



# The Iowa State Pythagorean

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## The Library is Finished!

All of the planning, construction and hard work has paid off and the new 3<sup>rd</sup> floor library has been completed and is in use! The picture shown below is a view of the room looking to the south. You will notice that a new rug has been installed on the floor underneath the table and the chairs. The rug is large enough to ensure that the chairs will not scratch the newly refinished floors, yet it provides plenty of room to move the chairs in and out from the table.

The table and chairs will seat ten men, making it ideal for chapter officer and Board meetings. It is also large enough that a number of men can work together on projects for their courses, or individually and still have enough room to “spread out” their materials without interfering in the work that other Brothers are doing for their classes.

Along the south wall is the custom built bookshelves and display case that holds the current chapter charter, awards and other Acacia memorabilia. The display case can be locked to help prevent the theft of these items. Below the display case are two storage areas with doors in front to protect items that are more fragile. In front of the bookshelves are two “arts and crafts” style leather easy chairs in which the members can sit, read and relax.



The next picture features the custom-built wood blinds that can be used to control the amount of light that will enter the room in the afternoons. The windows are the energy-efficient Anderson brand models that were installed a few years ago. You will also notice that on the bench area are some custom made bench cushions to allow for more seating or relaxing when it is required in the room.



Although it may be difficult to see, the light fixtures in the room provide plenty of additional lighting to ensure that an adequate amount of light will always be available for the men as they study.

The two brothers shown in this picture are Ezra Shields (on the left) and Noah Gullikson (on the right). The picture was taken by Nicholas Siebold.

When you compare the “before” and “after” pictures of this area, the change is nothing short of phenomenal. We have taken an area of the chapter house which was divided into two rooms and transformed it into a highly functional, much more desirable space that the members can use whenever they need. It is far more quiet than the dining room that was used on the first floor for the past seven years, and with the small kitchen that is available just off to the side of the room, members can get something to eat and drink when they take a break from studying without having to go all the way to the first floor.

Since the chapter was recolonized in 2000, the Board and the chapter have placed a special significance on academics. More importantly, we have constantly striven to try and provide as much support as possible to help the men in the chapter succeed in their studies. This room is one example of how the Board and the chapter members have worked together to turn this pursuit of excellence a reality.

**Nicholas Siebold** came up with the basic idea and drawings, and after examining the feasibility, the Board approved the project and approached the leadership of the Acacia Fraternity Foundation about raising funds for the project. Given their support, the Board turned next to the alumni and requested their financial support to make this room a reality.



This is a picture of the third floor stairway, hallway and rooms prior to the renovation. The wall to the right of the stairway was removed, as was the wall between the two rooms, creating one large open space ideal for a library study area. A new railing was built and installed on the west side of the stairway, where the

The picture above shows the room after all of the sheet rock and the wall between the two rooms was removed. Part of the floor was replaced and the entire floor was completely refinished.



**If you would like to have your name included on this plaque, the deadline for contributions to the project is December 31, 2008. We will order the plaque right after this date so that we can have it in time to be installed during our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2009. Any alumnus of the chapter who donates \$5,000 or more will have the library named in their honor and their name will be included on the plaque.**

If we can raise an additional \$10,000 between now and the end of the year, it will not be necessary for the Board to use any funds from the Drdla account to finish paying for this room.

The room will be formally dedicated during our centennial celebration in March, 2009. Along the southwest wall we will dedicate the room with four plaques. The first will commemorate the financial donation of Brother Drdla who helped to create the solid financial foundation of our fund with the Acacia Fraternity Foundation, and for whom the Presidential Suite is named. Another will list all of the Iowa State Acacians who have been awarded the **Order of Pythagorus**. A third plaque will recognize all of the Iowa State Acacians who have earned the **Award of Merit**. A fourth and final plaque will recognize the major contributors to the library, and the room will be named in their honor.

The alumni of our chapter have always stepped up when asked for support for a worthy project, and they did not fail us this time. In truth it can be said, that without the support of our alumni, this project would never have been able to be completed. To all of you who have contributed to this project, we say a sincere **THANK YOU!** Here is proof positive of what the active chapter, Board and alumni can do when we work together for the good of Acacia!



