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EIAAA President's Address

Greetings brothers! As the new President of the EIAAA, I am very excited to be serving at this time. We are within a few years of returning to the University of Iowa campus and gaining back our undergraduate component. The next few years will be crucial in setting up this endeavor for success. And of course the essential element will be us, the alumni of the Iowa Chapter. The alumni involvement with the EIAAA and the Corporation Board has increased since we started the EIAA chapter. As we approach our return to campus, tentatively scheduled for Fall 2015, we will need to take stock of our resources, including budget and alumni support to select the right plan and execute. We will need your expertise, your money (DUES and donations), and most importantly: your time.

For those of you who don't know who I am, I recently moved back to Iowa after finishing five years on active duty with the US Army. In my undergraduate days, many years ago, I served as Venerable Dean, Alumni Chair, and director of Taste of Iowa City. After completing my studies at Iowa, I spent a year on the road working for Keith Bushey and Darold Larson as a leadership consultant for Acacia Fraternity's headquarters. More recently I have only been a passive member of the alumni as my job with the US Army kept me quite occupied. I am looking forward to having this

time to get more involved and have a direct impact on the future of Acacia Fraternity at Iowa.

After being without our active chapter members, we are now potentially within a few years of being in a position to bring Acacia back to campus at the University of Iowa. Thanks to the excellent work by our Corporation Board, our chapter's return to campus will have improved facilities that we can be proud to claim as part of Acacia. Included with our return we have an improved financial situation versus where we were ten years ago. We have been in close communication with our headquarters. Beyond providing feedback and guidance they have met with the university's Office of Student Life (Greek Life) and IFC to help coordinate our return and brought our alumni up to speed on Acacia's Cornerstone's Initiative; which is an in depth new member program on the essentials of being an Acacian.

As for what the future holds, that is up to us.

So live,

Devin Johnson
President
#839

Changes coming for Alumni Association and Corporation Board

At the October meeting of the EIAAA and the Corporation Board elections were held. I was re-elected as the President of the Corporation Board. Jeremy Heyer was elected as the Vice President. Jeremy Fortier and Nate Roseberry were re-elected as the secretary and treasurer, respectively. Finally, Steven Ries was re-elected as the Facility Manager.

The EIAAA saw the election of Devin Johnson as the President, and you met him through his introductory message at the beginning of this newsletter. Brian White and Michael Powell were re-elected as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. Meanwhile, Byron Tabor was re-elected as the activities director.

During this meeting, we also established the investment committee. Brother Heyer worked hard on the guidelines for this committee using the Acacia Fraternity Foundations policy as a guideline. Members of this committee are the Corporation Board President, Vice President, Treasurer and two at large members appointed by the President. Brothers Tabor and Dan Wilkes were appointed to the committee.

Finally, I am glad to announce a new format for our quarterly meetings. Until this point we have held the Corporation Board portion of the meetings first. Moving forward the EIAAA will hold their meeting at 10am, all business for the EIAAA will be

discussed. This includes the alumni newsletter, voluntary alumni dues, and donations to the AFF Iowa Chapter fund, Alumni events, and most importantly the re-colonization of the undergraduate chapter.

Once the business meeting for the Alumni Association is complete that meeting will be adjourned and anyone that wants to jump off the call will have a chance to do that. At that point the Corporation Board meeting will be called to order. The Corporation Boards business will focus on the physical structure and the finances that are tied into it.

We are making these changes with hope to increase participation in the EIAAA portion of the meetings. The undergraduate re-colonization has been scheduled for fall, 2015 and we need more involvement from our alumni as we near this historic milestone.

If you are interested in participating in the teleconference meetings for either group, they are scheduled for Saturdays at 10am Central for the following dates – January 19th, April 20th, July 20th, October 12th – to be included on emails announcing the teleconference number and issuing the agenda please contact either Aaron Morrow – amorrow836@hotmail.com or Devin Johnson – devin_e_johnson@hotmail.com, we look forward to more of you joining us on those Saturdays.

Acacia Reunion

Iowa City Acacia reunion was a blast despite the loss. Good men just as they were thirty years ago. I roomed with Ray Larson at the Best Western Canterbury in Coralville, Ray's a great guy, living in Cincinnati now. Coghill and Dave Nick shared a room in the same hotel, as did Brad Lindner and his step-brother.

