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Iowa State Acacians go “International” with Internships

Academic excellence and long hours of hard work is paying off for our undergraduate Brothers of the Iowa State Chapter. This past spring semester, three of the undergraduate Brothers of our chapter lived and worked overseas on internship projects related to their major areas of study

Jeff Landherr (sophomore in mechanical engineering) and **Mike Gano** (junior in finance and psychology) spent the spring semester studying at the University of Newcastle in Australia. When not hard at work, studying, the two spent time in Fiji and New Zealand, sightseeing. Similarly, **Ryan Anderson** spent the spring semester studying in Singapore. In his free time, he has traveled to Cambodia and Thailand.

This summer, two more Brothers will travel overseas to work on special internships projects.

- **Michael O’Doherty** will travel to Oviedo, Spain to study chemical engineering with a select group of American scholars.
- **Keegan Kautzky** will travel to Malawi in southern Africa to do research on hunger and poverty alleviation with the World Agro forestry Centre, a United Nations subsidiary research organization.
- **Greg Janda, David Frost, Trenton Norman, David Jessen, Michael Gano, Michael O’Doherty,** and **Christian Cox** are all taking summer courses at Iowa State.

2002 – 2003 a Year of Major Success Stories for Active Chapter Members

This was an outstanding year of accomplishments for the Men of Acacia. In addition to academic excellence, we have continued to pursue individual and group activities that enhance the reputation of our Fraternity within the Iowa State Greek System. A summary of our more notable achievements include the following.

- **Keegan Kautzky** (junior in political science) became the first Iowa State student to be named a Jack Kent Cooke Scholar. This is a \$90,000 national scholarship given to only 70 students across America. Keegan was also a finalist for the Harry S. Truman National Scholarship in 2003.
- **Martin Gran** (freshman in chemical engineering) and **Trenton Norman** (freshman in industrial engineering) were selected as Marston Muses by the College of Engineering. One student was selected from each engineering discipline to receive this great undergraduate honor. It is a testament to the strength of our fraternity that two of the eight outstanding students chosen this year, out of all engineering majors at ISU, are Brothers in Acacia.

- **Nathan Russel** (freshman in journalism/mass communications) traveled to College Station, Texas to tryout for the U.S. National Skeleton Team. Formerly a member of the ISU Swim Club and ISU Rowing Club, Nathan surpassed all of the other contenders with the highest overall performance.

- **Dan Kline** (graduating senior in electrical engineering) was a senator in the Government of the Student Body at ISU and served on the Finance Committee.

- **Michael O’Doherty** (junior in chemical engineering and finance), **David Frost** (junior in political science), **Michael Gano** (junior in finance and psychology), and **Keegan Kautzky** (junior in political science) received scholarships from Acacia International. This is a great honor, as only fifteen (15) such scholarships are given each semester among all the Acacia chapters.

- For the **second semester in a row**, our new members achieved the **highest cumulative GPA** of any fraternity. Our house finished second in grades among all fraternities with a **3.17 cumulative GPA** (all university men’s average is 2.71).

- **Dan Kline**, a graduating senior, has accepted a job with an electrical engineering firm in San Francisco.

In the last two weeks, we have begun summer repairs around the house and yard. It was wonderful to have parents really getting involved for the first time. Greg Janda's mother, Mary, generously donated plants, flowers, a wheelbarrow, as well as her whole day to help re-landscape the yard.

Keegan Kautzky's parents, Steve and Mary, supplied tools, a truck, and landscaping stones for the project. Two hard days of work made a world of difference in improving the appearance of the yard and walkways.

Greg Janda, Keegan Kautzky, Brian Figueroa, Trent Norman, Jeff Brown, Michael O'Doherty, David Frost, Amber Herman, and Mary Janda should be thanked individually for their time and energy.

The fraternity was also fortunate this year to have a very special individual join our Brotherhood. **Tristan Pritchard-Meeker**, a native South African raised in Australia and the United Kingdom, came to Iowa State for his final year of college from University College in London. In his short time,

he has become thoroughly involved in the Fraternity. Even though he is graduating this year with both a bachelor of science and master of science degrees, his involvement in the fraternity will continue while he works with ISU faculty in chemical engineering research through the summer, and hopefully next fall.

I would like to congratulate our graduating seniors, **Dan Kline** and **Brian Figueroa**. As a refounding father and former Venerable Dean, Dan has been an important member of the fraternity. We wish him the best of luck in California and his new career.

Brian Figueroa joined the fraternity as a junior. As the President of the Iowa State chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, the national service fraternity, Brian was a great influence on our brotherhood. He served as philanthropy chair, homecoming co-chair, Senior Dean, and will be missed. Our graduates have the appreciation and respect of the fraternity and we wish them the best of luck.