## 3rd Floor Library Donations in 2008

### \$ 26,475 Contributed in 2008 for new Library

The table that is shown lists those Brothers and friends who have made contributions to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Library fund drive in 2008. Donations to this project are tax-deductible, and all alumni who donate \$5,000 to this project will have the room named for them by the Board in thanks for their generosity. Please accept our grateful thanks for your help with this major improvement to the chapter house!

#### ----- Alumni Contributors in 2008 -----

<b>Refounding Father</b>	<b>(\$ 10,000 or more)</b>
Stewart Burger	
<b>Board of Directors Club</b>	<b>(\$ 5,000 - \$ 9,999)</b>
Robert L. (Sam) Carstens - #354	
James H. Davis - #489	
Donald L. Good - #653	
<b>Pythagorean Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 2,500 - \$ 4,999)</b>

<b>Chapter Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,499)</b>
<b>Gold Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 750 - \$ 999)</b>
<b>Silver Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 500 - \$ 749)</b>
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Laury E. Decker - #910	
<b>Bronze Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 100 - \$ 499)</b>
Bernard J. Kolp - #466	
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Robert A. Peterson - #663	
Stephn J. Casper IV - #905	
<b>Spirit Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 1 - \$ 99)</b>
Walter R. Kolbe - #527	
William H. Anderl - #679	

## Centennial Details! Get Ready to Celebrate!

At the last Board meeting, the final details for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration were ironed out, and we are ready to go. All we need now – is you!

#### Friday – March 13, 2009

A reception for all alumni who are able to attend this event will be held. Guests of Honor will be all past and present members of the Board of The Acacians. A presentation on the writing of the history book of the Iowa State Chapter of Acacia Fraternity will be given by its authors. Refreshments will be served to all who attend. **This event is free to everyone.**

#### Saturday – March 14, 2009

A bunch (**free for all who attend**) will be provided at the chapter house from 8:00 am – 10:00 am. Tours of the remodeled facility will also be given by members of the chapter.

The Corporate Board of the Acacians will be meeting in the Gallery Room of the Memorial Union starting at 10:00 am.

All alumni of the chapter are invited to attend. The Acacia National Council will meet in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Library of the chapter house starting at 10:00 am.

At 12:00 pm, a light luncheon will be provided at the chapter house. **This event is free for all who attend.**

At 2:00 pm, a formal dedication of the new Library will be held where the alumni who have donated \$5,000 or more to the Library will have it named in their honor. Additional dedications and recognitions will be made at this time.

From 2:30 – 4:00 pm, walking tours of the campus will be provided for the alumni by members of the active chapter.

At 6:00 pm, a social hour (with a cash bar) will be held in the South Ballroom in the Memorial Union. At 7:00 pm, the banquet will be served followed at 8:00 pm by the program for the evening. We expect that the cost for the banquet will be between \$35-\$40 per person. The program should end at 10:30 pm.

#### Sunday – March 15, 2009

On Sunday morning a final brunch will be served to all alumni who would like to stop by one final time before heading home.

This will be an opportunity to visit one last time with your Brothers from years past and with the current members of the chapter and share stories – real or made up!

## History Book is in Final Review Stage

If you don't know by now that we have been working on a book on the history of the Iowa State Chapter, then you just have not been paying attention. In November, 2006, I outlined the idea of creating a book on the history of our chapter, and Brother George Gross #343 stepped forward and volunteered to get the project going and write the first half of the book. Harold Zarr agreed to write from 1970 to today, but he and George later convinced Jeremy Davis (the Chapter Advisor) that it would be a good idea if he participated as well.

The book is almost finished. It is divided up into decades, with major events in the economy, the University, the Corporate Board and chapter broken out in each section. To as large an extent as possible, pictures and stories from alumni have been incorporated into the text, making seem "alive" in as true a fashion as we could create. The book is now going through a series of final editing and proofing stages, including getting feedback from alumni who lived in the house during the decade in question.

We are going to produce two versions of this book. First, we are only going to produce 100 copies of the hard-bound version, and **no more than 100 hard-bound copies will be published.** Every alumnus who donates \$500 towards the cost of

publishing this book will have their name included on a dedication page in their honor in the front of the book. Only the first 100 alumni who donate \$500 to this project will be guaranteed a hard-bound edition of the book.

If we do not sell 100 of the books at \$500 each, then the remaining books will be sold for a **tax-deductible donation** of \$50 each. **These will be sold on a first-come, first serve basis.** If you want a hard-bound copy of the book, don't delay. We have a little more than 500 alumni in our database, and all it will take is slightly less than 20% of them to order the book and it will be sold out.