Ray and Cogs are die-hard Iowa fans, fun to be around. Ray lives in Cincinnati and every time Iowa wins a football game he drives to Hooters and orders a big mess of wings for the family. He doesn't do it when Iowa loses. "Hooters is for winners" he famously texted after a devastating loss.

Cogs lives outside Peoria with a pretty, intelligent wife (we've traded books) and a lovely daughter who will graduate from high school this year. He can get a little foul-tempered at football games when things are going poorly for the Hawks. Saturday night, so did me.

Dave Nick lives in Chicago, we drove to and from IC this weekend. He is upstanding as always. His tenth wedding anniversary is coming up this weekend. His wife Margaret is a peach, much better than he deserves.

Brad Lindner showed up late Friday night and was around most of Saturday, but skipped the game. Brad has a family and is living in Lawrence, KS. He's an old buddy who doesn't always make the annual trip, but it's great when he is there.

Iowa Citian Joe Willging hosts an outstanding tailgate. I love his wife Dawn; Doc got a great steal there. The last of their three kids' graduates from high school in May and Dawn and Joe are looking forward to it. The Willgings put on the best tailgate ever; there should be a magazine article on it. Lots of beer and food and Dawn's famous chili.

Jay Hoffman was there on Saturday. He lives in his home town of Cedar Rapids and brought his two high school aged boys. We watched our language. I always liked Jay a lot and he is still a great guy.

Ken Lopez is a City Manager in a small burg in Northwest Illinois. He has a son at Iowa and we were all glad he made it. He doesn't make many of these but I think will become a regular. Years later he's still the same old "Pez," a great guy.

Former V.D. Eric Burge was there, you've got to like Eric. He lives in the Quad Cities. I always like talking Hawkeye football with him. Matt Nelson is in the area and may have finally met the Right Girl. She is very pretty and much too good for him.

Following the usual pattern we all rolled into town, checked into our hotels, and went to Joe's Place to meet up. We pushed a couple of tables together in the front of the bar and crowded them with chairs. Friday night was a blast. People rolling in included most of the above. It was a pretty big bill at the end; Acacia Hawkeyes have a prodigious thirst. The end by the way was midnight, not 2:00. We ain't as young as we used to be.

Saturday's highlights were Willging's tailgate and the game, until we got our asses kicked. Drowning in our sorrows after the game helped. Paul Revere's closed their Iowa City shop a couple of years ago but Dave Nick somehow got their Cedar Rapids store to drive wedgies down to our Coralville hotel at Midnight. We took them down to the hotel's House of Lords bar and devoured them with beer.

Other weekend events included burgers at George's and the obligatory shopping trip to Book and Crook. The boys also made me go to Scheel's. I hate Scheel's. I love all things Hawkeye but I hate Scheel's. Book and Crook, that's where I want to shop.

Hotel checkout was at noon Sunday. Larson and

Lindner left in the wee hours to get home. I never heard my roommate Ray leave at his departure of 4am.

Nick, Coghill, Burge, and I had lunch at the Airliner before hitting the road. Pizza, Italian Beef, burgers and my huge breaded pork tenderloin sandwich crowded the table. It may have been a happy little Iowa pig a week ago. Thanks little pig.

Despite the Hawks' loss, and it was a bad one, I wouldn't have missed the weekend for anything in the world. You have a few beers, tell some old

stories, and the 50 year-olds start to look like their old 20 year-old selves.

And you know that your old friends will always be your friends.

I hope to see you all at the Reunion Game next fall. No date set at this time but I will try to keep you in the loop.

Russ "Bizarlson" Carlson #659

Facility Update

During the last few months, the house director suite and second floor main bathroom renovations were completed. The current house director for our tenant PKP really enjoys having his own bedroom and bathroom. The new suite looks great and is a nice upgrade to that area of the chapter house.

PKP's basement remodel project was also completed this fall. They hired the same contractor who completed the other two projects. The main room of the basement was turned into a TV room and the adjoining room was renovated into a study room.

In addition, we had another contractor repair some holes in the fascia board and in the four white corner columns. The contractor also fixed a couple of the gutters.

