



# The Iowa State Pythagorean

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## ACACIA Alumni Contribute \$10,937.50 to Scholarship Fund Drive

A big **THANK YOU** to all of our alumni who contributed so much this year to our scholarship fund drive! Nineteen alumni and one little sister contributed to this year's successful scholarship fund drive. The names listed are those of our alumni who have contributed to either the **Iowa State Foundation** or the **ACACIA Fraternity Foundation**. We do not yet know if some of our other alumni have contributed to the general ACACIA Foundation, but once we find out, we will recognize them and their contributions as well.

The Corporate Board has established a number of scholarship programs that we hope our alumni will support for the benefit of the active members of our chapter. Two of the scholarship programs that were set up a number of years ago are run through the Iowa State Foundation. One of these is the **ACACIA Leadership Scholarship** and is used solely to provide scholarships to all of our pledges who complete initiation and become full members of our Fraternity. Each new Active receives a \$500 academic scholarship. The second scholarship is the **ACACIA Undergraduate Scholarship** and provides a scholarship to each active member of the House who achieves a 3.00 grade average, lives in the house, and is active in Fraternity programs on campus.

We also have an account with the ACACIA Fraternity Foundation called the **Iowa State Chapter Fund**. When our alumni donate money to this account, the Corporate Board has a wider discretion in the use of these funds for scholarships or other educational activities, such as the purchase of study materials, conversion costs of rooms for solely study purposes, and so on. We are encouraging all of our alumni to contribute to this fund, as earnings on the funds go to support our International Fraternity as well as our local chapter.

**Contributions made to either of these funds are 100% tax-deductible.** For more information, please contact:

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----- Alumni Contributors in 2002 -----	
<b>Refunding Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 10,000 or more)</b>
<b>Chartering Partner</b>	<b>(\$5,000 - \$ 9,999)</b>
Harold Zarr Jr. - #814	ACACIA Leadership Scholarship
<b>Pythagorean Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 2,500 - \$ 4,999)</b>
<b>Chapter Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,499)</b>
James H. Davis - #489	<b>Iowa State Chapter Fund - AFF</b>
Jeremy N. Davis - #969	ACACIA Undergraduate Scholarship
<b>Gold Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 750 - \$ 999)</b>
<b>Silver Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 500 - \$ 749)</b>
Stewart L. Burger	<b>Iowa State Chapter Fund - AFF</b>
Robert Proctor - #314	<b>Iowa State Chapter Fund - AFF</b>
Donald G. Lyon - #451	<b>Iowa State Chapter Fund - AFF</b>
James E. Weiss - #474	<b>Iowa State Chapter Fund - AFF</b>
Philip C. Larson - #684	<b>Iowa State Chapter Fund - AFF</b>
<b>Bronze Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 100 - \$ 499)</b>
Robert L. Carstens - #354	<b>Iowa State Chapter Fund - AFF</b>
William Percy - #420	Capital Improvements Fund
Donald W. Messer - #447	Acacia Fraternity Foundation
RayMOND Schulenberg - #492	Capital Improvements Fund
Richard Perrin - #541	Capital Improvements Fund
Robert D. Howlett - #672	<b>Iowa State Chapter Fund - AFF</b>
<b>Spirit Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 1 - \$ 99)</b>
Keith S. Wood - #320	Capital Improvements Fund
George A. Buck - #345	<b>Iowa State Chapter Fund - AFF</b>
Charles L. Dozois - #379	<b>Iowa State Chapter Fund - AFF</b>
Dale W. Weber - #436	<b>Iowa State Chapter Fund - AFF</b>
Marcus Merriman - #446	<b>Iowa State Chapter Fund - AFF</b>
Quenton Sundberg - #454	<b>Iowa State Chapter Fund - AFF</b>
Sara Henderson - L.S.	Capital Improvements Fund