Corporate Board Constitution and By-Laws to be updated this Summer

The Corporate Board will be updating the current constitution and by-laws this summer and we are asking for input from the alumni to assist us in this process. At the April Board meeting, we learned that the method we have been using for the selection of the chapter advisor is not in line with the current Laws of Acacia. I have sent a letter to the International Judge Advocate to clear up a number of questions concerning this process in addition to a number of other questions regarding procedures in our current constitution and by-laws to ensure that our practices are consistent with those specified in the Laws of Acacia.

Copies of the current constitution and by-laws are available at the ISU Acacia website for you to download and review. If you do not have access to the web, please send me a letter and I will mail hard copies of these documents to you.

Revisions to these documents will be discussed at the Homecoming General Membership meeting in October. This will be a particularly important meeting, and we hope that as many of our alumni as possible will attend! A final set of

revisions will then be made available to all alumni to vote on following this meeting.

You may review the current constitution and by-laws at our website at www.isuacacia.com.

In order to efficiently organize the input from our alumni, the Board is asking you to please send your suggestions to Harold Zarr at either his home or e-mail address. **All suggestions are due to by July 15, 2003.** The Board will meet on July 19th to categorize and summarize all of the suggestions so that we can share it with the alumni prior to the general membership meeting in October. Our thanks in advance to all of you for your input!

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ACACIA Alumni Contribute \$350.00 to 2003 Scholarship Fund Drive

Four of our Brothers in the Fraternity have started off 2003 with contributions to the **Iowa State Chapter Fund**. Our thanks go

out to Brothers **Bruce Campbell, Richard Taylor, Douglas Whitney,** and **Donald Larson** who started off our 2003

campaign with contributions to our scholarship fund. In 2002, twenty-one alumni participated in our scholarship fund drive, and we hope that many more of our alumni will be able to support our 2003 program.

The directors of the Acacia Fraternity Foundation recently adopted changes to the rules governing the operation of the Foundation. An important change that will directly benefit us is that we will now earn interest when we have a minimum balance of \$1,000 in our account. Previously, at least \$5,000 had to be present in the account before we would earn interest. **We currently have \$4,260.00 in our account with the Acacia Fraternity Foundation.** These funds are invested in a money market account which protects the principle value of the fund, although it does earn a lower rate of interest.

The table below summarizes the funds we currently have available for scholarships for the members of the Iowa State Chapter.

Leadership Scholarship Account - ISU	\$ 3,517.64
Undergraduate Scholarship Account - ISU	4,646.22
Graduate Scholarship Account - ISU	2.24
Iowa State Chapter Account – AFF	<u>4,260.00</u>
Total Funds in Scholarship Accounts	\$ 12,426.10

Funds in these accounts are used to provide scholarships for undergraduate members of the Iowa State Chapter of Acacia Fraternity.

Contributions made to these funds are 100% tax-deductible.
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----- Alumni Contributors in 2003 -----	
Refounding Partner	(\$ 10,000 or more)
Chartering Partner	(\$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)
Bruce M. Campbell - #502	Acacia Fraternity Foundation
Richard W. Taylor - #506	Acacia Fraternity Foundation
Douglas R. Whitney - #627	Acacia Fraternity Foundation
Spirit Partner	(\$ 1 - \$ 99)
Donald G. Larson - #437	Acacia Fraternity Foundation

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President's Message

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Greetings my Brother ACACIANS!

What a busy time this past year in the House has been. As you have already read, the accomplishments of the undergraduate Brothers in our Fraternity are nothing short of phenomenal. Yet, we are not content to rest on our past laurels and we are already making plans to achieve even greater successes in the 2004.

On Thursday, May 22nd I met with Mike O'Dorherty, Keegan Kautzky and Trenton Norman at the Fraternity House and set in motion a plan to enhance the Brotherhood and effectiveness of our chapter. You may recall that at each conclave the International Fraternity identifies and recognizes with **Chapter Excellence Awards** those chapters whose activities best exemplify the ideals of Acacia in twenty-one different categories.

At our meeting, we examined each category and identified one person in the house who background and experience uniquely qualifies them to provide the leadership needed for each award

category. This individual will be responsible for ensuring that we cover each point in the award category criteria and design a program to meet and exceed the requirements for each award category.

I have already visited with the staff from the International headquarters about this, and I learned that we are the first ones to be working on the awards program for the 2004 Conclave. They will also be sending us copies of past award applications so that we can learn from the current "best practices" and hopefully improve on them.

In industry, this type of activity is commonly referred to as continuous improvement, goal setting, or benchmarking, but I am referring to as the **Pursuit of Acacian Excellence**. Our goal is very simple; we want the ISU Acacia Chapter programs and activities to be the benchmark against which all other chapters are compared. We recognize that this task will not be easy, but we also know you do not value that which requires no effort.

I will also be asking some of the alumni who may have unique talents or background skills to assist us in some of these categories. I will be sending out letters to alumni that I know have skills and insights that could prove helpful to the house members as they pursue these awards. I hope that you will assist us in this undertaking when I call on you for help! The next Conclave is in 2004, and we would like to be able to make an outstanding showing at that Conclave by bringing home lots of awards for our efforts.

