



# The Iowa State Pythagorean

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## ISU Acacians earn \$3,000 in Scholarships for Academic Excellence

Academic success for the undergraduate members of our chapter was rewarded when ten Brothers each received a \$100 scholarship from the Corporate Board. Our undergraduate Brothers who earned this scholarship include **David Frost, Martin Gran, Greg Janda, Keegan Kautzky, Trenton Norman, Michael O' Doherty, Jeff Peil, Tristan Pritchard-Meaker, Nathan Russell and Michael Wooley**. The Corporate Board awarded these scholarships from our **ACACIA Undergraduate Scholarship** which we set up through the ISU Foundation many years ago.

In addition, three Brothers also received scholarships from the **Acacia Fraternity Foundation**. These three Brothers and the amount that they received are **Michael O'Dohoerty** (\$1,000), **David Frost** (\$500), and **Keegan Kautzky** (\$500).

There are currently four funds from which the Corporate Board may award scholarships. These funds and their current balances are as follows:

Acacia Leadership Scholarship	\$ 2,017.64
Acacia Undergraduate Scholarship	\$ 3,246.22
Acacia Graduate Scholarship	\$ 2.24
ISU Chapter Fund – Acacia Foundation	\$ 3,760.50

As you are aware, the cost of a university education has been increasing for many years. These funds are used to reward our Brothers for their hard work and achievement in their academic pursuits. They are also a valuable rush tool which demonstrates the tangible support which our Fraternity and its alumni provide to the undergraduate Brothers of our Fraternity.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a letter from Jeremy Davis requesting your support for this worthwhile program. Please consider giving generously in support of these educational scholarships! Remember, your donations to any of these funds are **100% tax deductible**, and every dollar donated goes directly to help our Brothers with their tuition expenses.

## Updated Corporate Board Constitution and By-Laws to be voted on at VEISHEA Alumni Meeting

At the Homecoming board meeting, the Board completed its review of a proposed new set of articles of re-incorporation and by-laws. The current articles and by-laws contained a number of items which were in conflict with the Laws of Acacia, and referenced a number of procedures which are otherwise no longer valid as well.

We believe that this set of documents will enable us to continue the work of the Board and the Chapter in a more efficient and effective manner to serve the needs of both our alumni and the active members of the Fraternity.

Significant among these changes is a redistribution of duties within the Board. These changes reflect the fact that we now have an active chapter at the Iowa State campus, which we did not have in 1997 when our documents were last revised. We have modified the duties so that they more accurately reflect the

needs of the Board and chapter at this time. This also allows us to more evenly distribute the various duties among the board members while allowing for more active participation from our alumni.

A copy of each of these documents will be available for your review at the active chapter website [www.isuacacia.com](http://www.isuacacia.com). If you do not have access to the internet, you may request a "hard copy" to be sent to you at no cost by writing to:

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Ballots for voting on the new articles and by-laws will be sent to all alumni for whom we have addresses in the February newsletter.

## ISU ACACIA Alumni Contribute \$565.00 to 2003 Scholarship Fund Drive



In the last newsletter, we reported on how a sprinkler was placed on the front porch of our Fraternity House and the damage that the water caused to the basement area below. Restoration efforts have been completed and the basement is once again a fully functional area for the men to use as a study and relaxation area.

In a generous show of support for our problem, the **Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M.** presented us with a check in the amount of \$1,000 to help towards the costs of the repairs. When we had our rechartering celebration in October, 2001, we were fortunate to have Brother Wiliam Crawford of the Iowa Grand Lodge attended and speak at our celebration.

From its earliest days, our Fraternity has had its roots in Masonry. The original founders of our Fraternity were Masons, and it is an important goal of the International Fraternity and our local chapter in particular, to work to re-establish those ties from so long ago.

A number of the men from our chapter have become Brother Masons in the Ames Lodge. It is our hope that the relationship between the Ames Lodge and the ISU Chapter of Acacia Fraternity will continue to grow to the benefit of both organizations.

**Our thanks again for the generous support of our Chapter by the Grand Lodge of Iowa!**

the Board as Treasurer, we are pleased to welcome **Richard Taylor** - #506 as our new Vice-President. Richard lives in California and has owned and operated an HVAC business there for many years.

In his capacity as Vice-President, he will be working closely with Chip Riedmann - #795 to enhance our alumni communication and contribution programs. Ed Vuper - #827 will assume the duties of Treasurer. **Welcome to the Board, Richard!**

I would like to ask each and every one of you to please seriously consider making a contribution to our scholarship fund drive this year. Times and events have changed considerably from when we attended school at Iowa State, and our ability to offer scholarships to incoming students and to active members has become critical in our efforts to attract the type of quality men for which our Fraternity has become known on the Iowa State campus.