# Acacia Pledge Class has #1 G.P.A. in Greek System

## Active Chapter Retains #2 Spot among ISU Fraternities

Fall semester grade results are in, and ACACIA Fraternity continues to demonstrate its academic prowess in the Greek System. The ACACIA Pledge Class earned top spot among all the chapters, with the entire house continuing to lay claim to the #2 position in the ISU Greek System. As before, the competition is stiff and only a few one-hundredths of a point separate the top five houses. The rankings for the top five pledge classes and the top five fraternities are as follows:

### ----- Pledge Class Results -----

1.	ACACIA	3.06
2.	Delta Tau Delta	3.04
3.	Alpha Gamma Rho	3.03
4.	FarmHouse	3.01
5.	Triangle	3.01

As in years past, our grade point nemesis, FarmHouse, continues to maintain its #1 position. But each semester, it remains a very close race right to the end before the final results are known. 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. With our pledges earning the top spot this fall semester, we have high hopes that the addition of this outstanding group of young men will allow us to gain the number one ranking for academic performance in the very near future. **Our thanks and congratulations go out to all of the men of the Iowa State Chapter of ACACIA for their hard work and outstanding academic performance!**

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

1.	FarmHouse	3.24
2.	ACACIA	3.17
3.	Triangle	3.13
4.	Alpha Gamma Rho	3.04
5.	Beta Sigma Psi	2.99
	<b>All Greek Average</b>	<b>2.91</b>
	<b>All University Average</b>	<b>2.82</b>
	<b>All Fraternity Average</b>	<b>2.82</b>

## Corporate Board Awards \$5,800 in Scholarships to ISU ACACIANS

Superior academic performance continues to be a hallmark of the ISU Chapter of ACACIA Fraternity. To recognize their success, the Corporate Board awarded scholarships totaling \$5,800 to the men of the chapter for the Spring, 2003 semester. **Congratulations go out to fifteen of the seventeen men in the House who earned scholarships!**

Seven new members of the Fraternity each received a \$500 **ACACIA Leadership Scholarship**. These new members include Ryan Anderson, Christian Cox, Martin Gran, David Jessen, Trenton Norman, Tristan Pritchard-Meaker, and Nathan Russell.

In addition, twelve members received scholarships from the ACACIA Undergraduate Scholarship. This scholarship is based on academic performance and involvement in house activities. The members earning this scholarship include Ryan Anderson, David Frost, Michael Gano, Gregory Janda, Jeffrey Landherr, Christopher MacKenzie, Michael O'Doherty, Jeffrey Peil, Aaron Rosheim, Martin Gran, Trenton Norman, and Nathan Russell.

A number of years ago, the Corporate Board established two scholarships through the ISU Foundation. The **ACACIA Leadership Scholarship** was established to provide financial support to high school graduates in their first year of college at Iowa State. All new members of the Fraternity who successfully complete initiation are awarded a scholarship from this fund.

The second scholarship is known as the **ACACIA Undergraduate Scholarship**. This scholarship fund provides money to active members of the House who earn at least a 3.00 grade average and/or are actively involved in the chapter in a substantial manner.

We also have a scholarship fund known as the **Iowa State Chapter Fund** that is maintained as a part of the **ACACIA Fraternity Foundation**. Money for these scholarships comes from the generous support of our alumni, without whose support these funds would not be possible. If you would like to donate to any (or all) of these scholarship programs, please contact Jeremy Davis at [jndavis@iastate.edu](mailto:jndavis@iastate.edu) or call him at 515-292-3455 for information on how you can participate.

## An Overview of the Scholarship Programs available for ISU Acacians

When we first started the process of returning our chapter to Iowa State, the Corporate Board was convinced that outstanding academic performance was going to be a hallmark of the new Chapter. We were convinced that this would be a key to our ultimate success. The Corporate Board initially laid the foundation for this emphasis on academic success by establishing three scholarships through the ISU Foundation.

