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Alumni Plan Return of Active Chapter

Building a Future...

All of us, with little effort, can remember how much our experience with Acacia Fraternity meant and continues to mean to us today. It encompasses not just the lifelong relationships that originated through the fraternity, but also the life lessons learned, the invaluable experiences, and the sense of accomplishment that comes from a diverse group of individuals working together to accomplish something that as individuals would be impossible. Now it is time for all of us to honor our debt to the fraternity.

Our goal is to have Acacia Fraternity return to the University of Iowa. To achieve this goal will require help from all of our alumni; not just the recent alumni, not just those living in the Iowa City area, and not just those serving on the corporation board. We will need all of our men to step forward and contribute: Time, Ideas, Opinions, and Donations. We will need alumni to put out the word that we are returning and are looking for quality young men to help our fraternity grow and thrive.

Our plan is to hire two Acacians as graduate students to oversee and run the recruitment effort. They would be responsible for the day to day recruitment effort and signing of new members during the first year. During the second year they would have the added responsibility of overseeing chapter operations. In exchange we would pay for two years of graduate school including tuition and books, a monthly stipend, health insurance, and living accommodations until they are able to move into the fraternity house (rent & utilities). In addition, we would need to raise money to fund the awarding of scholarships to new members and additional money to cover the first year's recruitment and social budget.

The plan for bringing Acacia Fraternity back to Iowa is only one piece of the overall goal. To stay competitive with other fraternities on campus we will need to update our physical structure and to establish an endowment for a scholarship fund. This means that we will need money in the short term to maintain the bathrooms, kitchen, exterior, and other areas of the house. We will also need money in the long term for the improvements and upgrades that will make our house competitive and livable for the coming years. We need a house we can be proud of, one that will reflect not only upon our active members, but also upon us alumni, the owners and caretakers of our house.

An endowment for scholarships will be essential to recruit and to keep good members who are our future alumni. It is a way for alumni to give back and for our fraternity to award members and recruits who demonstrate the ideals of Acacia Fraternity. Scholarships will allow all men an opportunity at Acacia, not just those who can afford it. The scholarships serve as reminders that education comes first and that Acacia is a successful fraternity with successful alumni who care about their undergraduate chapter.

Returning to campus, establishing an endowment, and improving our structure will provide us with a solid foundation to build upon. These three things together will give us a great start in reinforcing the Acacia legacy on our campus. Each of these things will also aid the chapter in riding out the cyclical ups and downs that seem to occur in fraternity life.

Fraternally,

Brother Devin Johnson
#839
EIAAA President

Corporation Board Update

Greetings my Brother ACACIANS!

The first Board meeting of the Iowa Acacians was held on March 31st. This meeting served primarily as a means to bring everyone “up-to-date” on what has been done, and what remains to be done to bring about a successful return of Acacia to the Iowa Greek System.

As a result of our discussion, we have embarked on a number of projects. These include:

1. Revising the Corporate Board Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws
2. Reviewing the financial situation of the Board and setting up a short- and long-term financial budget to accomplish needed renovations at the chapter house.
3. Integrating the Iowa Alumni Association into the Board so that we may better communicate with the Iowa alumni.
4. Setting a tentative timeline for the return of the Iowa Chapter to the University of Iowa Greek System.

On June 16th, the Corporation Board met at the chapter house to take a look at what could and should be done (long-term) to facilitate our return to campus. Our discussion focused on the need to structurally modify the interior of the house. We had two objectives in this regard: 1) to bring the facility up to

modern standards that would facilitate recruitment of men, and 2) examine ways in which the house could be “reconfigured” to increase the number of members that could live in the chapter. (Quite simply, more men in-house equal more revenue

The Board approved to continue the exterior repair to the columns and fascia, to move forward with an extensive kitchen remodel that will bring the kitchen up to modern standards and will help facilitate a catered meal plan, to repair the 3rd floor flat roof, to remove the old boiler from the basement, and to consult an architect in the fall in regards to changes that could be made to increase the live-in capacity of the structure.

The next meeting of the Board will be on Saturday, September 8th at 10:00am at the IMU. The meeting room will be posted on the schedule on the main floor of the IMU. All Acacia alumni are invited to attend this meeting. Following the meeting the Hawkeyes will be playing the Syracuse Orange in a night game at Kinnick Stadium

Fraternally,

Brother Aaron Morrow
#836
Corporation Board President

Alumni News and Notes and Rememberances

(Editor's Note: One of the primary objectives that we as a Board have to provide a “central forum” so that our alumni may keep in contact with each other. This space is provided in the newsletter for each one of you to do just that. Please let us know what is going on in your life, and use us as a means to get in back in touch with your Brothers from the days in which you lived in the chapter house. This is your space. Enjoy! Please email Devin Johnson at devin_e_johnson@hotmail.com with any items you have for this section.)

