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

We would like to extend a very big thanks to Brother Doug
Wilson for funding a majority of this newsletter.

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Elections Nearing for Corporation Board and Alumni Association Chapter

The Iowa Corporation Board, which oversees the physical structure for the Iowa Chapter at 202 Ellis Ave. and the Alumni Association, which is overseeing the reformation of the Iowa Chapter are both seeking Alumni who are willing to take a more active part in the future of our fraternity.

Two members of the Iowa Corporation Board are retiring from the board and one member of the Alumni Association is not running for re-election.

Dan Wilkes #761, an Order of Pythagoras Member and recipient of the Award of Merit, who has served as Chapter Advisor, Corporation Board President, and is Currently the Corporation Board Treasurer and Housing Committee Chair, is stepping down from the board. The EIAAA would like to thank Dan for his many years of dedicated service to the Fraternity and wish him the best in his new home, with his wife and 2 daughters.

Chris Berry #821, an Order of Pythagoras Member, who has served as Corporation Board Secretary and is the Current Corporation Board President, is stepping down from the board. The EIAAA would also like extend our thanks to Brother Berry for his service to the Fraternity and wish him all the luck with his wife and soon to be born child.

Aaron Morrow #836, an Order of Pythagoras Member, who has served as the President of the Alumni Association for 2 terms will not be running for re-election. Brother Morrow will still serve on the Executive Council of the Alumni Association per the Constitution of the Chapter.

The Corporation Board will hold elections at the **October 21st** teleconference meeting. The positions up for election are **President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer**. There will also be the formation of the Building Committee. This committee will help oversee the future projects that are needed on the house.

The Building Committee will be made up of several officers that include the Treasurer and the following new positions.

- **Tenant Liaison** - Mostly the person should listen and respond to undergraduates and parent organization requests; and keep a list of contacts.
- **Property Manager Liaison** - Volunteer to listen and respond to property manager requests, request additional information as needed, understand the lease as it affects which party is responsible for listed costs, aid in the acquisition of a new property manager.
- **Construction Supervisor** – Oversees identification of immediate and future maintenance needs, solicits bids, selects contractors, responds to questions and supervises completion.
- **Financing** - Shops for financing. The financing package will be determined by the scope of our needs.

The Alumni Association will be holding elections at the January 13th, 2007 teleconference meeting. The positions up for election are **President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Social Chair**. The Alumni Association is also seeking someone who is proficient in Web Design to help improve our website and to keep it updated.

In addition to these positions, the Alumni Association is looking for volunteers to become Decade Alumni Ambassadors (DAA). The DAA will help keep the Alumni base updated on upcoming events, help with fundraising, assist in the production of the newsletters, and help plan future social events. If you are interested in becoming an ambassador for YOUR era, please contact Brother Morrow (319-330-1788, amorrow836@hotmail.com).

Our sympathies go to Andy and Susan Adair on the passing of Andy's mother Vicki Adair on June 10th, 2006.

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Update on Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan for the Eastern Iowa Acacia Alumni Association has been completed. This document provides the framework of the organization as we formulate and execute our plan to bring Acacia Fraternity back to the University of Iowa campus. The document can currently be found on our Acacia website at www.uiacacia.com.

Formal adoption of this plan will take place at the next EIAAA meeting scheduled for

Friday October 6th, 2006 at the Masonic Lodge in Downtown Iowa City. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact Devin Johnson or Aaron Morrow. Any feedback would be appreciated. We would like to thank everyone who put their two cents into this document, specifically those who were able to attend our initial meeting in January to get this process started.

Report on University of Iowa Greek System

The University of Iowa recently commissioned Npower, a leadership development consultancy, to perform a study of the Greek system. The goals of the Npower study were threefold: 1) to provide an objective assessment of the current strengths and weaknesses of the UI Fraternity and Sorority Community; 2) to provide specific recommendations for enhancing the programs and services offered by the OSL, IFC, NPHC, PHC, and/or individual chapters; and 3) to provide a strategic plan to guide the Fraternity and Sorority Community for the next several years. On August 6th various stakeholders in

the Greek system, such as active members and officers, IFC/PHC officers, chapter alumni and Corp Board members, and university staff members met to discuss this study.

