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Acacia Fraternity is #1 in Greek System with 3.49 G.P.A.

Pledge Class is #1 for second consecutive year with a 3.41 G.P.A.

The Fall, 2003 semester grade results are in, and Acacia now lays sole claim to the top academic honors in the Iowa State Greek System. In a stunning display of academic excellence, the actives achieved an almost unheard-of **3.49 grade point average**. The results for the top five chapters were as follows:

1.	Acacia	3.49
2.	FarmHouse	3.19
3.	Triangle	3.17
4.	Alpha Gamma Rho	3.05
5.	Beta Sigma Psi	3.03

All Fraternity Average **2.85**

All Men's Undergrad Ave. **2.80**

Academic excellence has long been a hallmark of Acacia Fraternity. Our chapter has focused on attracting the best and brightest young men, and then providing them with an outstanding environment in which they can develop superior academic and social skills to become effective leaders in their chosen profession. Our previous academic results include:

Iowa State Acacians Awarded \$5,900 in Scholarships

Academic excellence has many rewards. In this case, these rewards are financial. Our Fraternity has built its reputation on academic excellence, and your Corporate Board supports this by providing an ongoing set of scholarships to **all in-house members** (both pledges and actives) who achieve measurable academic and fraternity involvement goals.

Fourteen actives of the house earned scholarships from the **Acacia Undergraduate Scholarship Fund** (worth \$100 per semester). The Undergraduate Brothers who earned this scholarship are **Ryan Anderson, Rob Borcharding, Jeff Brown, Brad DeSerano, David Frost, Martin Gran, Greg Janda, Jeff Landherr, Trenton Norman, Mike O'Doherty, Jeff Peil, Aaron Rosheim, Nate Russell and Mike Woolley.**

Term	Position	GPA
Spring, 2003	#1	3.24
Fall, 2002	#2	3.06
Spring, 2002	#2	3.19
Fall, 2001	#2	3.12
Spring, 2001	#2	3.14

The pledges of our chapter again captured the top spot among all Greek Houses with an impressive **3.41 grade point average**. Their closest competitors were Alpha Gamma Rho and Triangle, who each placed with a 2.94 GPA. The Greek System at Iowa State currently consists of twenty-seven fraternities.

Acacia is currently recognized as the **only** fraternity in the Iowa State Greek System with **both the highest affiliated GPA and the highest new member GPA.**

Congratulations to the men of our Acacia Fraternity Chapter! Keep up the good work

All six of the pledges earned scholarships from the **Acacia Leadership Scholarship** (worth \$500), plus four of them earned **Acacia Undergraduate Scholarships** (worth \$100 per semester). These new Brothers include **Craig Buske, Jared Kline, Matt Landherr, Jacob Pergande, Nathan Porter, and Joseph Sloan.**

We also had two of our active members receive scholarships from the **Acacia Fraternity Foundation**. These two scholarships totaled \$1,500 and were awarded to **Mike O'Doherty and Mike Gano.**

Congratulations to all of our Brothers for their academic excellence! Keep up the good work!

ISU ACACIA Alumni Contribute \$6,100 to Scholarship Fund Drive

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The men of the Iowa State Chapter of Acacia have finished up another exciting semester. Our continuing efforts to develop well-educated leaders have proven successful as we attained the best grade point average on campus for the second straight semester. Last fall, the house GPA rose to an incredible 3.49. Our new members also took home the highest GPA honors for the third time in the past four semesters.

Although the spring semester is typically a slower time for fraternity activities, we have managed to keep ourselves busy. We will be participating in Relay for Life and have other community services projects scheduled as well. We have members competing in Varieties along with Farmhouse fraternity and Pi Beta Phi sorority. Our Greek Week pairing of Sigma Pi fraternity and Delta Delta Delta sorority have also begun initial preparations. We also have many social activities planned.

Three of our members have taken exciting internship offers this semester. **Trenton Norman** is in Washington D.C. doing an internship on Senator Grassley's staff, **Marty Gran** is using his Chemical Engineering training with his internship for the Cedar River Paper Company in Cedar Rapids, and **Joe Sloan** is in Minneapolis doing computer science work for IBM.

We will be saying goodbye to a great group of seniors who will be graduating at the end of this semester. There's no question this group has played a huge role in shaping the future of our chapter. They will be missed but the future here looks bright. We have added three new members this spring who have already proven to be great additions to our house. **Phillip Sherman** is a freshman Statistics major from Stuart, IA, **Josh Haugo** is a freshman in the Pre-Med. program from Northwood, IA, and **David Pace** is a freshman Aerospace Engineering major from Cedar Rapids.

The excitement is also building as we prepare for the upcoming alumni banquet on April 17th. **We hope to see you there!** 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 our stories.