The men of Acacia Fraternity wish to express their condolences to Brother Tollif DeJong #769. His mother Judy passed away on February 3rd of this year. Please keep Brother DeJong and his family in your thoughts. The family has asked that memorials be given to the Israel Family Hospice House, 400 South Dakota Avenue, Ames, Iowa.

The men of Acacia wish to recognize Brother Jeff Meade #748. Brother Meade and his company, Skyline DFW Exhibits & Graphics were the focus of a recent article in the

Dallas Business Journal. The article highlighted the success Brother Meade has had with his company. To view the article online you may visit the link on the Acacia Fraternity website (www.uiacacia.com) or the link on Skyline's own website (www.skylinedfw.com)

Brother Christopher Wille #867 who was married last summer to Mary Depner has relocated to Rockville, Maryland. Brother Wille is currently working for the Department of Defense as a Regional Analyst. However, he is slated for active duty and deployment to Iraq on June 23rd. He is a platoon leader with C Company 3-116th Infantry Battalion. His tour of duty should last 1 year. Our thoughts and prayers for a safe return go out to Brother Wille.

Brother Michael Johnson #850 is a Second Lieutenant with the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. His unit is based at Ft. Riley, KS and is scheduled to deploy this fall.

Brother Brian Gallo #844 is a First Lieutenant for the 4th Infantry Division. His unit is scheduled for deployment this winter and is based out of Ft. Hood, TX.

Congratulations to Brother Brian Zehnle #785 who was recently married.

Congratulations to Brother Bryk Lancaster #831 who was married to Jennifer this past Valentine's Day in Hawaii.

Brother Shawn Morgan #846 was married on June 9th to Kelly Leshner in Fort Madison, Iowa. Brother Morgan was also recently featured in a Cedar Rapids Gazette article detailing his job as an officer for University of Iowa Public Safety which may be viewed at the Gazette's website: <http://gazetteonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=200770513022>

Congratulations to brother Nate O'Leary Roseberry #842 who will be married to Nicole Wall on July 28th.

Brother Brian White #840 is engaged to be married to Sheena Hills this October.

Congratulations to brother Steven Ries #843 who received his Juris Doctor degree from Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin during the Hooding Ceremony on May 19th at the Milwaukee Theatre. The law students were also recognized as a group at the 126th All-University Commencement Ceremony on May 20th at the Bradley Center. On May 21st, Steven was inducted into the Wisconsin Bar Association during a swearing-in ceremony at the Wisconsin Supreme Court at the capitol in Madison. He also received a Sports Law Certificate on May 23rd from the National Sports Law Institute. Steven was named to the Dean's List the spring semester of 2007 and was a member of the Sports Law Review. Steven was a representative and secretary in the Student Bar Association, active in the Sports Law Society, and a member of the Business Law Association and Real Property Association. He also participated in three sports law internships at The Leib Group, Wisconsin Sports Development Corp. / ScheerGame Sports Development, and \$PORT\$BIZ. Steven is currently finishing a Masters in Business Administration at Marquette University Graduate School of Management and will graduate in December 2007.

Brother Eric Lamp #875 graduated from the University of Iowa on Saturday May 12th at Hancher Auditorium. The Tippie College of Business conferred upon him a Bachelors of Business Administration in Economics. Congratulations Brother Lamp.

Congratulations to Brother Chris Berry #821 and his wife Lori who had their first child, Cale Christopher Berry, on September 21st, 2006

Congratulations to Brother Matt Martin #795 and wife Jen who are expecting their 3rd child in December.

Brother Steve Turley #777, his wife Erin and daughter Ella have moved from Chicago to Kansas City.

Brother Jason Dreckman #832 has recently changed jobs and is now with Chubb Insurance in Des Moines, IA as a Commercial Underwriter II.

Brother Josh Nelson #837 recently relocated to Des Moines, IA. He is still employed with Aquilla Gas Company.

Brother Doug Wilson #847 has moved to Praire Du Chien, WI where he works for Wal-Mart as a Pharmacist.

