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Acacia is #1 in ISU Greek System with 3.24 G.P.A.

The **Fall, 2010** semester grade results are in, and **Acacia Fraternity** once again stands atop all of the other fraternities in the Iowa State Greek System for top academic honors. The results for the top five chapters are as follows:

1.	Acacia	3.24
2.	FarmHouse	3.18
3.	Phi Kappa Psi	3.09
4.	Alpha Gamma Rho	3.06
4.	Beta Sigma Psi	3.06
4.	Sigma Phi Epsilon	3.06

All Fraternity Average 2.82

All Men's Undergrad Ave. 2.86

Academic excellence is a hallmark of the members of Acacia Fraternity. **As you can see from the table on this page, our chapter has been ranked #1 for fourteen out of the past seventeen semesters!** Since the chapter was refounded in 1999, Acacia has held the #1 academic slot more than 60% of the time, and we have held either the #1 or #2 academic slot 95% of the time. An impressive record of achievement by any measure.

Our focus remains on recruiting only **exceptional men** who are **dedicated to their academic studies** and to making a **positive contribution to society**. This has been a core strategy which has been shown to be successful over the years. It is our focus on academics, personality, and a demonstrated level of leadership which has enabled us to build the preeminent academic Fraternity at Iowa State.

Based on the results for the fall semester, a total of **\$24,598** in scholarships for academic excellence, residency in the chapter house, and leadership within the chapter were awarded to our Brothers in the active chapter. The list of the Brothers who earned a 3.00 or higher grade point is shown below, and we would like to recognize these Brothers for their outstanding academic achievement:

Samuel M. Behrens

Pavel I. Beresnev

Ian L. Bryant
Andrew D. Doherty
Michael L. Felderman
Noah J. Gullikson
Andrew K. Joseph
Mackenzie A. Kloewer
Seth M. Nelson
Austin J. Schlatter
Bryon D. Smith
Zachary J. Walker
Zhong Zheng
Tyler J. Zylstra

Ryne B. Dittmer
Matthew B. England
Alexander C. Fitzgerald
Zachary R. Jameson
Derek M. Joseph
Thoams R. McGee
Derek E. Robison
Daniel A. Schwartzstein
Riley B. Thiesfeld
Michael S. Weber
Matthew P. Zylstra

Previous academic results for the Chapter are as follows:

Term	Position	GPA
Fall, 2010	#1	3.24
Spring, 2010	#1	3.32
Fall, 2009	#4	3.03
Spring, 2009	#1	3.29
Fall, 2008	#1	3.21
Spring, 2008	#1	3.29
Fall, 2007	#1	3.24
Spring, 2007	#2	3.15
Fall, 2006	#1	3.15
Spring, 2006	#1	3.29
Fall, 2005	#1	3.40
Spring, 2005	#1	3.43
Fall, 2004	#1	3.39
Spring, 2004	#1	3.38
Fall, 2003	#1	3.49
Spring, 2003	#1	3.24
Fall, 2002	#2	3.17

Twenty-five out of thirty-eight (66%) chapter members earned a 3.00 or greater grade point for the Fall, 2010 semester. **Congratulations to all these Brothers for their outstanding academic achievement!**

Acacia Claus delivers Joy to Ames Area Children

For the third year in a row, members of the Iowa State Chapter took time out of their busy fall schedules to promote their winter philanthropy supporting the ACCESS Shelter of Story County. The toys that were donated were given to the children of mothers that are living in temporary housing provided by the ACCESS Shelter organization.



Shown in this picture are Dakota Allen, Austin Schlatter, and Andrew Johnson outside of K-Mart.

On December 4th, chapter members manned donation centers outside of the Ames Wal-Mart and K-Mart stores. They worked the entrances of both stores from 10:00am-2:00pm and had great support from the Ames Community. Over 500 toys were donated over the four hours and these toys were able to make hundreds' of children's Christmas's brighter. The toys were donated to the Women's ACCESS Shelter of Story County.

This shelter is designed to provide a safe environment for women and their children who have suffered from domestic and sexual violence. The agency has been providing services to women and their children in the Ames area since 1974, when it was originally funded by the Iowa State University Government of the Student Body.