As you can see from the following list, the men of ACACIA have been doing a lot more than simply studying. Involvement in campus activities helps to build the social and leadership skills that will prove helpful to us throughout our careers. We have prepared the following list to share with our alumni so you can have a better understanding of all of the activities in which we have been involved.

- ❖ **Mike O'Doherty**
 - National Merit Finalist
 - College of Business Top 2%
 - College of Engineering Top 2%
 - Order of Omega Honor Society
- ❖ **Christian Cox**
 - Greek Ambassador
 - Student Admission Representative
- ❖ **Jacob Pergande**
 - Asloo Cadet of the Term
 - Air Force full tuition scholarship
- ❖ **Jeff Brown**
 - ISU Crew Club
 - ISU marching band
 - National Society of Collegiate Scholar
- ❖ **Rob Borcharding**
 - LAS Council President
 - Computer Science Club President
 - UPE Computer Science National Honor Society
 - Alcoa Computer Science Intern
- ❖ **Jared Kline**
 - Congress Bundegstag Scholar
- ❖ **Craig Buske**
 - National Merit Scholar
 - ISU model United Nations
- ❖ **Matt Landherr**
 - President's ACE Scholar
 - Square D College of Engineering Scholar
- ❖ **Nate Russell**
 - U.S. National Olympic Development Team-Skeleton
- ❖ **Jeff Landherr**
 - Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
 - Goldenkey Honor Society
 - National Merit Commended Scholar
- ❖ **Jeff Peil**
 - Beta Alpha Psi Accounting Honor Society
 - Alpha Phi Omega Community Service Fraternity
- ❖ **Marty Gran**
 - National Merit Scholar
 - Cedar River Paper Company Intern
 - Marston Muse
- ❖ **Mike Woolley**
 - ISU Crew Club President
- ❖ **David Frost**
 - Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society
 - Order of Omega Honor Society
- ❖ **Aaron Rosheim**
 - Ames High Assistant Varsity Football Coach
 - Ames High Head Freshman Basketball Coach
 - Iowa National Guard
- ❖ **Keegan Kautzky**
 - 2002 Jack Kent Cooke Scholar: \$90,000 national scholarship awarded to 30 students across the U.S.

which pays all education expenses. Ames High Head Freshman Basketball Coach

- 2003 Truman Scholar Finalist: national finalist for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship, merit-based award given to 76 students in the United States annually.
- U.S. Department of Health “Face of Prevention”: one of ten people in America selected to be the public “Faces of Prevention” for the national substance abuse prevention program. The unique honor was presented at the National Prevention Network Conference in San Diego, November of 2002, in recognition of my dedicated efforts to help young people avoid alcohol and drug abuse through community participation.
- Junior Fellow – The American Academy of Political and Social Science
- 2001 Governor’s Volunteer Service Award presented by Governor of Iowa, Thomas J. Vilsack

❖ **Trenton Norman**

- Intern for Senator Grassley in Washington D.C.
- Christina Hixon Scholar
- Marston Muse - one of 8 exceptional students selected out of the College of Engineering to represent their major

Tentron Norman, ISU Acacian, interns for Senator Grassley in United States Senate

I am working in the Senate Finance Committee, especially with the health staff. Finance covers Health issues, eg, medicare, medicaid, uninsured, TANF, social security, and other such issues. Finance is also involved in Tax, Trade, and Oversight.

While I have worked only a minimal amount of time with tax and trade, I have worked extensively with oversight and health. I have conducted a few initial investigations, giving my notes and memo to an oversight staff member to assist them in their more thorough investigation.

I have also worked extensively with Becky Shipp, the policy advisor that is sheparding the welfare bill entitled the PRIDE bill, Personal Responsibility and Individual Development for Everyone Act. We are working hard to get the bill to the floor and then a vote and I am learning a great deal about the legislative process that is done behind closed doors.

I am deeply indebted to Senator Grassley for giving me this opportunity and the Health Staff for taking me under their wing and teaching me all the ins and outs of the legislative process.

**Letter from David J. Allen
Acacia Fraternity
International Council President**

Harold:

I want to congratulate you, and the chapter on its outstanding academic record last semester. As is said, the scenery only changes for the lead dog and it is personally gratifying to see the Iowa State Acacians as the number one academic fraternity on the campus.

That fact, and the fact that you are able to maintain an alcohol free house, are a real tribute to the alumni who work so hard to assist the chapter, your rush recruitment system, and your pledge and member education programs.

Please express my appreciation to all of the Iowa State Acacians - alumni, active and pledge for an outstanding performance. I have no doubt that Iowa State has built on a solid foundation that will continue to provide dividends and permit its members to be individually successful as the travel through life's journey.