This meeting reviewed the strengths, weaknesses, and threats of the Greek system that were identified in focus group meetings. There were discussions on the future of the Greek system, and what needs to be done to ensure the future success of not only individual chapters but of the community as a whole. We are working on securing an executive summary of the report and meeting for the website.

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, contact Aaron Morrow.

Roll	Name	Roll	Name	Roll	Name
304	Ralph Thompson	557	Russell Kwech	695	Mark Trendel
306	Walter Hanson	558	Jeffrey Getchell	696	Robert Strunk
324	Charles Johnston	560	Marc Potter	714	Terrence Rooney
325	Kermit Johnson	565	Thomas Osmundsen	731	Scott Nagle
328	Ray Allen	571	Dennis Young	732	Raymond Ipjian
335	Kenneth Walton	574	John Cassidy	744	John Lozauskas
346	Robert Chase	576	Steven Hewlett	775	Jeffrey Kock
444	Harald Hoeffding	595	Stewart Gott	778	Jeffrey Dohrn
454	Kenneth Wilhelm	619	Charles Carroll	800	Gregory Franck
472	Alan Wyckoff	626	John Lucas	805	Gene Rovang
505	James Origer	646	William Tomson	812	Chris Parker
512	David Merrifield	648	James Dwyer	856	Eric Maier
520	Frank Swinehart	665	Jon Hilder		

54th Biennial Conclave Held in St. Louis, Missouri

The Conclave of the Acacia Fraternity is held every 2 years in various cities throughout the country. The 54th Biennial Conclave was hosted in St. Louis, Missouri, at the Hyatt Regency Union Station from August 9th through the 13th.

Aaron Morrow #836 and Patrick Hewitt #849 were in attendance as voting delegates for the Iowa Chapter. Even though the Active chapter is Inactive we still hold our charter and therefore are granted 2 votes at the business sessions. Devin Johnson #839 was also in attendance for Friday and Saturday's events.

The week included business sessions that saw some small changes to the Laws of Acacia, the adoption of the Syracuse Colony's Charter Petition, the election of Dave Allen as the International President, Rob Roberson as the International Treasurer, Greg Owen as International Councilor, Stefan McIntyre of Ohio State as an Undergraduate Counselor, and Cody Peczkowski of Purdue as an Undergraduate Counselor. There was also a Leadership Academy held for undergraduate members that included round table discussions

on topics affecting their chapters. The event also included a trip to a minor league baseball game, a tour of the Anheuser-Busch Brewery, and a golf outing.

During the Conclave, a major topic of conversation was what kind of programming or location would draw more Alumni to this event. The Good of Fraternity Alumni Committee reported their recommendations of having the Conclave in a city that would have more things for Alumni to do such as Las Vegas, New Orleans, and San Francisco. They also suggested having programming geared specifically towards alumni for Friday and Saturday of the Conclave week. If you would like more information on conclave, especially attending the next conclave in summer 2008, please contact Aaron Morrow (319-330-1788, amorrows836@hotmail.com).

The final banquet of any conclave sees the top awards in the Fraternity given out. This year Brother Patrick Hewitt #849 received the Order of Pythagoras, the 2nd highest award given to Acacia members. Congratulations Brother Hewitt!

Homecoming Festivities: Initiation, Hog Roast, Night on the Town

The Eastern Iowa Acacia Alumni Association is happy to announce the continuation of a great tradition. Thanks to the generosity of Brother Ryan McCarty #810, the 3rd Annual Hog Roast will be held on **Saturday October 7th**. Festivities will actually begin on Friday night.

The Honorary Initiation of two men, Mike Powell and Eric Lamp, will be held on Friday evening at the Masonic Lodge in downtown Iowa City. The address of the Lodge is 610 E. College Street and is just east of the Public Library and a block from the Ped Mall in downtown Iowa City. All Acacia Alumni are invited and encouraged to attend the ceremony. The initiation will begin at 6:30pm and should last about 1.5 hours. If you are interested in helping perform the ritual

please contact Aaron Morrow (319-330-1788, amorrows836@hotmail.com).

Saturday's homecoming tailgate will be held at 900 Melrose Avenue. A map of the location is posted at www.uiacacia.com. This will also be the location for tailgating at all other Home Football Games. Stop by for some reminiscing with your fellow Alums. Special thanks go out to Brother Brian White #840 who will be staying up all night to make sure the hog is cooked and ready to serve at 10:00am.