



# The Iowa State **Pythagorean**

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## **New Windows to be Installed by Homecoming Thanks to Iowa State Acacia Alumni !**

As our alumni are aware, this past spring three of our alumni members spearheaded a fund drive to replace the windows in our fraternity house. We desperately needed new, energy efficient models that would both enhance the appearance of the fraternity as well as save on the cost of heating and cooling. Unfortunately, the Board lacked the funds to pursue this project.

Fortunately, three of our Brothers stepped forward with a proposal to enable us to purchase these badly needed windows. Brothers **Larry J. McComber** - #535, **Dennis G. McComber** - #556 and **James H. Davis** - #489 proposed a matching funds campaign in which they would match a specified amount of money that the Board was able to raise from the Acacia alumni.

We were extremely grateful for their generous offer, and the Board announced the plan to the alumni and requested their help in meeting the goal. And the alumni came through! The fraternity house has a total of fifty-two windows that were candidates for replacement. The total cost to replace all fifty-two of the windows came to \$34,820 (net of the discount we were offered). The contributions that we received from the alumni came to a total of \$26,350. Their generosity has enabled us to replace thirty-six of the windows!

As the Board delved into this project, a surprising fact that we discovered is that virtually none of the windows in the house have the same dimensions! For example, on the south side of the house, two of the three windows in what is now the living/dining room, have different sizes. We found this to be true throughout the entire house.

The Board spent a considerable amount of time evaluating a number of different window manufacturers and their product offerings. We decided to purchase replacement windows from the Anderson Window Company. Their windows came out best terms of overall quality, ease of maintenance and energy efficiency. We also selected the "prairie style" of window, which would be consistent with the overall "mission style" of the house and its furnishings.

Once we determined the amount that we would have available to spend on the windows, Jeremy Davis (Chapter Advisor), Jeff Piel (Chapter President) and Harold Zarr (Board

President) created a list of the windows that were the most critical in terms of needing to be replaced. The list that they came up with included the following: 1) north and west 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 2) solarium, 3) north kitchen, 4) south dining/living room, 5) room's #1, #2, and #3 and foyer on main floor, and 6) east window in the basement apartment.

Installation of the windows is scheduled to occur during the week of September 27<sup>th</sup>, about two weeks prior to the Homecoming celebration. If everything goes according to plan, it should only take about three or four days to replace all of the windows. For all of the alumni who are making plans on attending our Homecoming celebration, you will get a chance to see these brand new windows in addition to meeting the men of the house and all of our new pledges.

I.R.S. regulations permit our listing of all those who contributed but not the amounts that they contributed. The following lists are separated by roll number. Our thanks go out to the following Brothers who contributed so generously to this project!

### **300's Roll Numbers**

Howard F. Conway - #306, Robert E. Proctor - #314, A. Dean Platt - #321, Keith Chandler - #323, George A. Buck - #345, Robert L. Carstens - #354, Warren Volmer - #368, Charles L. Dozois - #379, Gordon A. Cook - #390

### **400's Roll Numbers**

Robert C. Jenkins - #402, John Pyles - #405, Richard G. Wilson - #409, Walter Bredbeck - #419, Kenneth L. MacRae - #427, Donald Larson - #437, John Sheldon - #453, John Post - #455, Lynn R. Pendry - #469, Daniel Wise - #479, Richard E. Kust - #485, James H. Davis - #489, John G. McDonald - #494

### **500's Roll Numbers**

Bruce M. Campbell - #502, Harlan Crosswait - #510, Robert E. Davis - #511, Ronald Weiss - #515, Larry J. McComber - #525, James M. Hanson - #533, Jay D. Quick - #535, Gary D.

