

Alumni Association Striving Forward, Branching Out!

The EIAAA held its Spring Social Event at the Airliner on Saturday, April 22nd, 2006. The event was a success with over 30 alumni and guests in attendance. The business meeting was held before the social event, minutes from that meeting can be found on the website. The fall social event will be a Hog Roast on Homecoming Saturday, October 7th, 2006. The site for all Tailgates and the Hog Roast will be 900 Melrose Avenue. A map has been included below to help you find your way to the site, signs will also be posted the weekend of the Hog Roast helping direct you to the right location.

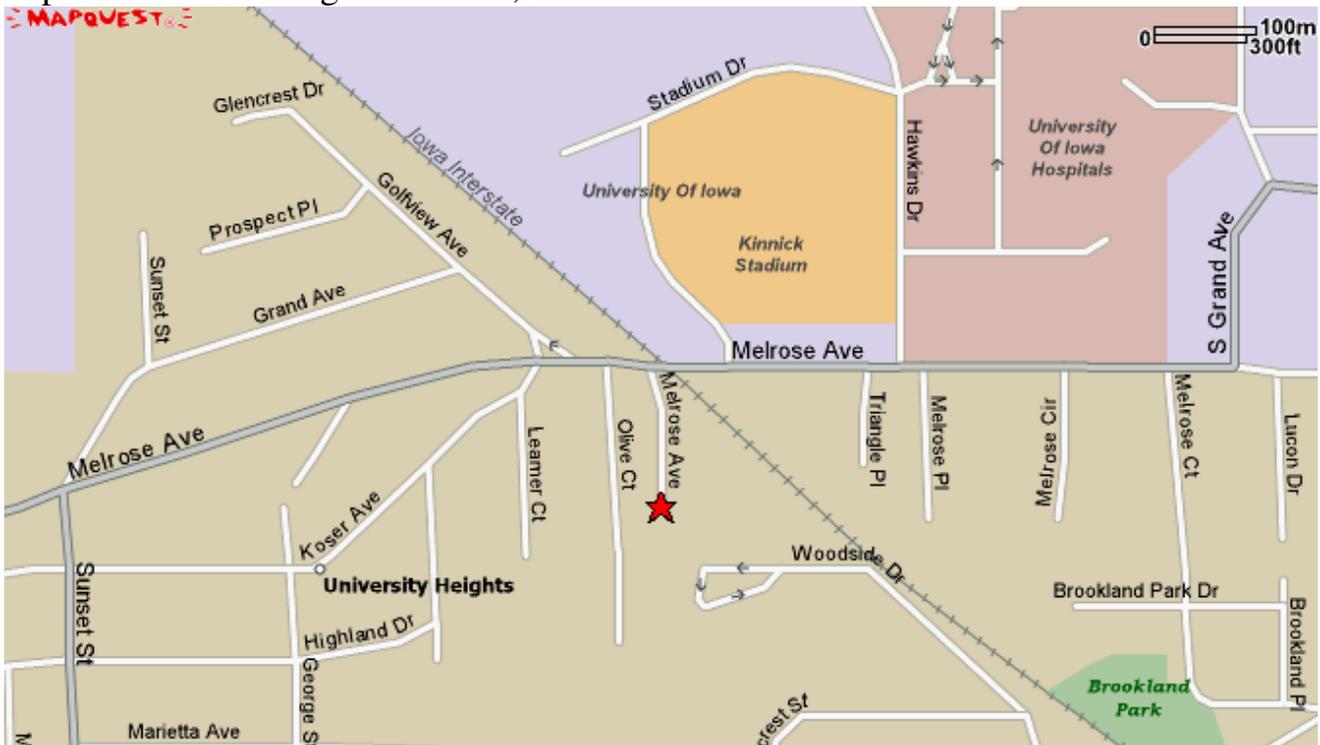
The EIAAA would also like to remind everyone that the 54th Biennial Conclave will be held this summer in St. Louis, Missouri. The dates are from August 9th-13th. Information on Hotels and Registration for the event can be found at http://www.acacia.org/conclave2006_main.htm. We hope to see you there.

The Strategic Plan committee is making progress on the strategic plan. See the article by Committee Chairman Devin Johnson for an update. If you would like to help with the writing or editing of the Strategic Plan please contact Brother Morrow at amorow836@hotmail.com.

A CALL TO ALL ACACIANS: Part of the new strategic plan is the “Decade Alumni Ambassadors”. Brother Alex Taylor suggested this position; the purpose of this position is to increase communication throughout our Alumni. We are looking for at least 2 volunteers per Decade. These Ambassadors would help keep addresses current, make sure Alumni from their generation are aware of upcoming events, and would help design communication geared towards Alumni of their generation.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE AN ALUMNI AMBASSADOR, PLEASE CONTACT AARON MORROW. Aaron Morrow, amorow836@hotmail.com, 319-330-1788

Map for Fall 2006 tailgate location, 900 Melrose Ave



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Iowa Acacians Corporation Board Happenings

The Iowa Acacians corporation board finalized details of a lease extension with Pi Kappa Phi in late April. The 3-year lease (\$60K, \$63K, \$65K) expires July 31, 2009. The board feels the increase in rent will cover insurance and property tax increases over the next three years. The corporation board will have to finance any large maintenance activities that may arise. The lease term lines up well with the EIAAA plans for refounding an active undergraduate chapter. Discussions about selling the house are effectively mute with this lease agreement in place.