Double-digit increases in tuition costs have forced many families to seek out new sources of funds to help their children attend college. What we have found is that in some cases, the ability to offer entry and long-term scholarships has proved to be the difference between gaining or losing a potential new Brother.

Please do not think that we are “buying” members with these funds. Far from it. But the reality of the situation is that many students desperately need these funds, and if we can offer a potential new Brother a scholarship based on their academic performance, it many times proves to be a deciding difference between gaining a new member or having them move into another fraternity or the dormitories.

The scholastic results of the house and these scholarships are our tangible proof to many skeptical parents that our Fraternity is serious about academics, and that we are not simply the stereotypical “Animal House” of movie fame.

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## **President's Message**

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Greetings my Brother ACACIANS!

I hope that 2003 has been a year of joy and success for all of you. As you make plans to gather with friends and family during this holiday season, I hope that your travels will be safe and enjoyable.

Work on the new articles of re-incorporation and by-laws are complete and are available for your review at the active chapter website. Voting on the adoption of these documents will be done at the Veishea meeting in April. A ballot will be sent out with the February newsletter for this item and for the election of officers to the Board. Both Harold Zarr - #814 (President) and Ed Vuper - #827 (Treasurer) will be up for re-election to the Board.

At the Homecoming meeting, we elected a new set of officers so that we would once again be compliant with the Laws of Acacia. While we were sorry to see Mark Bortle - #821 leave

The Board cannot continue to offer these scholarships without your support. This is where you as alumni of our chapter can make a tangible difference in our success. If you will contribute to one of our scholarship funds, you will significantly help us in our rush efforts. This enables us to fill the house the type of quality men that will enhance our reputation and give us all pride in being Acacians. I ask and hope that you will help us by making a contribution!

May God bless all every one in your family during this holiday season.

## Alumni Director Letter

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It is nice to see the contributions that have been made to the chapter over the past few months. All donations are appreciated. If you take a minute to look at the money available in the scholarship account you can quickly see that there is not much there, and it is going out as fast as it comes in. I asked the other board members how those accounts were doing and the answer was short and to the point, "They are fulfilling their purpose, but they will soon run out." As you can guess, the only way to keep them going is through your generosity. The ultimate generosity we could receive would be a contribution to create an endowment fund.

I did not receive many comments regarding the possibility of starting to charge yearly dues to continue receiving the newsletter. What I did receive was positive. The board would really like to receive your input. Good or bad.

Remember the 100 year anniversary celebration this Spring. We will have more to report in the next newsletter.

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

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I am returning this ballot marked in the affirmative for the three candidates. I must admit that my contact with Acacia has been minimal at best and when I heard that the Iowa State Chapter of Acacia had disbanded a few years ago I thought that was closure.

Now I have the opportunity to reopen an old association so am enclosing a modest contribution towards the newsletter. I am interested in learning what is going on. My memory recalls that when I was an active member, finances were a major concern and we lamented our poor contact with alumni. If you can invigorate your contact with alumni it will pay dividends.

I am planning on attending my 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion in 2004 and hopefully at that time will be able to visit the chapter house. Please indicate the chapter house address in your future newsletters.

*((Thank you for your letter and your contribution! The chapter house is located at 138 Gray Avenue, right across the street from the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. Any alumni member is always welcome to stop in and visit at any time! We will be having a banquet during Veishea in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Acacia Fraternity. We hope to have many alumni attend the ceremony which will include the presentation of a number of awards to men in the chapter house. Jeremy Davis, Richard Taylor and Chip Riedmann are working on the details. These will be presented in the February newsletter. We look forward to seeing you! - Harold Zarr, Corporate Board President))*

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I graduated from Iowa State in 1957 and was a member of Acacia. Even though I majored in chemistry, I had a career in aviation as fighter pilot, combat pilot and test pilot.

Recently, I wrote a book about my experiences in the Vietnam War. The book was published by the Smithsonian Press last spring. Some members may be interested in reading the book. The book is entitled Cheating Death: Combat Air Rescues in Vietnam and Laos.

**Check out the new website!!**

[www.isuacacia.com](http://www.isuacacia.com)

## 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!

Harold Zarr	President	515-964-6696
Richard Taylor	Vice-President	
Ed Vuper	Treasurer	515-285-5218
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Chip Riedmann	Alumni Relations	402-895-5586

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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 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 February, 2004. (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.