In addition to providing temporary housing, the ACCESS Shelter also provides individual counseling, various children programs, a 24-hour crisis line, and advocacy and community education programs. Currently, the ACCESS Shelter provides services to residents of the Story, Boone, and Greene counties in Iowa. All of these confidential services are provided free of charge to those needing their help.

The picture below shows Tyler Cain, Byron Smith, and Matt England manning their booth outside the Wal-Mart store. Other chapter members who also worked at this site were Jake Bergman, Riley Thiesfeld and Dan Congreve.



Acacia members Austin Schlatter, Tyler Cain, Corey Brown, Jake Bergman, Zach Clarey, Ryne Dittmer, Scotty Locke, Ian Bryant, Dakota Allen, Derek Robinson, Kevin Wells, Andrew Johnson, and Andrew Doherty pose for their picture in surrounded by all of the toys donated by Ames area residents. This picture was taken in the newly remodeled foyer area of the chapter house.



Included among the many popular donated toys were Barbies, Hot-Wheels cars, basketballs, crayons and coloring books, and numerous board games including CandyLand.



In this picture, Acacia Brothers Ryne Dittmer and Kevin Wells are kept busy sorting and counting all of the toys donated for this event. A big Thank You goes out to everyone who supported the Chapter in this annual philanthropy!

Acacia Claus is not the only philanthropy that the Iowa State Acacians support. With the spring semester just getting underway, our chapter had eight members participate in the 2011 Dance Marathon. Dance Marathon is a nationwide philanthropic event where students (in this case at Iowa State), pledge to raise \$200 per person and then spend 10 hours without sitting, at the Memorial Union dancing, playing games, and meeting the children that they help.

The money that each member raises goes to the Children’s Miracle Network and the University of Iowa Children’s Hospital. This year’s Dance Marathon landed on the 29th of January, where the students of Iowa State raised over \$264,000!



Shown in this picture are Iowa State Acacians (back row – left to right) Mike Felderman, Tyler Cain, Mike Weber, Sam Behrens, (front row – left to right) Dakota Allen, Andrew Doherty, Scotty Locke, and Tom McGee. Congratulations and thanks to them for their support and involvement in this worthy cause!

Iowa State Chapter’s Pages of Promise Continues to Grow

Pages of Promise is our chapter’s philanthropy that donates used and old text books to schools, universities, and libraries throughout Africa. Our chapter will collect the textbooks at the end of each semester, sort them, and ship them to Books for Africa which is located in Minneapolis. Books for Africa distributes the books that we collect over the semesters to several countries in Africa.

During the Acacia Root Beer Floats last semester, our chapter’s philanthropy to fund shipping for the Pages of Promise (POP) books to Minneapolis, the idea for making POP a nonprofit organization began to get more steam. As of now POP exists just in our chapter and the Iowa State Greek community. However with this status, POP could grow outside of the university itself.



Prior to the end of the fall semester, a Pages of Promise committee was formed to start taking on this lofty goal. Two Iowa State Acacia alumni Keegan Kautzy, POP’s creator, and Craig Buske, an Iowa State Acacia alumnus and a lawyer in Minneapolis, agreed to help with the process.

The first task to be accomplished is start writing the articles of incorporation and filling out the tax forms for a 501c3 status with the government. This is what is currently being done at this point in time. While this task is being accomplished, the committee is gearing up for a new advertising campaign for POP, something that has never really been done in the past, as advertising about the program was done strictly via “word-of-mouth”. The committee utilized table tents in the Memorial Union and various dining centers, ISU’s News Line, mass emails, flyers, and as usual put out the boxes across campus and

the Greek community in which the donated books were placed. The committee also put together some new boxes in which to collect the books, and created a new logo for POP that was more personal and in keeping with the goal of the philanthropy.

Along with writing the articles of incorporation the committee is also in the process of creating a board of directors for POP consisting of members from the undergraduate chapter, the Ames community, and the university. With this board of directors and nonprofit status put in place, Pages of Promise will be able to expand outside of the university and into the Ames community.