Considering the current state of the University of Iowa Greek system the corporation board feels lucky to have locked in a renter for three years. Over the last 15 years 10 buildings have sold out of fraternity hands. Of these seven are now apartments, the U of I owns two, and one is a boarding house. Additionally two chapters are currently vacant and new fraternity chapters lease two. Looking into the future, there may be a loss of structures due to a lack of fraternities at the U of I. Most new chapters don't have the ability to purchase structures or to maintain them with an ever-increasing amount of members wanting to live "off campus".

House maintenance has occupied the rest of the corporation board's time. The boiler needs replaced, as the State will not certify it in its current condition. Asbestos removal will cost \$1,000-\$2,500 and is scheduled for completion in June. There will also be a cost for removing the old boiler and pouring a new pad. The corporation board has estimated the cost to replace a boiler at \$26,500, \$11,000 for the boiler and \$15,500 for labor. Jeff Pederson (Acacia alum) is willing to donate two boilers from his Jamboree grocery store to the fraternity. It is currently being investigated whether these two boilers will work. The corporation board estimates a forced air solution for the entire structure would cost at least \$50,000. Installing baseboard electric heat in the 2nd and 3rd floors and either boiler or furnace heat for the first floor/basement is another possibility that has been discussed. Estimates are currently being sought for these three possible solutions.

Other maintenance issues to be addressed this summer include: mud jacking the front steps, replacing the vinyl in the dining room, and pouring gravel/recycled asphalt in the parking lot.

The corporation board is still receiving floor plans from the architect, but has not seen a plan that is satisfactory. The corporation board will continue to band-aid the structure until the architect creates a feasible floor plan for a renovation.

The next corporation board meeting will be held in October. An important issue on the October meeting agenda is officer elections. 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

New Baby

Hello everyone,

We wanted to let you know that on May 10, 2006 at 6:55 AM we welcomed into the world Ella Breen Turley. She weighed in at 7 lbs. and 11 oz. and was 21.5 inches long. She is absolutely beautiful and we couldn't be more excited. Baby, Mom, and Dad are all doing well.

We can't wait to introduce our little bundle of joy to you someday soon.

With tons of love,
Stephen and Erin Turley

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Strategic Plan Committee Update

On January 14th we held an initial strategic planning meeting. Out of that meeting came the beginnings of our strategic plan. The first draft of the strategic plan was recently completed. Our goal is to have it finalized by August 1st of this year. You can read an Executive Summary of the document at www.uiacacia.com. When the document is complete we will post it on the website. We are currently sending the draft out to a number of fellow Acacia alumni for review and feedback. It covers three aspects: the Undergraduates, Alumni Relations, and Fundraising.

A central component of the plan is the development of Decade Alumni Ambassadors (DAAs), an idea put forth by Brother Alex Taylor. The DAAs would act as liaisons for their respective decade or era. Their job would initially comprise three facets: 1) maintain contact info for all alums in their era 2) develop targeted communications to their era 3) help with and coordinate fund raising efforts for their era. To make this work we have to have alumni willing to be DAAs. If you are interested or know of someone whom you think would make a good DAA please pass this information on to Aaron Morrow at amorrow836@hotmail.com. Our goal is to have all DAAs in place by early fall so that they can begin to get organized.

The type of recruitment effort we will be able to make will be dependent upon the amount of money we have raised and are able to raise on an annual basis. The more money we have or raise the more options we will have available and the more we will be able to do for the chapter. Fundraising is directly related to the relationship we are able to develop with our alumni. We need all alumni to keep their own contact info up to date, maintain contact with other alumni, and be as supportive as possible of our Acacia efforts.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns at (319) 321-6727 or at devin-e-johnson@uiowa.edu

Fraternally,

Devin Johnson
#839

Announcements

- Brother Michael Johnson has enlisted in the United States Army. He is currently stationed at Fort Benning in Georgia for basic training and will attend Officer Candidate School.
- Brother Ryan McCarty is engaged to be married this fall.
- Brother John Liss graduated from the University of Iowa with a Masters of Art in history and has been accepted to the UNLV PhD program.
- Brother Chris Berry and his wife are expecting their first child
- Brother Bryk Lancaster is engaged to be married.
- Sympathies go out to brother Chuck Orr and his family for the passing of Chuck's father on May 14th of this year.
- Congratulations to Brother Tollif DeJong and wife Anjali on the birth of a baby girl, Malini Olson, on February 22, 2006.

If you have any announcements, personal information, or news that you would like to share with other alumni please send it to Aaron Morrow at amorrow836@hotmail.com, or by mail at PO Box 497, Princeton, IA 52768. Also, if you have any stories, memories, recollections, or "remember when's" from the past, please send those to Aaron also. We will be more than happy to include them in a future newsletter.

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Remember the Homecoming hog roast social on Saturday,
October 7th, 2006.

Find information inside.

Also find an update on the strategic plan committee, the
cooperation board, and other alumni announcements.