Spring Social Recap

The 2007 EIAAA spring social was held on April 21st at the Airliner in downtown Iowa City. Thirty brothers and guests attended the event. During the business portion of the night, the following officers were elected to the EIAAA executive council: President – Devin Johnson, Vice-President – Aaron Morrow, Treasurer – Patrick Hewitt, and Secretary – Brian White. Honorary Brothers Eric Lamp and Mike Powell were given their shingles and badges. Brothers Devin Johnson and Brian White were awarded the Order of Pythagoras. The rest of the evening consisted of dinner and socializing among the brothers and their guests.

Fall Social Information

On Saturday September 1st, the Iowa Hawkeye football team will take the field against the Northern Illinois Huskies at Soldier Field in Chicago. Kickoff time has not been set yet and will be announced as the date gets closer. Tailgating will probably be in the south lot or Waldron Deck, which are both directly south of the stadium (E 18th Drive exit from Lake Shore Drive). Look for the Acacia Fraternity Flag. Come meet up with your brothers before the game. Preceding the game, on Friday night we will plan on getting together for a few drinks at a downtown bar. Please watch the website for more information.

If you would like to help plan/coordinate this event please contact EIAAA president Devin Johnson at devin_e_johnson@hotmail.com.

The 4th Annual Acacia Homecoming Hog Roast will be held on Saturday September 29th, 2007. The Iowa Hawkeyes will be battling the up and coming Indiana Hoosiers starting at 11:05am. The Hog Roast will be held at 900 Melrose Avenue, the same spot as in previous years. The hog will be roasted overnight by Brothers Aaron Morrow and Brian White and will be ready to serve at 9:30 am. Along with pork we will serve chips, beer, pop, and water. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the hog roast, please contact Aaron Morrow at amorrow836@hotmail.com.

Please check out the Iowa Acacia website at www.uiacacia.com for more details on both events.

Corporation Board Members

The following Brothers are your representatives on the Corporation Board. Feel free to contact us whenever you have ideas, suggestions or concerns!

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| Aaron Morrow #836 | President | 319-330-1788 |
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Newsletter Information

The newsletter is sent to all of the alumni of the University of Iowa Chapter of ACACIA Fraternity.

This newsletter is sent at **no cost** to all of its recipients, although donations directed towards the cost of this publication will be accepted by the Board. Should you wish to make a contribution, please make your check payable to **The Iowa Acacians**, in any amount. If you have any information you would like to share, please send it to **Aaron Morrow** at his e-mail address: **amorrows36@hotmail.com**. Take care, and best wishes to all of the Brothers and friends of our Fraternity.



Alumni Donations in 2007

\$ 2,095 Contributed in 2007 by Iowa Acacians

The table that is shown lists those Brothers and friends who have made tax-deductible contributions to the chapter scholarship fund in 2007. Please accept our grateful thanks for your generosity! Your contributions provide vital support the academic efforts of your Brothers in our Chapter!

| ----- Alumni Contributors in 2007 ----- | |
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| Board of Directors Club | (\$ 5,000 - \$ 9,999) |
| Pythagorean Partner | (\$ 2,500 - \$ 4,999) |
| Chapter Partner | (\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,499) |
| Gold Partner | (\$ 750 - \$ 999) |
| Silver Partner | (\$ 500 - \$ 749) |
| Bronze Partner | (\$ 100 - \$ 499) |
| Jeremy Heyer #817 | |
| Shawn Morgan #846 | |

Aaron Morrow #840
 David Nick #670
 Jeff Peterson #594
 Ronald Stearns #599
 Alex Taylor #671
 James Vincent #849
 Dan Wilkes #761

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Chris Berry #821
 James Carter #591
 Brian Gallo #844
 Heath Greene #866
 Devin Johnson #839
 Mike Johnson #850
 Dean Krehlik #421
 Ryan McCarty #810
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 Brian White #840



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University of Iowa Chapter**

Please Complete The Following:

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Address: _____

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State: _____ Zip: _____

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When completed please return to:

Aaron Morrow
PO Box 497
Princeton, IA 52768

Alumni Contribution Form

Brothers and Friends of the University of Iowa Chapter of the Acacia Fraternity have two available options for contributions:

1. Enclosed, please find a check in the amount of \$_____ made payable to the **Iowa Chapter of Acacia** fund c/o the Acacia Fraternity Foundation. This is a **tax-deductible** contribution.

2. Enclosed, please find a check in the amount of \$_____ made payable to the **Iowa Acacias**. This is a Non Tax-Deductible contribution for capital improvements to the physical structure.

Signature: _____

Date: _____