Donors would not only be able to donate their textbooks, but also make tax deductible donations as well. The entire program is still a "work-in-process", but given the level of commitment demonstrated by the alumni and chapter members, it is reasonable to expect this new organization to be fully up and running within a matter of just a few months.

A program begun just a few years ago shows great signs of eventually becoming a nationwide organization that will benefit many thousands of students in Africa, all due to the vision of Keegan Kautzky, an Iowa State Acacian.

Legally Blonde Burger

All work and no "play" makes for a dull Iowa State Acacian!

Towards the end of the fall semester Stewart Burger, our chapter's University Advisor, and an alumnus from the Cornell Chapter, was generous enough to take the entire active chapter to dinner and a play.

For dinner Stewart treated us to Lucullan's Italian Grill in down town Ames, and for the play we went to see *Legally Blonde: The Musical* at Iowa State Center's Stephens Auditorium.

As always it was a great time out with Stewart. Thanks again, Stewart!



2010 Alumni Donations

The donations provided by our alumni to the Scholarship and Capital Improvement Funds have been vital factors in the long-term success of the chapter. As the recent Report on the State of the Acacians made clear, the cost of attending Iowa State University has sky-rocketed over the past ten years, and it shows no sign of slowing down any time soon. We can not begin to thank our alumni enough for their generosity in supporting these two Funds. Donations to the scholarship fund have been critical in our ability to be able to attract men to become Brothers in our Fraternity.

Recently, a number of our alumni have asked us if we could set up a program where donations could be made directly from their bank accounts or via a credit card, and on a recurring basis where the donation would be handled in much that same manner as the payment of insurance, utility or other bills. Utilizing this system, our alumni could set up an automatic donation payment

plan, saving them the time and trouble of writing and mailing in a check. After discussing this option with Darold Larson at Acacia HQ, a link to the Acacia website was setup to allow for donations in this manner. Therefore, we can now receive online donations through the Acacia.org website at:

http://www.acacia.org/foundation_giving.php

When donors go to this page, they will need to use the "drop-down" menu, select "Iowa State" and click the "Continue" button. This action will then take the donor to a specific page identifying the gift as being targeted to the Iowa State Chapter Fund through the Acacia Fraternity Foundation. Additionally, the donor can choose to either donate utilizing a credit card or e-check and can also choose to give a one-time donation or recurring donations. The Corporate Board and active Chapter thank all of our alumni for their support!



Alumni Capital Improvement Donations in 2010

\$ 3,565 Contributed in 2010 by Iowa State Acacians

The table that is shown lists those Brothers and friends who have made contributions to the capital improvement fund drive in 2010. Please accept our grateful thanks for your generosity!

----- Alumni Contributors in 2010 -----

Chapter Partner (\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,499)

Robert L. Carstens - #354

Bronze Partner (\$ 100 - \$ 499)

William G. Percy - #420
 Kenneth L. MacRae - #427
 Kenneth A. Porter - #457
 Lynn R. Pendry - #469
 Larry J. McComber - #525
 James M. Hanson - #533
 Gary D. Harter - #538
 Dennis G. McComber - #556
 John H. Danks - #583

Lee R. Christensen - #601
 Donald L. Good - #653
 David M. Strom - #693
 Thomas H. Elitharp - #719
 Charles R. Tass - #833
 Laury E. Decker - #910
 Cecil G. Williams - #929

Spirit Partner (\$ 1 - \$ 99)

Walter C. Bredbeck - #419
 Walter R. Kolbe - #527
 Richard B. Barnard - #649
 William H. Anderl - #679
 Ray E. Gustafson - #712
 Craig A. Buske - #1009
 John A. Kvinge - #1022
 Chad R. Jackson



Alumni Scholarship Fund Donations in 2010

\$14,670 Contributed in 2010 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 2010. Please accept our grateful thanks for your generosity! Your contributions provide vital support the academic efforts of your Brothers in our Chapter!