The first scholarship program to be created was the **ACACIA Leadership Scholarship**. We are currently using this account to provide scholarships to all pledges that successfully complete the pledge program and become new Brothers in the Fraternity. Each new active receives a \$500 scholarship from this fund. Currently, there is a balance of \$2,017.64 in this account.

The second scholarship is known as the **ACACIA Undergraduate Scholarship**. Actives who live in the Fraternity receive a \$100 scholarship each semester that they achieve specific grade and other involvement criteria. There is currently \$3,246.22 available in this account.

A third account is the **ACACIA Graduate Scholarship** which is used to provide financial support to graduate students who live in the Fraternity. This account was used when Dalen McVay served as our Chapter Advisor / House Manager and attended graduate school at Iowa State. At present, this account is not being used, but could be reactivated again in the

future if it is needed. There is a balance of \$2.24 in this account.

The Acacia Fraternity Foundation also provides a scholarship account for our chapter through the **Iowa State Chapter Fund**. This year we asked our alumni to contribute to this account in support of the chapter, and they contributed a total of \$4,410 to this account. This account is extremely valuable in that it may be used for educational activities beyond simply those for scholarships. This includes items such as the purchase of study / library materials and room modification costs to create study or library rooms.

A summary of the funds currently available in these various accounts is as follows:

Leadership Scholarship Account	\$ 2,017.64
Undergraduate Scholarship Account	3,246.22
Graduate Scholarship Account	2.24
Iowa State Chapter Account – AFF	<u>3,910.00</u>
<b>Total Funds in Scholarship Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 9,176.10</b>

If you would like to donate to any (or all) of these scholarship programs, please contact Jeremy Davis at [jndavis@iastate.edu](mailto:jndavis@iastate.edu) or call him at 515-292-3455 for information on how you can participate.

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## **Three ISU Acacians Receive Scholarships from the**

## **Acacia Fraternity Foundation**

The Acacia Fraternity Foundation awarded three \$500 scholarships to members of the ISU Chapter of Acacia Fraternity. These scholarships will be used to help cover the costs of their Spring, 2003 expenses. Our Brothers who earned these scholarships are **David Frost, Michael Gano** and **Michael O'Doherty**. These men have consistently earned the \$100 academic scholarship offered each semester by the Board, and we are excited to learn that their outstanding academic efforts have been recognized by the Acacia Fraternity Foundation as well. **Congratulations!**

## **Roger Kingery is Proud Father of new Baby Girl**

On November 30<sup>th</sup>, Roger and his wife Lynette welcomed their first child into their family. Megan, their new baby girl weighed in at a healthy 10 lb. 7 oz. According to Roger, both

parents are hoping that she will soon begin sleeping longer than a couple of hours at a time, which will make their lives "...much more happy and awake." Congratulations to Roger and Lynette!

*((Roger Kingery served for a number of years as the Corporate Board Secretary, and was an active member and officer of the House when he was student at Iowa State.))*

## **Nick Rasmussen is Home and on the Mend**

In the last issue of the newsletter, we reported that Nick Rasmussen was involved in a serious motorcycle / truck accident in Ames. Following the accident, Nick was life-flighted to Methodist Hospital in Des Moines and underwent surgery for the injuries that he sustained.

We are pleased to report that the surgery was successful and that he now at home and undergoing physical therapy as a part of his recovery process. He is getting around fairly well, and is working on rebuilding his strength and coordination. He plans to return to Iowa State this September to continue his work on his degree. If you would like to send a get well card, please mail it to him at the following address:

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c/o: Mr. & Mrs. Greg Rasmussen  
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## **University Changes Recruitment Policy**

In the past, the University has always shared its list of incoming freshmen with the Greek System. Due to a change in Iowa State's recruitment policies, obtaining the list of all incoming men to ISU will be unlikely.

As a result, we need YOUR help in the recruitment process. If you know of a quality young man that is coming to Iowa State University this fall, please let us know as soon as possible.