Harter - #538, H. Keith Sawyers - #542, Dennis G. McComber - #556, David W. Smith - #565, Neil H. Woodley - #567, Donald E. Mathre - #573, William J. Dilcher - #576, Arthur P. Roy - #588

**600's Roll Numbers**

Gary L. Ruegsegger - #613, Paul G. Anderson - #618, William Vogel - #620, John W. Baty - #623, Douglas C. Wallway - #625, Robert A. Ketch - #648, Jack Robinson - #651, David E. Wolfe - #656, William H. Anderl - #679

**700's Roll Numbers**

David M. Amburg - #729, Christopher W. Knapp - #764, Chip Riedmann - #795,

**800's Roll Numbers**

Harold Zarr - #814, Larry E. Guthrie - #817, Chuck Tass - #833, Bruce K. Toney - #840, Daniel G. Wisner - #854

**900's Roll Numbers**

Stephen J. Casper IV - #905, Laurey Decker - #910, Jeremy N. Davis - #969, Chad A. Tweeten - #971

## Alumni Continue Contributions to Scholarship Programs

Alumni, who wish to, may also support the Chapter by making **tax-deductible contributions** to the chapter's scholarship fund. Our primary fund is a part of the Acacia Fraternity Foundation, which supports scholarship programs for both our chapter and the international fraternity at large. Brothers who would like to support this scholarship fund may make their contributions to:

**Iowa State Chapter Fund – c/o Acacia Fraternity Foundation.**

We also maintain an account with the Iowa State University Foundation. This account was set up many years ago, and is also designed to provide scholarships to undergraduate members of the fraternity. If you would like to make a contribution to this fund, please make your check out to:

**Acacia Scholarship – acct. # 0706841 – c/o ISU Foundation**

If you would like to make a donation to either one of these two funds, please mail your contribution to Harold Zarr, so that we can be certain that you are recognized for your support of the chapter.

**The table that is shown lists those Brothers who have made tax-deductible contributions to the chapter so far this year! We hope that you will consider adding your name to this list in 2004 so that we can continue to support the academic efforts of your Brothers in our Chapter!**

----- Alumni Contributors in 2004 -----	
<b>Pythagorean Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 2,500 - \$ 4,999)</b>
<b>Chapter Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,499)</b>
<b>Silver Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 500 - \$ 749)</b>
<b>Bronze Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 100 - \$ 499)</b>
Gordon A. Cook - #390	Acacia Fraternity Foundation
John E. Schrader - #539	Acacia Fraternity Foundation
David W. Smith - #565	Acacia Fraternity Foundation
Stephen J. Casper IV - #905	Acacia Fraternity Foundation
<b>Spirit Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 1 - \$ 99)</b>

## Summer Rush adds Eight New Pledges to our Chapter

With school about to start, we are taking stock of our summer rush program. I believe that in all respects, we can certify this year's rush as an unqualified success. Eight men will be entering into our fraternity this fall, and it looks as if our record of being able to attract the finest men to our fraternity will continue without interruption.

Our new pledges come from Iowa, Minnesota and Illinois, and all have extremely strong academic credentials. We have every reason to believe that it is likely that our position as the

number one academic house in the Iowa State Greek System will be secure.

These men will be formally introduced at the Homecoming banquet, but for now, here are their names and hometowns. **John Kvinge**, Lino Lakes, Minnesota; **Daniel Yoder**, Owatonna, Minnesota; **John Vogel**, Moline, Illinois; **Jonathan Roghair**, Ankeny, Iowa; Collin Donahue-Oponski, Indianola, Iowa; **Jared Ramthun**, Indianola, Iowa; **Clark Richardson**, Sioux City, Iowa; and **Jared Soroka**.

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## Active Chapter Report

*Jeff Peil, Venerable Dean - ACACIA Fraternity  
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The men of the Iowa State Chapter of Acacia have just returned from celebrating Acacia's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the

53<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Conclave held in Indianapolis, Indiana. This year's event marked not only a historic moment but also a turning point in our organization's history. The voting delegation unanimously approved a sort of roadmap to help individual chapters increase membership and alumni relations, and help the organization as a whole expand and improve its financial situation.