----- Alumni Contributors in 2010 -----

Pythagorean Partner (\$ 2,500 - \$ 4,999)

Harold D. Zarr Jr. - #814

Chapter Partner (\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,499)

Robert L. "Sam" Carstens - #354
 Thomas J. Brown - #403

Silver Partner (\$ 500 - \$ 749)

Donald G. Lyon - #461

James H. Davis - #489
 David W. Smith - #565
 Douglas R. Whitney - #627
 Jeffrey L. Peil - #991

Bronze Partner (\$ 100 - \$ 499)

Richard G. Wilson - #409
 John R. Fulkerson - #410
 Kenneth L. MacRae - #427
 Dale W. Weber - #436
 Marcus A. Merriman - #446
 John W. Sheldon - #453
 Lynn R. Pendry - #469
 C. Ronald Hoisington - #472
 Bert Fellows - #475
 Joel E. Jensen - #496
 Richard W. Taylor - #506
 James M. Hanson - #533

Gary D. Harter - #538
 John E. Shrader - #539
 John P. Bahr - #545
 Clifton L. Kessler - #548
 Dennis G. McComber - #556
 Larry D. Christensen - #566
 Donald E. Mathre - #573
 Jerry W. Crossett - #577
 John W. Baty - #623
 Wilbur G. Sandbulte - #639
 Terry L. Thoem - #667
 Philip C. Larson - #684
 Bruce C. Wight - #770
 James K. England - #800
 Laury E. Decker - #910
 Rob K. Borcharding - #978
 Jared Ramthun - #1019

Stewart L. Burger – Cornell
 Daniel Congreve - parent
 Layton Zylstra - parent

Spirit Partner (\$ 1 - \$ 99)
 Charles L. Dozois - #379
 Bernard J. Kolp - #466
 Walter R. Kolbe - #527
 Gary L. Ruegsegger - #613
 Ray E. Gustafson - #712
 Timm A. Wilkin - #717
 Stephen J. Casper IV - #905
 Mark W. Steffen - #918
 Mark S. Bundy – parent
 Alan I. Schwartzstein - parent

Two Men Pledge Acacia in the Fall Semester



My name is John Meyer, I am currently a freshman, and my major is Undecided Engineering. I am from Mahtomedi, MN where I have lived my whole life and love its small town feel. In high school, I played football and lacrosse and I also played Bari-saxophone in our high school band. I was also involved in my school's volunteer organization called Mahtomedi Service Partnership. I chose Iowa State because I really liked the atmosphere of Ames and the engineering program here. So far, I have really enjoyed my experiences on campus. I chose ACACIA fraternity because I was looking for a place where I could find a good group of friends, a comfortable place to live and still focus on academics. As I have noticed from my time spent at the house, I have found the members to be very friendly and helpful. I look forward to getting to know the other members better. My goal for the future is to graduate with a master's in engineering from Iowa State.



Name: Benjamin John Schneider
 Class: Junior
 Major: Animal Ecology
 Hometown: Bellevue, Iowa

I have always had a great love and interest for the outdoors and sports. In fact, the majority of my free time in Bellevue High School was spent hunting, fishing, playing sports, and assisting with projects for the local DNR. These projects usually involved tagging fish or geese depending on the season. It was through these projects that I realized my lifelong passion was to work with wildlife in my career. Yet, I also had other ambitions as well, and went on to achieve an appointment to the prestigious United States Military Academy at West Point. I later found that a career in the military was not in my best interest, but the experience and education I learned there was invaluable. I have had multiple leadership opportunities throughout my two years at the United States Military Academy and in the Army as a Squad Leader,

Team Leader and Member of Squad. It was also at the academy that I became a member of the Club Orienteering team. Orienteering is a sport that involves navigating through difficult terrain in a timed race. Orienteering complemented my love of the outdoors with my need to be physically active, and I thoroughly enjoyed my time in the sport as my team and I went on to be JV National Champions in 2010.

After leaving West Point, I came to Iowa State University in the fall of 2010 and chose my major to be Animal Ecology. I quickly became very involved with the Ames community by participating in local service groups such as, the 10,000 Hours Show, and APO. I also look forward to sharing more of my

time with the ISU campus and community by becoming a member of Acacia. Even though I'm considered a junior and my time in college is coming to a close. I hope to leave a lasting impression on the campus and the community before I depart.