Finally, on a personal note, I would like to share with you that my wife and I recently celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary. I secretly organized a renewal of our wedding vows with many of our family and friends (including Acacia Brothers) in attendance. My wife was completely surprised and the day was filled with fun and happy tears for all of us. I have been very fortunate to have a wonderful woman agree to put up with all my work on behalf of the Fraternity, and I just want to share with you how much support she has provided to me during the past seven years I have worked as Board President to help all of us have an Acacia Fraternity Chapter in which we can all take pride. I am really looking forward to the next 25 years!

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

What's New With You? Alumni News and Notes

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It is mid-March in Alabama and spring is well underway. Daffodils popped out in late February, along with pansies that had been bruised by or 7-degree cold. Now Bradford pear, flowering crabapple, forsythia and Japanese magnolia are providing beautiful shows of white, yellow and pink on bright, nearly cloudless 70-degree days. Of course, winter may not be over for us, either, ten years ago at this time we were digging out from under 18 inches of snow!

And along with the good news of spring has come an honor that I didn't think I could ever achieve. I was informed two weeks ago that I have been elected a Fellow of the Society for Technical Communication.

For your records, my e-mail addresses at home and the office have both changed.

((Congratulations on your election to the professional society. I am certain that it is an honor that is long overdue. Just so you know- spring has finally made it here to Iowa, but we are still waiting for your warm weather to get here!))

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Would you please change my address, phone number, and e-mail address. Actually, we haven't moved but we have leased the Sand Pedro River Inn to a young couple from Texas. I will continue to be involved, as I will still be doing all the maintenance on the five houses of the Inn and well as our new house, which we completed a year ago and where we now live, four-hundred yards up the hill from the Inn.

All six houses are on the same property, but out here, for reasons no one seems to know, the beauracrats have assigned a number to every house! I am sure it is a method of insuring a tax increase! We have ignored our "proper street number" until now, but have turned over our old address, phone number, and e-mail to Michael and Donna to provide continuity to the Inn. You will not that it is only a small number change on the "street" address.

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This is that Johnson guy up north. Just wanted you to add my name and address to your growing list of alumni!! You and the board are doing a GREAT job!!! Thanks!

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Please be advised that my husband, Ellsworth F. Kohlman - #389, died on February 6, 2003 in Edina.

Marilyn Johnson
Waverly, Iowa

Our family is sad to tell that Wendell Johnson - #523, died on February 19, 2003. He enjoyed getting the newsletter and reading about Acacia.

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Here is my new retirement address in the beautiful Colorado mountains.

Also, I want to add a positive note about the Acacia mentoring program set up last fall by Jeremy Davis. It has been a rewarding experience with regular e-mail exchanges with assigned pledge. We are looking forward to a face-to-face meeting on my next visit to Iowa.

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 banquet at which a number of awards will be presented to deserving active chapter members and alumni. A good time will be had by all, so plan

to attend! More details will be provided in the August newsletter.

In Memoriam

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

Dr. Wendell E. Johnson, 66, of Waverly, Iowa, died peacefully, Wednesday morning, February 19, 2003, at his home from cancer.

He was born on March 1, 1936, in Laurens, Iowa, the son of G.W.E. Johnson and Sylvia (Weeks) Johnson. He attended school in Laurens and graduated from high school in 1954. He then enrolled at Iowa State University, in Ames, where he received his D.V.M. Degree in 1961. On August 7, 1960, he was united in marriage to Marilyn Levene in Ware, Iowa, near Pocahontas. Following his schooling in Ames, Wendell and Marilyn moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, where Wendell worked for the U.S. Public Health Service. In 1964 they moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, where Wendell worked for the U.S.D.A./ Meat and Poultry Inspection as a Circuit Supervisor. In 1972, the family moved to Waverly and Wendell continued as Circuit Supervisor for the U.S.D.A. in Northeast Iowa, until retiring in 1995.

Wendell was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, Waverly. He was a member of the Tyrrell Masonic Lodge, Waverly, where he had served as Past Master. He was a member of the Scottish Rite of Free Masonry-Cedar Rapids, York Rite-Waterloo, Iowa, and the El Kahir Shrine-Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Wendell swerved as a Shrine clown named "Windy" and also was a "Wee Winnies" driver for parades and other functions. He was a member of the Iowa Veterinary medical Association, the National Association Federal Veterinarians, and the National Association Retired Federal Employees.

Dr. Wendell Johnson is survived by his wife, Marilyn, of Waverly; his daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Meredith Steere of Greene, Iowa; his son and daughter-in-law Curt Johnson and Jenny Zhou of Raleigh, North Carolina; four grandchildren, Jennifer, Evan, and Ryan Steere, and Alex Johnson.

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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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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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 August, 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** (acacia_814@hotmail.com) or **Chip Riedmann** (riedmann@tconl.com). Take care, and best wishes to all of the Brothers and friends of our Fraternity!