money to the Hog Roast please contact Aaron Morrow at amorrow836@hotmail.com or 319-330-1788.

Congratulations to the following Acacians who are graduating:

- Heath Greene, #866, is graduating with a bachelor's degree in Finance and minor in Computer Science
- Bryk Lancaster, #831, is graduating with a Masters in Business Administration
- Doug Wilson, #847, will be graduating with a Doctorate of Pharmacy degree and taking a job with Wal Mart In Prairie Du Chien, Wisconsin.
- Christopher Wille, #867, graduated from Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia. He is currently attending the Officer Basic Course at Ft. Benning.

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Strategic Plan Begins to Take Shape

On January 14th a group of Acacia Alumni got together at the Pappajohn Business building on the University of Iowa campus. The purpose of this meeting was to start the process of creating the plan to bring back the Iowa Chapter. Based off of this plan would be the strategic plan for the Eastern Iowa Acacia Alumni Association (EIAAA). A dozen Acacia alums attended the meeting. Keith Bushey, the Assistant Executive Director of Acacia International Fraternity, facilitated the meeting.

The meeting started at 11am and ended at 4pm. A number of topics of discussion were covered. The first part of the meeting was spent bringing all participants up to speed starting with the recent history of the Acacia chapter at Iowa, discussion over the current atmosphere of the Greek system at Iowa, recent Acacia Fraternity expansion/re-colonization efforts, and reviewing who the actors would be in a re-colonization effort at The University of Iowa.

The most important accomplishment of the meeting was the development of the strategic plan. It is being developed around three central components or themes – all geared towards bringing back the active chapter. They are: the undergraduate, alumni relations, and fundraising. The section on the undergrads will focus on the type of member we want to recruit into the fraternity, our expectations of members, and key themes for our new member education programs. The next two sections, alumni relations and fund raising, are more self-explanatory and will go hand in hand with each other. The sections will outline how we are going to continue to increase alumni participation and involvement within our alumni organization and offer more events and services to our alumni. The fundraising aspect will focus on how we can build on this contact with alumni to support the EIAAA and more specifically the re-colonization effort of Acacia Fraternity at the University of Iowa.

Our goal is to have a rough draft circulating by the end of March and to have as close to a final draft as possible available for the April 22nd meeting of the EIAAA so that we can present the document and either adopt it or get more feedback on how to proceed. We look forward to seeing you then and please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Devin Johnson
#839
Chairman – Strategic Planning Committee

Congratulations to the following brothers:

Brother Christopher Wille #867 got engaged to Mary Depner of Chariton, IA. The wedding will be held this July.

Brother Shawn Morgan #846 got engaged to Kelly Leshner of Fort Madison, IA. The wedding will be held June 2007.

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New Hawkeye Fan:

Samantha (5 yrs.) and Justin (3 yrs.) welcomed Hayden George Heyer into the world on 12/21/05 at 12:35pm in Mason City, IA. He was born on the exact date and time of the winter solstice, along with the birthday of Jodi's long past and beloved grandmother. He weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. and measured 21 1/2" long. As you probably suspect, he was named after Hayden Fry. Jodi agreed with Hayden as his first name, but would not go as far as use Fry for the middle name. Hawk fans forever and future Acacians to be sure.

-Jeremy and Jodi Heyer

If you have an announcement of your own that you would like in a future newsletter, please contact Aaron Morrow.

Help us find these lost Acacians

Below you'll find a list of Acacians whose whereabouts are still unknown to us as of March 2006. If you know where to find any of them, please contact Aaron Morrow.

Roll #	First Name	Last Name
304	Ralph	Thompson
324	Charles	Johnston
325	Kermit	Johnson
328	Ray	Allen
335	Kenneth	Walton
346	Robert	Chase
444	Harald	Hoeffding
454	Kenneth	Wilhelm
472	Alan	Wyckoff
512	David	Merrifield
520	Frank	Swinehart
557	Russell	Kwech
560	Marc	Potter
565	Thomas	Osmundsen

Roll #	First Name	Last Name
571	Dennis	Young
574	John	Cassidy
595	Stewart	Gott
619	Charles "Charlie"	Carroll
646	William	Tomson
665	Jon	Hilder
696	Robert	Strunk
714	Terrence	Rooney
731	Scott	Nagle
744	John	Lozauskas
775	Jeffrey "Jeff"	Kock
800	Gregory "Wade"	Franck
805	Gene	Rovang
812	Chris	Parker

We need your help! If you have any questions regarding the Alumni Chapter or would like to be involved please contact Aaron Morrow #836 at the address below.

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Night on the Nile 2006

REMINDER:

The 2006 NILE alumni celebration is on Saturday April 22, 2006 at the Airliner in Iowa City. If you have not responded with your RSVP, please do so. More information is available in the previous mailing or online at www.uiacacia.com.

We look forward to seeing many alumni at the event.

We will also be initiating 2 honorary members the next day, Sunday April 23, 2006. More details are inside.