Other details about me include that I have taken four years of Spanish, and a year of German so I consider myself to be trilingual. I am excellent at leading teams and forging strong relationships amongst the team as a result of my past experiences with leadership and I consider myself to be a reliable, competent and trustworthy individual.

In Memoriam

Roger A. Honsbruch - #776
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Roger A. Honsbruch, 58, of Sioux City died Wednesday, June 16, 2010, at a local hospital.



Services were held at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Sioux City. Interment followed in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery at Aurelia, Iowa.

Roger Adrian Honsbruch was born on February 16, 1952, in Alta, Iowa, the son of Adrian and Evelyn (Stief) Honsbruch. He was raised and educated in the rural Aurelia area. As a youth, he was known for building things and in high school, for his talent in music.

Roger was united in marriage to Patricia Glawe on February 24, 1973, in Aurelia. Since the early 1980s, they made their home in the Sioux City area. He enjoyed playing golf, boating and fishing. Roger was active as a coach with children's athletic teams. Roger was an ISU sports fan.

Roger was a member of the Redeemer Lutheran Church. The family attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Sioux City, while the children attended elementary school there. While the family attended St. Paul's, Roger was an elder and was very active in the scouting program at the school.

Roger is survived by his wife, Patricia; his two sons, Greg and his wife, Megann of West Lafayette, Ind., and Brent Honsbruch of Parachute, Colorado; his daughter, Kelsey of

Colorado Springs, Colorado; two sisters, Janet and her husband, Dale Stearns of Parkersburg, Iowa, and Darla and her husband, Terry Johnson of Jefferson, Iowa; three grandchildren, Carter, Keira and Kaylie Honsbruch; along with many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his mother-in-law and father-in-law.

Letter from a Kansas Alumnus

((Editors Note: This letter was received by Matt England, President of the Active Chapter last December. I'm not certain how Brother Harwood knew of our chapter and its activities, but his letter was most kind and I am pleased to reproduce it here for you to read.))

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Dear Iowa State Brothers,

Great Projects, Acacians!

As you might surmise from my e-mail address, I'm an alumnus of the University of Kansas and its shuttered Acacia chapter. I'm also an old fart at 59 years of age.

When I was at KU, back in the ancient Hippie ear, I created and led a project we called Project Santa, using a five-day spades-playing-in-snowy-weather marthon to raise money for christmas presents for disadvantaged children in Lawrence. Looking back on it today, it was pretty simplistic, but over the three years of its existence, we took in around \$7,500 (which, of course, is about 100 gazillion in today's dollar). Maybe

some memory of it helped to inspire today's Acacia Claus projects ... but I doubt that.

So, now you know I have some "Service to Humanity" cred. I also happened to work one year for the Acacia National Headquarters as the tne-called Traveling Field Secretary (I'm so glad they changed that name!), so I also have a fairly wide perspective of all things Acacia.

That said, I want you guys to know that what I've been reading about your chapter's philanthropic activities lately makes me immensely proud to be your somewhat ancient, other-chapter brother.

Google brings me Acacia news stories from around the nation and recently it has brought me stories about two of your outstanding projects. The Pages of Promise project is simply incredible. Original, thorough, needed and appreciated – all the elements of a great service project. If Pages of Promise is not expanded to a national level, someone is really missing the proverbial boat. Congratulations on this masterpiece!

Also, your Acacia Claus toy Drive is, of course, a project after my own heart. I just hope you get a chance to meet some of the lives you are touching with your good work.

Finally, a check of your website reveals that you also practice a Seven Days of Service campaign for the Ames community. If anything is ever going to change the persistent negative stereotypes about fraternities, it is exactly this sort of effort that will do ti. On behalf of all Acacia alumni everywhere, that you for doing this.

I'm not the slightest bit surprised that your chapter is the current Malcolm Award winner. It seems to me that you have set the course to put a lock on that award for at least another year and I'll happily applaud the decision if that's the case.

Perhaps by the time you reach the ripe agae of 59, you'll understand several erasons invisible to you in your current youth about why service to humanity is the best work of life. Trust me, your hard service work now will bring you rewards the rest of your lives.

Thank you, Brothers. Thank you very much. Please keep up your superb work!

