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Acacia and Triangle share #1 G.P.A. in Greek System

The long sought-after goal of the Iowa State Acacias to become the #1 academic Greek Fraternity has been achieved. The spring semester results showed just how stiff the competition is between the top five houses, with only two-one-hundredths of a point separating the top three houses.

Not surprisingly, the top five houses have remained remarkably consistent since we began tracking these results with the return of our chapter to the ISU Greek System. You may recall that the Acacia pledges earned the top academic spot for the fall semester. We have high hopes that we will be able to retain the number one ranking for academic performance for quite some time to come. The final spring quarter results are as follows.

----- Active Chapter Results -----

1.	ACACIA	3.24
2.	Triangle	3.24
3.	FarmHouse	3.22
4.	Beta Sigma Psi	3.09
5.	Alpha Gamma Rho	3.05
	All Greek Average	2.96
	All Fraternity Average	2.88
	All University Average	2.85

Summer Rush Program Adds Five Outstanding Men to Acacia

At Acacia, we have keyed our success to a superior academic environment, outstanding men, and an exceptional living environment to create a unique living experience for our Brothers in the Fraternity. This summer, we have added five new men to our growing list of Acacia Brothers. They are **Mathew Landherr, Craig Buske, Jarad Kline, Joe Sloan and Jacob Pergande.**

All of us appreciate how critical summer rush is to the future of our fraternity. Rush is becoming more difficult as we are facing increased competition from both the university and off-campus housing options that simply were not available to many of us when we attended school at Iowa State.

In the past, a student could break their dorm contract on or before August 20th, and only be subject to a \$135 cancellation fee. At this point, it appears that the date for the application of this fee is going to change in 2004 to July 1st, instead of August 20th. Please keep in mind that this is not "set in stone", but it does appear likely that the date is going to be moved up considerably regardless of what date is finally determined.

The university is also making it increasingly difficult for students to leave university housing once they move in and

decide that it is not for them. Beginning with 2003 fall semester, if a student moves out of the dorms and into a fraternity, the first student will have to pay an 8% cancellation fee of \$459. Any other student who moves out and into the same fraternity will have to pay a 20% cancellation fee of \$1,148. There was discussion at one point to make the cancellation fee equal to 50% of their contract, so this reduction is helpful!

The university will be sending out a brochure to all incoming students that will include information on housing both in the dorms and in the Greek system. With this, we will be gaining additional visibility which we hope will be beneficial in terms of recruitment. Jeremy Davis has had an opportunity to get a "first look" at the brochure, and he feels it is a fair and balanced look at life in the Greek system.

In addition, many of the other fraternities have extensive recruiting alumni recruitment programs that virtually guarantee that their house will be filled to capacity each semester. I cannot overemphasize the important role that our alumni can play in our recruitment efforts. If you know of an outstanding young man who would be worthy of becoming a Brother in our Fraternity, please call Mike O'Doherty at 515-451-3603.

During the early morning hours of Thursday, August 14th, a vandal places the lawn sprinkler on the porch of the house. The water was left running until approximately 8:00 am. Jeremy Davis contacted me (Harold) and is coordinating the effort to repair that damage and is providing the following summary of what is known at this point.

The water ran down through a crack in the porch floor, and went through the ceiling into the rec room directly underneath the porch. From there it dispersed throughout the ceiling and came down through onto the pool table and rec room. It also then went down the wall between reek room and living room/library area and the wall is soaked. It also made the upper bar portion wet as well. The laundry room eventually was soaked with over an inch of water in it and part of the soffet covering the fire sprinkler nozzles was ruined.

The carpet in the lower living area was covered in water and, although we are trying to get the water cleaned up with a shop vac, it probably will need to be replaced. The water also made it into the computer area and I assume the computer is ruined since water made it to the minitower. The deep freeze may also be non-functional since water got up to the compressor (this is in the laundry room).

The main door to the house was soaked by the sprinkler as well and the wood has swollen up and so it is becoming

increasingly difficult to open and shut it. Hopefully it will dry out. We shall see. Additionally, some of the composites were soaked that were in the storage room behind the bar. The storage room was also soaked.

A police report has been filed and I have contacted the insurance company. Our insurance policy has a \$2,500 deductible. I have contacted Mullenbach Construction and they are coming tomorrow to give me an estimate as to how much it is going to cost to fix all this, plus the porch area where the water came through.

Work has already begun to repair the damage with the ceiling being torn out in the affected areas, removal of the soaked carpet padding, and drying of the remaining carpet. Repair work on the walls and front door will begin shortly and we hope to have everything back in order by the Homecoming alumni meeting.

It is worth noting that our house is not the only one that has been affected by vandals over the summer. At least two sororities and one other fraternity have also suffered from vandalism. Early this summer, a small part of the fence on our property was damaged in another vandalism incident.

One of our greatest hopes for this year is to see many more of our alumni returning to visit for both the Homecoming and Veishea meetings. We are planning to have informal reunions at the House for both of these events, and we sincerely hope to see you there.