We will also be producing 600 copies of the book in a soft-bound edition. **Every alumnus who attends the celebration will receive a free, soft-bound copy of the history book of the Iowa State Chapter.** These will be given out Friday evening, March 13, 2009 at the history book presentation. If you cannot attend the celebration but would like to order a book, they will be available at a cost of \$25 each.

An order form is enclosed with this edition of the newsletter. If you want to order a book – don't delay! We anticipate that they will sell quickly and once they are gone – that's it!

## Limited Edition, Centennial Coin is Minted for 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Corporate Board has been looking for a unique way to celebrate this centennial and we think that we have come up with just the right item. We have commissioned a commemorative coin to be produced for this event. Only 100 coins have been struck, and they are all individually numbered from 1 to 100. The first five coins will be auctioned off on Saturday evening to raise funds for the Iowa State Chapter Scholarship Fund. Individual coins may be purchased for \$30 each, and the cost to you is **fully tax-deductible** as the funds are used for scholarships.



A picture of the front and back of the coin is shown above.

## **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/](http://www.stuorg.iastate.edu/acacia/)**

## **In Memoriam**

## **Active Chapter Report**

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Dear Brothers and friends,

Happy (early) Thanksgiving! It is only a week and a half until Thanksgiving break, and after a very successful and exciting semester I think everyone is ready for some down time at home. I have several exciting things to report for the chapter. First, we were the overall Homecoming champions for the second year in a row. We were paired with Delta Tau Delta and Alpha Gamma Delta, and I think I can vouch for everyone when I say that this is the best pairing we have ever had. We were all extremely impressed with Delts because they actively sought our participation in everything we did as a pairing and were extremely respectful of our men (as a small house, we have often been an afterthought in the pairing but it was certainly not that way this year!) Our freshmen also won Yell Like Hell, so we are very proud of them!

We also just finished initiation on Saturday, and we now have 11 great new Acacians. They are all going to be tremendous assets for the house; they have already demonstrated a strong desire to be leaders in the house, on campus, and in the community, so I know that Acacia will be in good hands over the next several years. We had several of our younger alumni come back for initiation, and we always want to see more alumni coming back for activities such as this. You are always welcome at the house!

We are gearing up to participate in our first ever Acacia Claus. This was started five years ago and many other Acacia chapters are now participating in it. We will have one day where we stand outside of Wal-Mart/K-Mart and collect toys, which we will then donate to a local charity such as Salvation

Army. We are working on co-hosting this with a sorority and we look forward to it being extremely successful.

We will be having our annual Secret Santa gift exchange on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, which is the Sunday before finals. This is always a very fun event and a great way to end the semester/begin celebrating the holiday season. Plus, it is always interesting to see what members will buy each other; there have been some rather interesting gifts exchanged in the past...

I have one sad piece of news to report. One of our alumni, Aaron Rosheim, lost his mother, Gwen, to cancer this week. She was also the aunt to one of our newly active members, Ryne Dittmer. She was an incredible advocate for the house and loved our brothers. Everyone who knew her will miss her tremendously, and I ask that you keep Aaron, Ryne, and their family in your thought and prayers.

Finally, on a personal note, this will most likely be my last newsletter writing as the Venerable Dean for the chapter. We will be having elections the Monday after Thanksgiving and the new Venerable Dean will contribute to the December newsletter. I want to thank you all for having the opportunity to serve the chapter in this capacity. It has been an extremely valuable experience for me, and I greatly appreciate the support I have received from the active chapter and our alumni. As I finish my Iowa State career, I look back and realize that so many of my best memories are of things I did in the chapter. I look forward to seeing how it will continue to grow and be a tremendous asset to the Greek Community here at Iowa State. I am an Acacian. I am proud of it.

## **Board President's Message**

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Greetings my Brother ACACIANS!

## **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. 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, 2008. (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 Fund Donations in 2008*

## **\$ 790 Contributed in 2008 by Iowa State Acacians**

The table that is shown lists those Brothers and friends who have made tax-deductible contributions to the chapter scholarship fund in 2008. Please accept our grateful thanks for your generosity! Your contributions provide vital support the academic efforts of your Brothers in our Chapter!

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