Fraternally yours,
Ken Harwood - #832 (Kansas)

Active Chapter Report

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Dear Brothers and Parents,

I am pleased to report to you another successful fall semester with a chapter GPA of 3.22. As always, at the close of each fall semester our chapter holds officer elections to which many qualified members were elected to new positions for the next year. As newly elected Venerable Dean I am extremely excited to lead the chapter into the new year. As we have started our progress into the spring semester, our chapter's goals continue to grow, and we are fortunate enough to start our spring semester with three new members in our pledging program. Don't forget to check out their biographies outlined in this month's Pythagorean.

Our philanthropy Pages of Promise has begun to take some really great steps. Last semester the Pages of Promise committee started to advertise the philanthropy way more than had been in the past. They utilized mass email, table tents, ISU's news line, and even created a new logo to get the word out. By the end of December our chapter was able to ship over 3500 pounds of books to the Books for Africa warehouse in Minneapolis. The committee is also currently working on filing article of incorporation with the government to make Pages of Promise a nonprofit organization; a 501c3 status. There is more about this process in this Pythagorean. Of course every year our chapter participates in Acacia Claus, Acacia's National philanthropy, where in last December we were able to collect over 500 toys to donate to the local Access Youth Shelter program here in Ames.

In the coming months there are some great Iowa State events to prepare for. The first week in April will be the Greek Community's annual Greek Week and Greek Getaway. For Greek Week our chapter is paired with men of Phi Delta Theta and the women of Chi Omega, and we look forward in participating in the many events the week has to offer including: Tournaments, Bed Races, Egg Joust, Canoe Races, Quiz Bowl, and many more. Following Greek Week is Greek Getaway, one of our chapter's and the Greek community's biggest recruiting events. This weekend, April 1 - 3, gives high school seniors a chance to come visit Iowa State's Greek community, stay with different chapters, and to learn about what we have to offer. As always our recruitment chairmen, Andrew Doherty and Tom McGee, will be preparing in full for this event so if you know anyone who might be interested in coming to Iowa State this fall, don't be afraid to give us a call!

On a side note I would like to congratulate our graduating seniors, and seniors who have just graduated and are now moving on to new cities and careers: Luke Agrimson is now the 9th Grade Men's Basketball Coach for Gilbert High, Matt Zylstra will be working for Boeing in St. Louis after he graduates in the spring, Andrew Joseph who will be working for Garmin in Kansas City after he graduates in the spring, Alex Fitzgerald who will soon be working for Interlochen summer arts camp, and Ezra Shields who is working with Kem in Des Moines. May your travels take you far.

Our spring scholarship luncheon will be on April 17th this year, during VEISHEA! Make a point to come see how all of our members are doing and continue to support them in their studies. Also keep in mind that the VEISHEA parade is on the 16th, the Saturday before, so come on out early and enjoy the celebration in Ames for the weekend. Enjoy the last parts of winter and hope to see you all in April.

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member biographies, photos, and more!

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Board President's Message

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Greetings my Brother ACACIANS!

The Christmas season has come and gone, and we are now enjoying all that the winter season has to offer. God, I can't wait for spring to get here! Sub-zero temperatures, blizzard conditions, high winds, slick roads – what am I doing living here in Iowa?

But speaking of spring, I am looking forward to our alumni gathering to be held on the Sunday of VEISHEA weekend, Sunday April 17th to be exact. We know that many of our alumni return to Iowa State during VEISHEA, and we hope that you will take the time to do two things. First, stop in to the chapter house and visit the men of Acacia and take a look at all the improvements that we have made in the chapter house over the past couple of years. I know that we have had pictures in the newsletter, but they really do not do justice to the work that has been accomplished. Besides, we will be replacing the carpeting going up the stairs and on the second floor during spring break, so there will be one more thing that is brand new to take a look at.

Second, I really hope that you will stop by for luncheon and the Donor Appreciation Luncheon that will be held on Sunday morning in the Sunroom in the Memorial Union. Following the reception, we will be having the luncheon where we will honor all of our scholarship winners in the chapter in addition to the annual awarding of the Acacia of the Year.

