



# The Iowa State Pythagorean

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## Chapter starts Fall Semester with Philanthropy Project

On September 24<sup>th</sup>, the Iowa State Greek Community hosted a system-wide event called Greeks Give Back. This was a day in which both fraternities and sororities were working side-by-side to benefit the local Ames community. In its early planning periods, Greeks Give Back was highly attended by all of the chapters in the Greek system. This had both positive and negative effects. There were many hands, but unfortunately, there was insufficient work to keep everyone busy. The Acacia house leaders were very excited about this opportunity to allow all members of the house to give their time and talents to benefit others, and refused to let the prospect of little work to interfere.

Philanthropy Chair, Austin Schlatter, came to the house with another option. On September 11<sup>th</sup>, he had participated in a service day in the small town of Maxwell, Iowa. The town had been undergoing numerous jobs in order to present a more updated, clean and welcoming appearance as a community. Community leaders were also helping deserving residents perform needed improvements to their homes. Brother Schlatter told his fellow chapter members about how much their assistance could be used there, and they responded with overwhelming support.

In the late morning of the 24<sup>th</sup>, 28 chapter members piled into cars and started the drive down to Maxwell. After arriving the travelers were greeted by one of the leaders of the Methodist Mission Group. The organization had already put hours into the restoration of the town, but was willing to supervise the rowdy group of college men that were coming to help. Before work began, however, members were treated to a fantastic lunch of Maid-rites, beans, chips, cookies, and brownies. What more could a guy ask for?

With their bellies full, the members split up into two groups each going to a different house that was being worked on. Both groups did relatively the same work. They started off by scraping existing paint off of the siding, and eventually they moved into priming certain parts of the homes. One of the homes belonged to a family whose parents were laid off from their jobs, with the other to an elderly lady who was unable to pay for the updates. Both recipients were extremely thankful for the assistance that they were receiving.

In the photo shown below, Tanner Jeager, Derek Robison, Jake Bergman, Riley Thiesfeld, Ian Bryan, and Colten Fales work on

stripping and priming one house during this philanthropy project.



The following photo shows Ben Henke, Clayton Van Ekeren, Tom McGee, Dan Schwartzstein, and Derek Joseph hard at work stripping and scraping the second house in Maxwell.



After four hours of work, everyone was exhausted but also happy. Chapter members, MMG leaders, and home owners

were talking, laughing and smiling about the day. The event was a great way to build ties with others. Not only did it create a relationship between the Acacia chapter house and the town of Maxwell, but it also did the same thing between members of the house both new and old. The experience was so enjoyable and impactful on some members that they fully intend on going back to help the small town as its inhabitants continue to renovate and repair it. So, when spring arrives, watch out Maxwell because Acacia Fraternity will be back!

This is a group photo of the chapter members who participated in this project in Maxwell taken after working on the two homes.



Kneeling L to R: Ben Henke, Nathan West, Kevin Wells, Dan Schwartzstein, Drew Sherman

Front Row L to R: Tom McGee, Derek Robison, Riley Theisfeld, Ian Bryant, Carl Holst

Middle Row L to R: Carlton Stripe, Zach Clarey, John (Jack) Mayer, Addison Kistler, Andrew Mann, Cole Westphal, Derek Joseph, Jake Bergman, Dakota Allen

Back Row L to R: Austin Schlatter, Tanner Jeager, Clayton Van Ekeren, Michael Felderman, Tyler Zylstra, Colten Fales, Byron Smith, Zach Jameson

### Homecoming “Yell Like Hell” Skit takes 2nd Place

As a part of the Homecoming Celebration, The Yell Like Hell skit was called “Geoffroy’s Last Year” as Iowa State’s current President, Dr. Geoffroy, will be stepping down from his position in January of 2012.



The skit ended up taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall in the Yell Like Hell standings.

Dr. Leathe will be taking his place and so far he has had a warm welcome at ISU.

## Acacia Welcomes Fourteen New Brothers

Our two rush chairman, Andrew Doherty and Thomas McGee got an early start on summer rush this year, and their efforts have succeeded in recruiting another exceptional group of young men who have become Brothers in our Fraternity. Recruiting members of outstanding ability has become more and more competitive between the fraternities at Iowa State, with each one vying for the finest men available.

Acacia has proven to have a competitive edge in this process based on three factors. The first is the men who currently live in the chapter house. Potential members want to be around men who are outgoing, socially active and successful, and the men of our chapter fulfill all of these requirements!