Please e-mail us at [activeacacia@iastate.edu](mailto:activeacacia@iastate.edu) or call Keegan Kautzky (the recruitment chairman) at 515-292-0068. Thank you for your help!

## **President's Message**

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Greetings my Brother ACACIANS!

Although it was pretty subtle, you may have picked up on the fact that this newsletter is focused on the scholarship programs and academic achievements of the men of our chapter of Acacia Fraternity. Without a doubt, the men of our chapter have demonstrated an outstanding ability to achieve both academically and socially since we formally rechartered our chapter in October, 2001.

But I would be remiss if I did not recognize those alumni who have, over the years, been active financial contributors to the scholarship programs of the chapter as well. I have been gratified to see increasing numbers of alumni demonstrate their faith in the young men of our chapter by making financial contributions to the Fraternity.

Brother Tom Witthauer got the ball rolling with the first donation in 1997. He hoped that this action would spur others to similarly support a scholarship program for the local chapter. Unfortunately, without a Scholarship Chairman to coordinate the effort, it languished while we lacked having a formal chapter of the Fraternity.

In calendar year 2000, with the recolonization of the active chapter, six Acacians made their first contributions. The Brothers who showed the initial support were Hugo E. Mayer - #441, Donald G. Lyon - #461, John B. Pugh - #442, Don Messer - #447, Daniel Wise - #479, and Dan Wisner - #854.

Progress continued in 2001 with the successful rechartering of the chapter. That year, nine Brothers actively contributed to the scholarship programs of the chapter. These Brothers were Dean Platt - #321, Charles Dozois - #379, John Tschantz - #385, Victor Dennis - #394, Richard Wilson - #409, Donald Larson - #437, John Pugh - #442, Hiko Takeda - #554, and Harold Zarr - #814.

In 2002, Jeremy Davis was elected to the position of Scholarship Chairman. He brought a new drive, energy and focus to the program. His efforts showed substantial results with twenty Brothers and one Little Sister all contributing to the various scholarship or capital improvement accounts. I won't repeat their names here (as they are all listed on the first page of the newsletter), but we are definitely grateful and humbled to given such a vote of confidence by so many of our alumni.

As you will read in Jeremy's report later in the newsletter, he is continually working to improve communication with our alumni. His goal is to create a progressive charitable program that will recognize the contributions and efforts of both the alumni and the active chapter members for years to come. Our alumni are critical to the success of this program, and I

hope that you will support his efforts on behalf of your chapter.

We started the rebuilding of our chapter many years ago. The dream of the members of the Board was that we create a Fraternity composed of outstanding young men who would live up to the ideals of our Fraternity. I know that we have succeeded far beyond what we could have hoped for. Many Brothers have dedicated countless hours in support of this dream, and to them I only say a heartfelt “**Thank You!**” for all that you have done.

To the Brothers that have contributed so generously of their money in support of our scholarship programs, I also say “**Thank You!**” for your demonstration of faith and support of our efforts. It is vitally important to me that our Chapter is a source of pride for our Alumni and that they see that the current members are living up to the ideals on which our Fraternity was founded. I also want it to be a place that our Alumni will want to visit and support, so that they may continue to take pride in calling themselves Acacians.

I have great hopes and expectations for the future of our Chapter of Acacia Fraternity. I am convinced that the dream the Board began in 1996 has truly come to fruition in 2003. In only seven short years we have accomplished a great deal, but much work remains to be done.

If you believe in the future of our Chapter, I hope that you will join me in 2003 and make a contribution to one of the scholarship programs of our Fraternity. Obviously, you will be helping yourself come tax time, but more importantly, you will be helping to keep the dream alive for the undergraduate men of our Fraternity.

May God bless all of you and your families in 2003.

