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ISU Acacians meet the call of Human Service

Over the years, the active chapter has demonstrated considerable (and commendable) achievements in the field of academic performance. What the newsletter has not addressed is the many and varied human service projects in which the men of the Iowa State Chapter have engaged. The primary focus of this newsletter is to highlight these many programs and to illustrate that our chapter is composed of much more than men who simply spend a majority of their time pursuing their academic studies. What follows is a recap of all that they have accomplished this past year.

In March, 2006, the chapter engaged in its semi-annual "Seven Days of Service" in which for a period of seven days they focus on performing acts that benefit the local Ames community. This past March they cleaned up a two-mile stretch of the highway between the two exits on Interstate 35 adjoining the City of Ames. This has been an ongoing project first started by Rob Borcharding - #978, a number of years ago. If you travel south along Interstate 35 you will see a sign placed there by the Iowa D.O.T. recognizing Acacia Fraternity for its work to keep the Iowa roadways clear of litter.

In addition, the chapter members also volunteered their time at the Ames animal shelter where they walked the animals, and helping in cleaning the facility. They also spent time visiting with residents at the North Crest Retirement Home in Ames, and tutored special needs children at the Beloit Youth School in Ames. And as if that were not enough, they also helped to build a home in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity in Ames.

A number of years ago, a former undergraduate member of the chapter, Keegan Kautzky - #983, instituted a program which he called "Pages of Promise." The Iowa State Acacia Chapter is now formally recognized as the official sponsor of this program. The purpose of this program is to collect used textbooks (primarily in the fields of business, biology, psychology and medicine) and send them to universities in Africa.

In April, Greek Week activities were the main focus. Acacia was paired with Pi Kappa Alpha and Kappa Kappa Gamma where they participated in a number of intramural tournaments, placed 3rd overall in community service

(focusing on a campus-wide clean-up activity). They placed 1st in the annual blood drive with the highest percentage of any house that participating, and 2nd overall in the Greek Olympics. Some of these events included a bed race around sorority circle, a canoe race in Lake Lavern (Acacia's canoe was one of the few entries that did not sink!), a tug-of-war, skin-the-snake, a pie eating contest, and an egg toss.

In May, 2006, the men of the Iowa State Chapter collected approximately 20,000 used textbooks from drop-off locations at Iowa State, the University of Northern Iowa, and the University of Iowa and sent them to a central shipping point in the Twin Cities where they were combined with other shipments from other groups and sent to a university in Uganda. The men of the chapter raised and/or donated the \$2,000 necessary to transport these books overseas.

This fall, the chapter engaged in its second week of "Seven Days of Service." This coincided with Homecoming activities, where Acacia again placed 3rd overall in community service. The chapter members once again built a house with other participants from Habitat for Humanity. They also picked apples at an orchard and made apple cider for residents at an Ames retirement community.

Acacia placed 2nd in a window painting competition in campustown. The chapter competed also competed in "Yell Like Hell" with Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and Delta Delta Delta sorority, but unfortunately failed to place in the event. They also competed in intramural events including volley ball, football, soccer, broomball, curling, ultimate Frisbee, billiards, ping pong and racquetball. Finally, the chapter members created a banner for the Homecoming celebration.

The Acacia Brothers are already making plans for the spring semester. Farmhouse and the Alpha Chi Omega sorority invited Acacia to participate with them in Varieties. For the second year in a row, Pi Kappa Alpha has asked Acacia to partner with them for the Greek Week Olympics. They will also be conducting another series of events for their spring semester "Seven Days of Service."

As if this were not enough, many of the men in the chapter work for the University in jobs ranging from work for the ISU

Foundation, as servers at formal dinner meals and other events at the Knoll, and working as security men at the ISU football stadium (in their spare time!).

As you can see, the men of our chapter are truly an exceptional group of citizens who contribute to the local Ames community in a variety of ways in addition to maintaining an

outstanding grade point average. It is no small wonder that our chapter is so successful given that these are the type of men that we recruit.

Our thanks and appreciation go out to the men of the Iowa State Chapter of Acacia for all that they do!

Alumni Asked to Serve on Membership Development Board

At the recent Conclave held in St. Louis, the Iowa State Chapter was one of a select few chapters to participate in a pilot project called the Membership Development Program. This program is unique in that it is a significant departure from our historic approach to educating our members about our Fraternity.