The second factor is academics. Our chapter has an outstanding track record of academic success. This has proven to be an

important factor to both potential members and their parents, as they wanted to be certain that we were serious about our emphasis on meeting academic goals.

The third factor is the chapter house itself. The construction of the third floor library and the installation of new windows and the myriad of other projects that we have completed over the years demonstrated that we were doing all that we could to provide a safe and comfortable living environment for everyone in the house. Most of these improvements have been due to the generosity of our alumni, which have paid huge dividends to us in supporting our efforts to recruit the finest men possible for our Fraternity. The chapter house will once again be filled to capacity this year, and we have a number of men whom we hope to add as members in the spring semester as well. But for now, meet your newest Brothers!



**Colton Wayne Fales**

Hello my name is Colten Fales I am a freshman pledge from the small town of Merna, Nebraska, just four hours west of Omaha. I chose Iowa State over my other college choices because of the education I would receive here. While here I plan to continue on with some of my same interests that I had in high school such as football and wrestling. I also plan to expand my interests in joining the skydiving club and hopefully going on my first jump this semester.

I am studying to get a degree in Industrial Engineering. Industrial Engineering is a very open degree that has an abundance of opportunity. With all of the opportunity that is available with this degree I am not sure what I am going to do, but I am sure that I want to make a change for the betterment of everyone's daily lives.



**Ben Michael Henke**

Ben Henke chose to come to Iowa State because he really enjoyed the campus and they had exactly what he wanted to study, Kinesiology. He's from Lenexa, Kansas and wants to go into physical therapy. He graduated from Shawnee Mission West high school in 2011. He is the son of Mike and Sara Henke and brother to Justin Henke and he is the youngest of the family. Some of Ben's interests are science, filmmaking, soccer, basketball, ping pong, and playing video games.

His favorite season is winter because during winter he likes when it snows so he can play with his dog, Badger, outside and get to help the neighbors shovel their drive way. During the summer months he goes on vacation with his family and spends lots of time doing family activities. Their main spot is to go up to Minnesota to see the whole family and have a great time on the lake.



**Tanner John Jaeger**

I'm from St. Peter, MN. My parents' names are Terry and Kelly and I have a younger sister named Haley. I enjoy playing sports, fishing, and hanging out with my friends and family. I also really enjoy science and math. I am majoring in chemical engineering and hope to one day work in that field.

While I'm at Iowa State I hope to get involved as much as I can. I plan to join Freshman Council this year and a couple of other clubs as well. Additionally I'm also excited to play intramurals like flag football and broomball. Overall I'm looking forward to the college experience.



**Addison Grand Kistler**

Hello all family, friends, alumni, and current members of Acacia. My name is Addison Kistler, and as a freshman, I am very excited to become a part of this great fraternity. Until now I have lived in Illinois City, IL all my life- a very small town with no more than a couple hundred people. I went to Rockridge High School and kept very involved. Some of my various activities have included basketball, cross-country, track, Scholastic Bowl, Spanish Club, and National Honors Society. I plan on becoming very active here at Iowa State, too. I hope to join at least one or two clubs, participate in intramurals, and of course, be a contributing member of Acacia.

Taking up most of my time, however, will be my major in Mechanical Engineering. I have always enjoyed math, science, and solving problems so I think it will be the right career path for me. Coming from a small town and school, it has been quite the adjustment for me to study here at Iowa State, but I am ready for the challenge. I am a very hard worker and will have to continue to be for this major. I graduated at the top of my high school class, so academics will always come first. Although I may not be able to get straight A's every semester, I plan on doing the best of my ability to excel in and out of the classroom. I know that between this top-notch school, its great staff, and my brothers in Acacia to

support me, I will have endless opportunities for success.



**Nick Hans Kraus**

My name is Nickolas Kraus and I'm a freshman in engineering. I was born and raised in Massachusetts, but moved out to Ames at the beginning of my freshman year of high school. I decided to attend Iowa State because of its convenient proximity and stellar engineering program.

I am currently undecided upon what field of engineering I would like to pursue, but hopefully I will find a discipline that interests me in the coming semester. Aerospace and software engineering are probably the fields I will focus on in the years to come.

In high school I was very active in sports and still maintain a high level of physical activity. When I am not studying or working I enjoy a multitude of hobbies. Riding my Honda Cbr 600, lifting weights, playing soccer, keeping and breeding fish, and hanging out with friends are just a few of the things I enjoy. Hopefully my pledge to Acacia will broaden my horizon as an engineer and help me develop lifelong contacts with very intelligent people.