At this point in time, we are also expecting that the Acacia International President, Robert E. Roberson will be present as well. Robert has been invited and is tentatively planning on attending this event. This is quite an honor for our chapter, and we hope that you will take this opportunity to stop in and visit with him about the future of the Fraternity and our chapter in particular.

During the Donor Reception, we will be sharing with our alumni our plans for the future, and we will be inviting comments and suggestions from all the alumni who are present.

It was gratifying to me to see the letter sent to us by Brother Harwood of the Kansas Chapter. It is always nice to be recognized for our good works, and especially by a Brother from another chapter of our Fraternity. It speaks well of the men in our chapter that they can have a positive influence on those who live both inside and outside the Ames area.

Please return the enclosed reservation form as soon as possible so that we can plan for the spring event, and don't forget to vote for in the Board election. Until we meet in April, stay warm!

A Message from the Chapter Advisor

Jeremy N. Davis - #969
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((Editors Note: Over Christmas, Jeremy sent out an e-mail update to all of the alumni for whom we have an e-mail address. For those you who were not able to receive his e-mail letter, its highlights have been reproduced below.))

Our undergraduate chapter continues to be heavily involved in campus, philanthropic and social activities—all while maintaining a strong commitment to academic success. From an alumni perspective, we could not be prouder of our undergraduate brothers and the efforts they put forward each and every day as Acacians!

As many of you are aware, the newspaper which serves the Ames area is the Ames Tribune. In Thursday's (December 2, 2010) edition, an article was published regarding the chapter's Pages of Promise philanthropy. Through Pages of Promise, our chapter collects thousands of text books which are donated by ISU Students at the end of each semester. As you may

recall from your undergraduate days, the price received at the end of the semester when you went to sell your book back at the book store was significantly less than what you paid for it; and in many cases the value is less than \$10/book. As a result, the books collected at the end of each semester are shipped by our Chapter to schools in Africa, where they do not have the financial resources to acquire these text books. To read the article in the Ames Tribune, click the following link: http://www.amestrib.com/articles/2010/12/02/ames_tribune/news/doc4cf7b6648b894799293480.txt

Additionally, our Chapter also participates in Acacia Claus, which is an annual philanthropic endeavor established by the Acacia International Fraternity. Now in its 6th year, Acacia chapters from across the United States and Canada collect new, unwrapped toys for local charities in the chapters' local community. For our Chapter, the toys collected are provided to the ACCESS Shelter organization.

In other chapter news, this past Monday evening (November 29), the Chapter held its annual election of officers. And, as always, it was a nice four and a half-hour meeting of nomination speeches, questions, and discussion amongst the brothers! Although a lengthy process, the dedication exhibited by our undergraduates through the various discussions surrounding each position, shows that our chapter brothers place great care in this process to ensure the best possible candidates are elected to serve the Chapter. All in all, the brothers elected to serve for 2011 are a strong group of young men, leaders, and outstanding fraternity brothers. Although they will not officially assume their newly elected positions until January, the transition process has already been initiated and these officers are already preparing for the upcoming year. Our newly elected Venerable Dean is Brother Riley Thiesfeld and his email address (should you wish to contact him) is: rileyt@iastate.edu.

Finally, I wanted to write briefly about our scholarship program. As you learned in the "A Report on the State of the Acacians and the Iowa State Chapter of Acacia Fraternity in 2010" mailed in October, our scholarship program has truly been a key component of our success as a chapter at Iowa State. We have strived to help our undergraduate brothers keep their student loan debt levels as minimal as possible through our scholarship programs.

Unfortunately, this is becoming more and more of a challenge as the cost of attaining a higher education at Iowa State continues to rise significantly. And so, I would ask that you

consider making a tax-deductible gift to the Iowa State Chapter Fund through the AFF to help support the scholarship programs for our undergraduate brothers. Whether it be \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1000, or \$5,000; your gift will be much appreciated by the undergraduate brothers who are the direct-recipients of the scholarships. Please take a moment and complete the contribution card which was included with this Pythagorean, and return it to Brother Harold Zarr, Jr. along with your tax-deductible donation for our Chapter's scholarship programs.

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