Steven Ries #843
Facility Manager

Chapter Eternal

William "Bill" James Hotop, 64, of Ocean Isle Beach, died Monday, Oct. 1, 2012, at Seacoast Medical Center in Little River, S.C. Mr. Hotop was born June 9, 1948, in Bremerhaven, Germany, to Florence Babinski Hotop of Fort Madison, Iowa, and the late Carl Hotop Jr. Mr. Hotop retired from

the FBI after 32 years of service. He was an active member of the Knights of Columbus and was a member of St. Brendan Catholic Church. He graduated from the [University of Iowa](#). He was an avid golfer and enjoyed cheering on the Yankees, the Iowa Hawkeyes and the Washington Redskins.

Alumni Spotlight

We would like to introduce our ACACIA members to our new article, "Alumni Spotlight". Our aim is to bring to light our past experiences that fulfill our future commitments as an alumni association. If you would like to be an "Alumni Spotlight", please contact Brother Michael Powell at michael-powell@uiowa.edu.

Brother Byron Tabor, #644, is our first Alumnus to share his experiences.

When did you become a member of Acacia at the University of Iowa?

Fall of 1978

What do you enjoy doing with your free time? Family? Hobbies? Interests?

Julie and I have enjoyed going to the basketball games over the last 11 years after moving back to Iowa. Otherwise most of my free time goes to Kiwanis. I really believe in their mission of helping the children of the world and enjoy the fun and fellowship of service. I have served in every club office position for the three different clubs I have belonged to over the last 22 years and I am currently serving my sixth term as Lt. Governor. I have friends literally all over the world through Kiwanis

Do you remember the reason why you rushed Acacia?

A good friend had joined the year before.

What is your fondest memory during your time in the house?

There are so many. The fireworks fight with the Fiji's (thanks for the ammo, Roscoe), the acetylene filled weather balloon in the shower (not one of Evan's brighter ideas), Night on the Nile was always a blast, pledge skip (glad Wild Bill survived that), Brayton and I winning our Greek brackets in intramural ping pong (and then getting destroyed by the Asian grad students), wearing out the joysticks and the first real video game console (back in the dark ages before personal computers), winning an

intramural racquetball match on the heels of a five day bender for my birthday (how I survived that is still a mystery), the gallon jug of Mazola sitting on my desk during the little sister interviews/activations (that was quite a social experiment and a great conversation starter). But the best, by far, was meeting my wife of 32 years.

Do you have a favorite or funny story about your time with your brothers?

The fireworks fight was great. During the time I was in the house we hated the Fiji's. Roscoe had a suitcase full of fireworks he brought home from a spring break trip to Florida. It was the first warm night of spring so we went up on the roof to shoot off a few bottle rockets. We were shooting them into the night sky when the Fiji's decided to join us. Trouble was, they were shooting at US. So we returned fire. Pretty soon the TKE's and DU's started shooting at the Fiji's as well. It was wild. There were bottle rockets flying all over the place. Pop, pop, pop. Roscoe decided we needed a little shock and awe so he hauled out a rocket that was about an inch in diameter. This wouldn't fit in a bottle so we propped a vacuum cleaner tube on a cinder block for launching. We figured it would probably hit the DU house. At this same time a couple of Fiji's had made a run at the TKE's and tossed a pack of fire crackers into their house through an open window. As they were triumphantly running home across the parking lot Roscoe lit the monster rocket. When the fuse sprung to life he jumped back and accidentally bumped the tube holding the rocket. It fell down flat on the roof and took off on a much lower trajectory than intended. The two FIJI's reached the steps to their basement door just as our rockets took

two skips across the parking lot and went right between them into the doorway. BOOM. They popped back out of the hole and ran around their house never to be seen again. The cops showed up and made us stop. When they left we started up again. This time the cops came back and threatened to take the Presidents to jail if it didn't stop. It took a lot of pleading from Jeff Evans to get us to stop. "I can't go back to jail". He was right so we stopped.

What did you enjoy most during your years at the University of Iowa?

Hayden's first year and then going to the Rose Bowl.
Basketball in the old fieldhouse. Man that place was a snake pit. Stomping on the metal balcony and just getting the place rocking.
Beating the eventual national champions Hoosiers home and away.
Watching Isaiah Thomas getting kicked out of a home game for throwing an elbow in frustration.

In what ways has your Acacian experience impacted your career?

I can't think of any ways it has directly impacted my career. But in so many ways your college experience molds who you will become. In that

way the Acacian experience had a profound effect. Pledgship taught me about working HARD towards a goal, taking me beyond anything I thought I could tolerate.

What type of advice could you give to the younger Acacian Alumni?