## **Active Chapter Report**

*by Michael O’Doherty, Venerable Dean  
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The Active Chapter of Acacia has commenced another semester at Iowa State. Our members are certainly excited to build on the accomplishments of last fall and continue to foster Acacia’s strong fraternal tradition. We recently received the news our chapter placed 2<sup>nd</sup> among 28 fraternities in the fall semester grade rankings. We have now held this position for four consecutive semesters. Additionally, our new members attained the highest cumulative grade point average for the second straight semester.

Although the beginning of spring semester is typically a slower period for fraternity activities, we do have a number of members enthusiastically involved in Varieties, along with Delta Tau Delta fraternity and Pi Beta Phi sorority. They have

been practicing for the last few months and are expecting to place well. Our Greek Week pairing of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity and Gamma Phi Beta sorority have also begun initial preparations.

A number of active brothers have recently merited individual recognition. **Marty Gran** and **Trenton Norman** were identified, along with only eight others, as exceptionally gifted freshmen in the College of Engineering. Their successes will be chronicled in Iowa State University publications over the next four years. Furthermore, **Michael Gano**, **David Frost**, and **Mike O’Doherty** were awarded Acacia Fraternity Foundation scholarships for their academic and extracurricular achievements. **Jeff Brown** and **Mike Woolley** have joined the university rowing team. **Keegan Kautzky** and **David Frost** were recently initiated into **Order of Omega**, an honor society recognizing extraordinary academic accomplishment and Greek Community involvement.

Finally, our chapter has secured two new pledges for this semester. Their names and majors are as follows: **Linard Hills III** (Biology) and **Brad Deserano** (EE). You can also see a picture of the men who were just made full members by going to our website at [www.isuacacia.com](http://www.isuacacia.com).

Keegan Kautzky and Trent Norman are our Rush Chairman for the upcoming year. They have been working diligently to prepare an exceptional rush program for this summer, and plan to start contacting potential pledges for our Fraternity with the next few weeks. We are looking forward to having our best rush yet and strengthening our brotherhood.

If you are in the area, feel free to stop by the house and pay us a visit. We always appreciate reuniting with alumni and exchanging stories.

## **Scholarship Chairman Report**

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Happy New Year! As with any New Year, it is without a doubt that you set a New Year’s Resolution and will dedicate yourself to achieve the goal that you have set for yourself. For the Iowa State Acacian’s, our New Year’s Resolution is to continue to build upon the success of the chapter as we move forward to become the best fraternity at Iowa State! This is not just a whimsical dream, but rather, it is a concept that can be realized through the continued support of our alumni brothers.

Last fall, the **Sharing The Acacia Spirit** giving campaign was launched. Since that time a number of our alumni brothers have stepped forward and announced their commitment to

help the Iowa State Chapter of Acacia Fraternity become the best fraternity in the ISU Greek System! The **Sharing The Acacia Spirit** giving campaign was created to allow all Iowa State Acacia alumni to voluntarily contribute financial support to the men of Acacia. Contributors have the option to make their gift over the course of ten years, and they have two options through which they may contribute. One option is to give a **tax-deductible gift** to the **Iowa State Chapter Fund** through the **Acacia Fraternity Foundation**. A second option is to provide a non-tax-deductible gift directly to The Acacian's Capital Improvements Account. No matter how the gift is given, our contributors can be assured that their funds will be used to ensure the success of the Iowa State Chapter of Acacia Fraternity.

As stated earlier, the primary goal for the Iowa State Chapter of Acacia Fraternity is to become the best fraternity in the ISU Greek System. We will only be able to achieve this goal if our alumni brothers make the commitment to ensure the chapter's success. It is time for the chapter to be taken to the proverbial, "next level" and in order to accomplish that, **we need your support**. To achieve this goal, The Acacian's have created a unique giving opportunity for our alumni brothers in addition to the **Sharing The Acacia Spirit** multi-year giving campaign.