I'm sure that many of you will remember your days as a pledge during which you learned of the history and traditions of the Fraternity. And I'm equally certain that you will recall that once this period of study ended, you will recall that there was no follow-up or continuation of this education.

This method of member education and development is about to be changed. A new Membership Development Program was adopted at the last conclave that addresses member involvement during all four years of their time at the university. More specifically, it is designed to meet the needs of our Brothers based on the current year in which they are living in the chapter house. More specifically, this program is designed to address all of the facets of a well-rounded life including mental, social and physical development of the men in the active.

A key area where you as alumni can directly help is to be a key player in the **Membership Development Advisory Team**. This is a board of alumni who will serve as mentors to the active chapter members, providing input and advice on issues related to the development of chapter activities and personal growth of our Brothers in the Fraternity.

The time commitment? Relatively modest for so important a role. At this time, all that is asked is that the alumnus who volunteer agree to attend two meetings per semester at the chapter house and work with the undergraduate Brothers to help instruct them on the importance of both short and long-term planning, and goal measurement.

We are asking for four or five of our alumni to step forward and agree to serve on this board. We believe that this program will be one of the key factors used in determining the next chapter that receives the Malcolm Award. Your contribution of your time and talent may be the factor that enables the Iowa State Chapter to move forward in its pursuit of this goal.

If you are interested in serving on this board, please contact Harold Zarr at acacia_814@hotmail.com. Thanks for your help!

Chapter House Improvements on Track for 2006

In the last newsletter, we shared with our alumni that one of our latest projects was tuck pointing of the south, exterior wall of the chapter house. This has now been accomplished, and we are making plans over the winter break to have the interior wall repair (where there was some slight water damage) and to have the entire main floor of the chapter house professionally repainted. We will also have all of the carpets in the "common areas" of the house professionally cleaned as well.

Renovation of the bathrooms on the second and third floors is almost complete. These were repainted; new floors were put in, along with new lighting fixtures as well.

At the end of the summer, a new utility shed was built to hold the lawn mower and a variety of yard equipment. We will be

building a privacy fence this fall as well (which is required by the Ames City Code) and plan to landscape the area just to the south of the chapter house.

The Board is now working on plans for next summer, which tentatively include tuck pointing for the east exterior wall and working on plans to completely renovate the recreation room area in the basement.

The chapter members are working on renovating the "ping pong" area of the rec room. They also purchased a big screen television and have already used the existing rec room for a "movie night" social function with pledges from Alpha Chi Omega and Farmhouse. The room as it currently exists is fairly small and the wall arrangement is poor for these

activities. The Board is hoping to completely renovate this area and turn it into a combination chapter room / recreation area as soon as possible. If you would like to contribute to

this effort, please send your contributions the **The Acacians** with the form included with this issue of the newsletter.

Thanks for all your support!

Make Plans to Attend the Iowa State Chapter Centennial in 2009

It seems hard to believe, but the Iowa State Chapter of Acacia will be celebrating its centennial in March, 2009. The Board is beginning the very early stages of our planning for this event, but we would like all of the alumni of our chapter to start thinking about this event. One of the things we would like to do is to collect pictures of our alumni and the events from years past and put them on the ISU Acacia website.

would make copies of, please send the copies to Harold Zarr, and he will see to it that additional copies are made.

We also plan to offer a wide variety items (shirts, glasses, etc.) commemorating the event, most of the funds from which will go to support our scholarship programs.

We have one request of our alumni at this point. If any of you have the lyrics to songs that were sung when you were in the house, please send them to us! One part of the event that is being planned involves the singing of songs at a banquet. We need songs from days past as we don't have any song books to practice from. If any of our alumni have song books that they

Of course, a banquet will be held honoring all of our alumni who are able to attend and doing our best to "show off" our undergraduate Acacia Brothers.

As we said, the planning is preliminary at this point, but please be sure to keep it in mind. We will fill you in on the details as they are finalized!

11th Man Signed for Fall, 2006 Pledge Class

After the August newsletter went to the printer, an eleventh man signed up to be an Acacian. Our newest member is **Trevor John Elder Owens**, from Hampstead, New Hampshire. His parents are Claudia and Brian Owens. He is a freshman majoring in pre-business. He is already involved in the freshman council, a member of the Veishea Special Events Committee, and an ISU Ambassador. In high school, he was the captain of his wrestling teams, and involved in the Future Business Leaders of America!