Many of you know that our fraternity will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2004. In the last newsletter, I mentioned that alumni involvement is a key component in our drive earn a considerable number of awards at conclave. I hope that you are asked to help the men of your chapter work towards achieving these goals, you will respond generously with your time and expertise.

May God bless all of you and your families.

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President's Message

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Greetings my Brother ACACIANS!

As you have read so far in this newsletter, times have been anything but dull around the chapter. We have had a mixture of good and bad news, but through it all we have maintained positive hopes for the future.

Alumni Director Letter

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Hello to all my brother Acacians, let me introduce myself. My name is Chip Riedmann (#795) and I am currently the Alumni

Director for our Chapter's Board. Since we have seen the resumption of the newsletter, complete with email addresses, it has been nice to hear from a few of you who went to school with me back in the 70's.

As you may have noticed in this newsletter and previous issues we have been spending time updating our Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. Unfortunately, this is taking a great amount of energy from the Board, but it is something that needed to be done to bring us a little more up-to-date with the Laws of Acacia. At sometime in the near future you all will be asked to review them, probably on a website, and vote on their acceptance. Your input, even just by voting is greatly appreciated.

Another issue that we are discussing which will directly affect all of you is the possibility of requiring a yearly membership fee to continue receiving the newsletter. Our reason for this is simple, we are no longer sitting on a large amount of money and the mailing costs are a large burden that will only get worse if we have to farm out most of the processing to outside sources. We're talking over \$2,400 a year, and it's going up. Starting with this issue we will have cut down in the number of pages and stop the regular printing of some sections of the newsletter. This should get paper and postage costs down.

This is not what we want to have happen. Actually our goal is to improve the newsletter with higher quality paper so we can start including pictures and continually give you more useful information. We need to hear from you on this topic, and soon. We understand that most fraternities do charge annual fees to its alumni, and many gladly contribute. We need your opinions, so please write to Harold Zarr or myself at riedmann@yahoo.com and give us your input.

Lastly, we are looking into joining all of Acacia Fraternity throughout the country in celebrating the fraternity's 100th anniversary. We are looking into a banquet during Veishea. Anyone interested? It would give you a great opportunity to get in contact your classmates and celebrate together.

What's New With You? Alumni News and Notes

Joe and Jeanne Robuccio will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary August 5th. Joe and Jeanne cherish their memories of Acacia and ISU. Joe received his undergraduate degree from Iowa State in 1981 and earned his DVM in 1985. Jeanne earned a degree in early childhood education from ISU in 1985. Their family, including their children Maria (17), Joseph (14), Anna (11) and Rose (9) invite friend to send greetings to the following address:

Joe & Jeanne Robuccio
3935 Concordia Road
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((My thanks to Janet Topping for sharing this information with us. Janet was a Little Sister in the Fraternity in the mid-1980's, and is Joe's sister-in-law. Congratulations to Joe and Jeanne, and we send our best wishes for their next 20 years!))

Our condolences go out to Roger Kingery, our former Board Secretary, on the death of his mother, Bell Kingery on July 4, 2003. Bell and Laurence Kingery were married for 59 years. She was 78 years old and died due to complications associated with pancreatic cancer. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Roger and the rest of his family at this sad event.

Check out the new website!!
www.isuacacia.com

Homecoming Board Meeting Set for Saturday, October 18, 2003

Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend this highly important general membership meeting. The major topic of discussion will be revisions to the constitution and by-laws. We will also be having an evening cookout following the football game. A good time will be had by all, so plan to attend!

In Memoriam

Ellsworth F. Kohlman - #389 February 6, 2003
Wendell E. Johnson - #523 February 19, 2003

Corporate Board Members

The following Brothers are your representatives on the Corporate Board. The Corporate Board is composed of both active chapter members and alumni.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact them at your convenience. **Remember, we are here to represent you and to work for the best interests of the Fraternity.** Your comments and suggestions are very valuable to us, and we hope that you will share your thoughts with us.

Feel free to contact us whenever you have ideas, suggestions or concerns!

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E-Mail Addresses

Our list of e-mail addresses continues to grow, and I always gratified to learn when our Brothers have been able to use this list to reconnect with their Brothers in the Fraternity due to having this list available. The list is printed in each issue of the newsletter, so that, if you missed it from an earlier newsletter, it will be provided for you again. If you would like to have your e-mail address added or deleted from this list, please let me know and I will take care of it.

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Newsletter Information

The newsletter is sent to all of the pledges and actives of the ISU Chapter of ACACIA Fraternity, and their parents. We take great pride in their accomplishments, and it is our wish that their parents learn about the activities and accomplishments of their sons within the Fraternity.

This newsletter is sent at **no cost** to all of the 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 ACACIANS**, in any amount.

The next newsletter is planned for November, 2003. (They are sent out on a quarterly basis, every February, May, August, and November.) If you have any information you would like to share, please send it to our alumni relations chairman **Chip Riedmann** (riedmann@tconl.com) or to **Harold Zarr** (acacia_814@hotmail.com). Take care, and best wishes to all of the Brothers and friends of our Fraternity.