If you have visited the chapter house during the past two years, you probably have noticed that the house does not have a true library/study area, which is one room that the active members would like to see added to the chapter house. The proposed area for this library/study room is in the lower level of the house. Currently, the open area in the lower level is where the bar is located. Because the chapter house is a "dry" house, it is something that is not used. As a result, in order to create the library/study room with the needed renovation of the lower level, as well as to purchase desks, bookshelves, etc., a substantial financial contribution will be needed from our alumni Brothers. We estimate that it will cost \$75,000 to remodel and create this room. The Corporate Board does not have the funds to accomplish this improvement to our Chapter House, and we are asking that one, or a combination of Brothers, step forward with a contribution of \$75,000 to create this library/study room. **Under current IRS guidelines, this contribution would be 100% tax-deductible. In addition, the donor (or donor's) would have the room named for them in their honor.**

If you have visited the chapter house, you will also have noticed that the president's room on the upper level is by far the nicest room in the house. Could you imagine leaving a better legacy for all future Iowa State Acacians to see than through having the president's room named after you? This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have your name permanently affixed to the President's Room, and this can be realized with a financial gift of only \$30,000.

If you would be interested in pursuing either of these unique giving opportunities, please contact me at (515) 292-3455.

A donor commitment form is included with the newsletter. Take a moment and make your commitment to the success of the Iowa State Chapter of Acacia Fraternity. **Without your financial support, the success of the chapter may not be fully realized.** Thanks for all your past support, and we look forward to seeing many more of our alumni Brothers participating in the exciting life of our chapter in the future!

## What's New With You? Alumni News and Notes

Based on the e-mails that I receive, this is one of the favorite columns in the newsletter. Many of our Brothers have been able to once again get back in contact with their friends from years past. Quite frankly, that was one of the primary reasons we began publishing the newsletter more than five years ago. So here are the latest e-mails from our alumni!

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Thank you for your faithful maintenance of communication with the Brothers through the newsletter. I enclose a check toward the cost of this publication. I am computer-illiterate, so don't have an e-mail address. That is a serious handicap these days. Again, many thanks! *((Thank you for your generous donation in support of the newsletter! I am glad that you enjoy it, and I hope that it enables you to get in touch with the Brothers that you knew when you lived in the House. Again, my thanks to you, and please stop in and visit if you ever have the opportunity!))*

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I was one of the Little Sisters at Acacia during the early 80's. I have recently started receiving the Iowa State Pythagorean. I have enjoyed hearing about what is happening with the ISU Chapter and wish to continue. I am writing to inform you that my family has moved and to provide you with my new address. Thank you for including me in the mailings. *((My thanks to you! I am glad to hear that enjoy the newsletter, and please accept my best wishes for you and your family in your new home!))*

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Recently received the November, 2002 edition of our newsletter. I like the new heading and format. Thank you and the Board for all of your work. My new e-mail address is also provided above. Also, please note that my address is my "winter" address. *(Thanks for the kind remarks. To give credit where it is due, Brother Lowell B. Johnson suggested the heading, and Brother Jeremy Davis suggested the change in format. Many thanks to them for their great ideas! I'm just the simple typist of the newsletter.)*

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I received the quarterly letter a few days ago and I just wanted to drop you a note expressing my thanks for your keeping me informed of what's going on. Since my in-laws live in Ames, I get there on a fairly regular basis, but with no free time while I'm there, so I haven't been able to get out to the ACACIA House.

Although it doesn't say anything in this edition, I was glad to read in the prior issues that the House was doing well academically. My kudos to the three recognized for excellence. And I'm glad to hear that the House was busy with community service during Homecoming. Hopefully that will be maintained for the whole year as well. What kinds of things did they do for community service?

My son Matthew graduated with distinction (top 10%) from ISU last spring, in four years, in the Engineering Honors program (taking the advanced and tough courses). We're duly proud parents. He's now a graduate student and teaching assistant at ISU. He's in the mechanical engineering department studying acoustics. Once his wife graduates and gets his master he's going to transfer and get his doctorate in acoustical engineering from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

My daughter Heather was in the Drake Honor Band last Saturday evening. (December 7<sup>th</sup>) She tried out for All State, but didn't get in. She's only a freshman in high school, so she has another three years to try out. She also sings and plays the piano. She's taking flute and piano lessons from two professors at Simpson in Indianola. As on mid-term reports, she's still maintaining a 4.00 this year at the private school where we send her. We're duly proud of her, too.