Although Wendel was seven years younger than me, he had followed my career at Iowa State University and graduated as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine just two years following my graduation.

Donald Larson was born and raised, but a short distance between our farm homes. We were related, albeit, not real close. We were very close friends and Jean and I had visited Don and Nancy more than once in the Seattle area throughout the years.

Fraternally,
Lowell B. and Jean Johnson

Welcome to our newest Acacia Brother!

((My thanks to you for your generous contribution to the scholarship fund! It is sad to note the passing of our Brothers in our Fraternity, but so long as we remember them and the good times that we were privileged to share with them, then they are never truly gone. My best wishes to you and your wife! Please stop in to visit anytime!))

Alumni News and Notes and Rememberances

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Jean and I wish to give this gift in honor of my deceased Brother Acacian, **Wendell E. Johnson - #523** and my former (now deceased) Acacian Pledge Son, **Donald G. Larson - #437**.

New Website Address!

The Iowa State Acacia website address has changed. Please go to the following address to see what's new with the Iowa State Chapter.

www.stuorg.iastate.edu/acacia/

I Active Chapter Report

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Dear Brothers and friends,

As this newsletter goes to the printer and out to the alumni, the active chapter is getting ready for officer elections for the next year. This past year has been one in which many of our expectations have been fulfilled, and we look to the future with high hopes given the outstanding group of men that we have living in our chapter.

One new policy that we have adopted in the institution of having formal dinners at least once per month. We know that in years past, formal dinners were often held on a weekly basis. But with the schedules that many of our members have in order to cover the costs associated with a college education, getting everyone together for formal dinners has been a difficult goal to achieve. However, we have found that having these events has brought a new sense of Brotherhood to the chapter, and we feel that the effort is well worth the time involved.

I would like to thank all of the chapter officers with whom I have worked this past year for all of their support and hard work. I would especially like to thank Josh Haugo for his efforts to save money for the chapter and in work he put into the purchase of the big screen television the chapter members now enjoy in the rec room.

I would also like to thank all of the alumni who have contributed so generously of their time and money in support of the chapter. Their help and support has been greatly appreciated!

As always, we invite all of our alumni to stop in to visit anytime they are in town. We look forward to your visits and stories about Acacia!

Board President's Message

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Greetings my Brother ACACIANS!

As in issues past, this one is again filled with lots of information concerning the outstanding activities of undergraduate members of our Fraternity. The chapter and its achievements have been a source of pride to the Brothers who serve on the Corporate Board, and based on the e-mails and letters that I have received from our alumni, and I know that they share in our pride.

Twice each year the corporate board hosts a luncheon honoring all of the undergraduate Brothers of our Fraternity who have achieved academic, leadership success that reflects well on the Fraternity at Iowa State. Just a few weeks ago we held another of these events at the Memorial Union, where nearly all of the undergraduate Brothers and many of their parents were in attendance.

I would especially like to thank two of our alumni for taking time out their busy schedules to attend. One of our alumni who attended was **Bruce Campbell - #502** who, along with his wife, drove all the way from Washington, Iowa to share the time with us. Another alumnus who attended is **Mark Bortle - #821**. Mark also served on the corporate board for four years, and it was very good to have the chance to visit with both of them.

The board will host another such event on Saturday, April 21st, during Veishea weekend. We are planning on an early evening meal (approx. 5:30 pm) so that our alumni who attend from out of town will not have to drive home late in the evening. The meal is free for all of our alumni and guests, and I hope that many of you will make plans to attend and celebrate the accomplishments of the undergraduate members of our chapter.

With the holiday season fast approaching, let me take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you the best for the holiday season, and May 2007 be an outstanding year for you and your families!

In Memoriam

We remember our Brothers with whom we were privileged to share our Fraternity and which have departed from us.

Robert E. Proctor - #314	November 26, 2005
John E. Culver - #435	date unknown
Douglas R. Nelson - #652	March 25, 2006

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The following Brothers are your representatives on the Corporate Board. The Corporate Board is composed of both

active chapter members and alumni. Feel free to contact us whenever you have ideas, suggestions or concerns!

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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.

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, 2006. (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** at his e-mail address **acacia_814@hotmail.com**. Take care, and best wishes to all of the Brothers and friends of our Fraternity.



Alumni Scholarship Donations in 2006

\$ 3,640 Contributed in 2006 by Iowa State Acacians

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