I hope to see you, if not before, at the Centennial Conclave.

Fraternal Best Regards,

David J. Allen
International Council President

President's Message

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Greetings my Brother ACACIANS!

Wow! What can I say? The results for this fall semester are nothing if not impressive. Not to mention the **partial** list of all of the activities that the men of our Fraternity have been involved in as well. The vision that the Board had when we re-chartered our Chapter just a few short years ago has been realized. We wanted to create an organization that would stand as an example of what can be done when you focus on recruiting men whose academic excellence and leadership are already well demonstrated by their high school activities – and then providing them with an outstanding and supportive living environment to serve as foundation from which they can excel academically and socially.

But it doesn't stop there. The Board has continually striven to provide opportunities in which the men in our Fraternity can

have direct input into how Chapter and Board affairs are managed. This provides them with an opportunity to gain real-world experience in managing a business where they can directly influence decisions that are made which will directly affect them. The result? One impressive group of men whose record of success is the envy of every other Fraternity in the Iowa State Greek System.

But the undergraduate members of our chapter are not our only story. Our alumni are becoming more involved and active as well. Brother **Larry McComber** is spearheading a fund-raising drive to enable the Board to perform some needed upgrades to the Fraternity House. We already have a house that is completely wired for the internet and cable, plus it has a fire-suppression system built into the entire the structure. But we want to do more. Our list of new upgrade projects includes installing energy-efficient windows throughout the house, new furniture for the foyer, converting the remaining rooms on the second floor so that each one has its own private bathroom, and the conversion of the basement area to a library/study area.

It is my understanding that Larry has recruited Brother **James Davis** as a partner in this effort. What this means is that for each dollar each alumni contributes, these two brothers will also contribute a matching dollar. Thus, if you contribute \$5, these two brothers will also contribute \$5 each, for a total contribution of \$15. A contribution of only \$10, yields a total of \$30 for improvements to the Chapter House. This is a very generous offer on the part of these two Brothers, and I sincerely hope that you will consider contributing to this fund drive. Details on this fund drive on included on a separate sheet in this mailing.

I would also like to encourage all of our alumni to attend the alumni reunion during VEISHEA. We are putting together an exciting agenda for the evening, and we are planning on having a number of guests and speakers attend. We will also be presenting a number of awards to members of the Fraternity for their outstanding work on behalf of the chapter.

There is also a ballot that is included with the newsletter. We are asking you to please vote on the Brothers who are running for office, and to vote on the new Articles of Re-Incorporation and By-Laws as well. If you can attend the reunion celebration, please note that as well. Please review **both sides** of the ballot as there is lots of important information for you to review.

Finally, I have a personal note that I would like to share with all of you. My oldest daughter is a member of the Iowa Army National Guard. She recently received orders ordering her to report for active duty in the Middle East. As a result, she will be putting her university education on hold for the next two years while she serves in her unit. We also have a member of our local chapter, **Aaron Rosheim**, who recently joined the

National Guard and who will be reporting for military training in just a few weeks.

I would like to respectfully request that each of you say a prayer for all of our men and women serving in our armed forces. These brave patriots have dedicated themselves to protecting our country, and they deserve our respect and support.

May God bless every one in your family during 2004!

Alumni Director Letter

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Ten Reasons for Attending

As you have read here the past couple of issues, ACACIA Fraternity is celebrating their 100th anniversary this year. As has been noted in another part of this newsletter our chapter has a dinner planned to celebrate the event. Nothing fancy, nothing formal, just an opportunity to meet and recall our brotherhood. If you're thinking about whether or not you want to go, here are ten reasons to consider the trip. You may even be able to add your own reasons.

1. To meet old friends.
2. To revisit the new 'old' house and see how it has held up, and see what needs to be done to keep our house one of the best. Nothing brings back good memories like visiting a place from your past, especially with a brother.
3. To listen to, and retell, your favorite stories from your time in the house. Our past only lives on through word of mouth.
4. See who has the most hair left. On the other hand, bald is in style.
5. To recall when you were liberal and why you became conservative when you became a parent.
6. To see the beautiful campus and to double check on the number of steps up the front of Curtis Hall.
7. To remember why you joined and why you still think about it.
8. If you haven't been back in over 10 years, 20 years, or more.
9. These were important years in your life. Where you met lifelong friends and where some of you may have met your wife, where you last were before you had to start a career, and where you formed many of your opinions and understanding of life.

10. An opportunity to meet new people and recognize that it really is a great fraternity.

I hope to see you there.

Sincerely
Chip Riedmann #795

PS – Bring pictures if you can. They may be your only proof of your stories.

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Check out the website!!
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 May, 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.