*((Well deserved pride it sounds like to me! My congratulations to you and your entire family for all their successes. With one daughter in college, and another in high school, I understand exactly your feelings regarding*

*your children. It's amazing how quickly they grow up, although of course, I'm not getting any older!!))*

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My e-mail address is shown above. One of these years, I'm going to stop in and see the "new" old House. Thanks for all the work you are doing. My home is Alden. *((For the reader's information, Alden is a small town located five miles west of Iowa Falls, where I live. I drive through Alden each morning and evening on my way to and from work in Ankeny. It's only a 150 mile round-trip that I make each day!))*

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My new e-mail address is provided above. The @home people went under, so it was time for a new address. The last symbol is a one (1).

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Hope this note finds you healthy, wealth and wise. Hey, it never hurts to wish. Wanted to let you know that I have a new e-mail address. Anyone can reach me at this address, and I have no porn or spam blocking as I only use this address for e-mail.

Lynette and I celebrated our one-year anniversary on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

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Due to too much Korean spam, I've changed my address. Please change the listing in the Iowa State Pythagorean.

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As the parents of an Engineering student, my wife and I receive Marston Muses, which is published by the Engineering College. There was a nice article about Martin Gran in the last issue. I looked at his picture and noticed the fireplace behind him and thought that it looked familiar. The article said that he'd joined a fraternity. Then I looked carefully at the place on the mantle and discovered that it did say Acacia. Although the article doesn't mention Acacia specifically, it did point out that it was the #2 fraternity academically. It's good to have young men like that representing us.

*((Amen and I could not agree more! The fact that we have outstanding young men like this in our Fraternity is a testament to Martin's hard work, and the dedication of the actives of the Chapter to seek out and invite men of high character and integrity to become Brother Acacians!))*

*I hope that many of our alumni will take the time and opportunity to stop in a visit with these men. You will quickly understand why their parents and the Corporate Board take such pride in their achievements, and in the outstanding reputation these men have created for our Fraternity at Iowa State.))*

**Check out the new website!!**

**ISU Chapter of ACACIA Fraternity  
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**VEISHEA Board Meeting Set  
for**

**Saturday, April 12, 2003**

**B-B-Q Cookout and Board  
Elections are Planned**

Our semi-annual, all-alumni Board meeting will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2003. We have changed the start time for the meeting to the afternoon, as many of our alumni like to attend the parade. The meeting will begin at 2:00 pm, with a B-B-Q to start once the meeting has ended. The tentative start time for the B-B-Q is 3:30 pm.

Elections for officers on the Board will be one of the major topics addressed at this meeting. A ballot is enclosed with the newsletter, and we ask that you fill it out and send it in. Three positions are open on the Board, but you can volunteer to work on other topics if you are interested.

The ballot is a combined ballot / contribution form. Be sure to read both sides carefully and fill it out before you send it in. **Your support and input is valuable to us, and we like to hear from you!**

Don't miss the cookout! We had one at Homecoming, and everyone who attended had a great time. Meet the new men of Acacia, their parents, and your Brothers in the Fraternity. If you will be there with your family, please make a point to stop in and visit with the other Brothers who will be there as well. We'll have a great time, and we hope to see you there!

**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.

It is also sent to all of the alumni of the ISU Chapter of ACACIA Fraternity, the Little Sisters of the Fraternity, the Presidents of all of the other ACACIA Fraternity Chapters in North America, and all of the International Officers of ACACIA 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 May, 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 **Harold Zarr** whose address is shown on the first page of the newsletter. Take care, and best wishes to all of the Brothers and friends of our Fraternity!