Stay engaged. Serve your fraternity. Establish a legacy for yourself. Embrace the entire spectrum of Acacians out there. Some of my best Acacian friends weren't in the house with me. I met them later as an Alumnus. Reach out, come to the golf outing and get to know EVERYBODY. We are a big family and like any big family we have our characters. They are the ones that make life interesting.

Acacia is currently working towards its' return to The University of Iowa campus. What would you say to a prospective Acacian who is considering our fraternity?

The things that I see coming for our return are tremendous. The programs developed by National look very exciting. I wish something like that was available when I was an active. Let us teach you what it means to be a good person. Serve your fellow man unselfishly. Be a part of the newest chapter in our long legacy.

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Lost Alumni

We have lost contact with the following alumni. If you have any current contact information (mailing address, phone number, and/or email address) for anyone on the list, please contact Aaron Morrow at amorrow836@hotmail.com with the information.

Ray Allen	Justin Frentress	Charles Johnston	Gregory Nelson	Ralph Thompson
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Gregory Franck	Raymond Ipjian	Donald Nelson	Brian Thomson	

Alumni News, Notes, and Remembrances

(Editor's Note: One of the primary objectives that we as a Corp. Board have is to provide a "central forum" so that our alumni may keep in contact with each other. Please let us know what is going on in your life and use us as a means to get back in touch with your Brothers from the days in which you lived in the chapter house.)

Brother Aaron Morrow, #836, has accepted a promotion to Sales Manager for Johnson Manufacturing Company in Princeton, IA. JMC manufactures solder and chemical pastes and fluxes for soldering and brazing. Aaron had worked as the Production Manager at JMC for the last 8 years. He still resides in Davenport, IA and has been married to his wife Lisa for 2 years. In his spare time he serves as the President of our Corporation Board, volunteers for the EIAAA, enjoys running and cycling.

Brother Patrick Hewitt's, #849, father Darrell Hewitt of Onawa, IA passed away on Sunday November 25th. Darrell served as a "surrogate" father for many of the Acacians from Brother Hewitt's era and will be greatly missed.

Congratulations to Brother John Gust, #702, on becoming a Partner with New York Life and on building his own agency of financial professionals. John is looking for

hires in the Chicago area and would welcome contact from any brothers who would like to inquire. (jngust@ft.newyorklife.com)

Brother Thom Powell, #611, and his wife welcomed their third and fourth grandchildren into the world recently. He currently has a daughter who is a sophomore at the University of Iowa (not one of the new moms!). Thom is looking forward to hosting the dinner following the golf outing again next summer.

Congratulations to Brother Rob Samples, #834, on his graduation from Officer Candidate School and being commissioned as Second Lieutenant.

Congratulations to Brother Chris Wille, #867, and wife on the birth of Elena Dian on October 1st!

Are you looking for a way to connect with your brothers? Look for us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/123887245416> or search for the group "Acacia Alumni of The University of Iowa." We are 88 members strong so far. We also have a group called "Iowa Acacians" on LinkedIn, a social networking site geared towards work and business contacts.

Donation Update

There is now an even easier way to submit your voluntary dues as well as donations to the Eastern Iowa Acacia Alumni Chapter. We have recently set up a PayPal account. You can access this through the donations link on the EIAAA website – www.uiacacia.com. There are two options – the \$75 annual dues and donations in increments of \$25. Please note that the donations to the EIAAA are not considered tax deductible.

Six Acacia alumni have made donations totaling \$1,300 and twelve have paid dues totaling \$930 so far in 2012. The money donated to the Acacia Fraternity Foundation (AFF) University of Iowa Chapter Fund is tax deductible and will be used to provide scholarships to Acacia Graduate Students that will help oversee the reformation of the Iowa Chapter of Acacia. The \$75 Annual Voluntary dues are used to help pay for the mailing cost of The

RESH newsletter and are also used to help offset the costs of social events.

As a reminder of ways to submit dues and/or donations:

- Use the enclosed contribution card for your 2012 and/or 2013 voluntary dues as well as for your donations to the Iowa chapter fund and/or the EIAAA.
- Submit donations to the Iowa Chapter Fund with Nationals via http://acacia.org/foundation_giving.php.
- Once at the website select the Iowa chapter from the drop down box labeled “Target your gift” and follow the instructions on the screen.

Submit voluntary dues and/or donations to the EIAAA via PayPal by going to the donations link on the EIAAA website – www.uiacacia.com

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