The Strategic Plan, as it was referred to by its authors, sets out attainable goals for the next six years and received strong financial backing from the Acacia Fraternity Foundation. We are all very excited about the results that are possible from implementing this plan and we will keep you informed of our progress.

Other highlights from Conclave included the performance by hypnotist and Acacia alum Doug MacCraw and the Acacia Golf Classic held at the beautiful Legends Golf Course in Indianapolis. During the Foundation Banquet, the **Iowa State Chapter** received the **Academic Programming** award as the chapter that has the best academic system in place.

**Iowa State Acacians** also received numerous scholarships during the Foundation Banquet. **Keegan Kautzky** was one of two individuals to win the George F. Patterson Jr. Scholarship worth \$1,000. **Jeff Landherr** and I (**Jeff Peil**) each received the \$750 scholarships and **Jeff Landherr** also received \$500 for the Emma C. Allen Memorial Scholarship.

The roundtable discussion groups allowed all seven members who attended to listen to and share ideas with men from other chapters across the country. Many interesting ideas on things like philanthropy, fundraising, and member education have resulted from these discussions.

For more information on this year's Conclave, visit [acacia.org](http://acacia.org). There are some great pictures and a downloadable copy of the strategic plan for your viewing. We are all looking forward to seeing many of you at the Homecoming Banquet in October. As always, 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.

## President's Message

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Greetings my Brother ACACIANS!

Let me begin my offering my deepest thanks to all of our alumni who so generously donated funds so that we could replace the windows in the fraternity house. Assuming that everything goes to plan, we will have new windows by Homecoming, and I hope that lots of our alumni will come

back this year so that you can take a look at what we were able to purchase with your donations. Again, thanks!

These windows are not the only projects that we have planned for the house. We are still working on getting the floors refinished on the main floor, installing new carpet in the solarium, new furniture for the foyer, and we hope to repaint the rooms on the second floor next May. Of course, we always have the ongoing maintenance projects needed to keep the house in the best possible shape. We never have a dull moment when it comes to working on projects around the house!

Summer rush has ended, and our rush chairman for this year, Craig Buske, has done an absolutely outstanding job. He really came through for us and has recruited another outstanding class of pledges for our fraternity. The addition of these eight men will fill the house to capacity. And, we are still continuing to recruit a few additional men who could move into the house in the spring, after some of our seniors graduate in December.

I can only guess at the number of hours Craig spent on the phone, traveling, and visiting with potential members, but his efforts were well rewarded. The young men that he recruited are absolutely the "best of the best", and I am certain will be a source of leadership and inspiration for years to come.

We will be holding an alumni reunion and banquet at Homecoming. There is a special insert (reservation form) in this edition of the newsletter. We ask that you please fill it out and send it in right away so that we can have as accurate a count as possible for all you will be attending. Some of the alumni that I know will be attending will be Timm Wilkin, Larry and Dennis McComber, and Jim Davis.

Without giving away to many details, let me just say that this is an event that you won't want to miss! We will have a national officer in attendance. We have a lot of surprises in store, and I think you will all have a great time!

Wow, just when you thought it was safe to return to VEISHEA, what happens? Riots once again in campustown. Some of our alumni have written to me asked me to update them on what happened this year. Now first of all, let me make it clear that I was NOT there for all the excitement! So don't try to blame it on me!

From what I can tell, a few rowdy people who drank too much decided to carry their partying a bit too far. A strong police response leads to a number of arrests for vandalism. VEISHEA for 2005 has been cancelled. A group made up of ISU administration, city officials and ISU student members is working on determining what happened, why, and how to prevent it from occurring in the future.

**Let me emphasize that no one from our fraternity was involved in any way with this unfortunate incident!** If you would like more information, I suggest you access the web

and look it up under the Iowa State Daily or Ames Tribune. Those two sites should give you all the information you want, and then some.

I hope to see many of you at Homecoming! It's going to be fun!

That's all that I have for now. May God bless every one in your family during 2004!

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**Check out the 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
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## Newsletter Information

The newsletter is sent to all of the alumni, 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 November, 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.