**Ryan Scott Lohse**

I am from Spirit Lake, Iowa. It is a small town in northwest Iowa. In high school I was involved in cross country, track, marching band, pep band, and jazz band. I really enjoyed being in all of these. In my free time I worked at Fareway and spent time with my friends bowling and playing tennis and video games.

I am planning on majoring in Management Information Systems. At Iowa State I am planning on joining the



Running Club and the Management Information Systems Club. I hope to get involved more in intramural sports and the Greek community.

**Wicitra Mahotama**

Don't do anything stupid. Those were my father's last words of advice before I boarded the Boeing 747 from Jakarta, Indonesia that would kick off my adventure at Iowa State. My adventure, however, really took flight three years earlier.

In 2008, at the ripe old age of 15, my parents gave me two options: 1) to continue my education in Indonesia or 2) to continue my education in the United States. In short, option one meant that life would not change; I would still be living with my parents and attending a public high school in Indonesia. Option two meant the opposite; life would change drastically. It meant that I would be taken under the wing of my older sister, Duhita Mahatmya, who was a graduate student at Iowa State University. I would have to become financially independent from my parents as well, but it also meant that I would get to graduate from an American high school in hopes of getting accepted into an American university.

I chose option two because not every Indonesian high school student has the chance to continue an education in the United States where opportunities are abundant such as scholarship and employment opportunities while still being a student. Through determination and hard work, I worked part-time at Taco Time throughout high school and was awarded the Multicultural Visions Program scholarship to attend Iowa State. Although I didn't have the chance to enjoy the typical American high school life such as going to football games and being involved in extracurricular activities, I gained a different experience that I believed would prove beneficial later in college. The plan pulled through; my decision to pursue an education in the United States and to pledge for Acacia Fraternity was not anything stupid indeed. My father would be glad that I listened to his advice.

That was a shortened history of how I got to here. So, where is here exactly and who am I? My name is Wicitra Mahotama. I am a freshmen at Iowa State University majoring in environmental science. I am also a Fall 2011 pledge for Acacia Fraternity.

I was born on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 1992 in Fort Collins, Colorado. I enjoy being outside and I try to disc golf whenever the weather cooperates. I believe that nothing should be taken for granted; everything should be appreciated. I still work at Taco Time as a shift supervisor, so stop by and try our globally craved and locally enjoyed Crisp Meat Burrito if you haven't. (If you've lived in Ames and haven't had one, you haven't lived in Ames.)



**William Andrew Mann**

Andrew Mann attended a large high school in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. He lived in Crystal Lake for twelve years before coming to Ames, Iowa. The reason why he chose to attend Iowa State was because of the school's strong engineering program, affordability, and Naval ROTC program. His goal is to graduate on the dean's list with a degree in Electrical Engineering, and receive a commission as an officer in the United States Navy.

Andrew's grandfather, Neil Woodley, was a proud Acacian from the class of 1961. It was he who got Andrew to check out the house during a campus visit and meet with the recruitment officers. Andrew immediately liked the fraternity, and saw it as a place where he could relax and still maintain his academic goals through the house's strong grade-oriented environment. He would like to acknowledge all of the help he has received from Acacia, and looks forward

to enjoying a great four years with his brothers.



**Gabrial Jacob McCoy**

Gabe spent most of his youth in the small town of Estherville, Iowa. He graduated from Spirit Lake High School with eighty eight classmates, and thus was able to participate in many extracurricular activities. Gabe was a varsity cross country runner; a musician in jazz, marching, and concert band; an actor in four stage productions; a student council representative; part of National Honor Society; and highly involved in 4H as a club president. In his junior year, he even journeyed to Egypt with a teacher and several of his classmates. He wanted to continue his involvement in college.

Now an Undecided Engineering major at Iowa State University, Gabe has various goals and desires for his college experience. He joined ACACIA in order to meet new people, gain leadership experience, encounter more opportunities to volunteer, and create lifelong bonds. In addition to his involvement in the Greek community, Gabe is a part of the Maple Walls House Cabinet, the ISU Cyclone Football "Varsity" Marching Band, the First-Year Honors Program, and the President's Leadership Class. He hopes to become involved in an engineering club and a leadership group as well.

Outside of school, Gabe enjoys spending time with friends and family, traveling, reading, snowboarding, building and learning about sound systems, listening to

music, jogging, and cycling. Upon graduation, Gabe hopes to begin a fulfilling career in engineering that will allow him to design sound system components and travel.

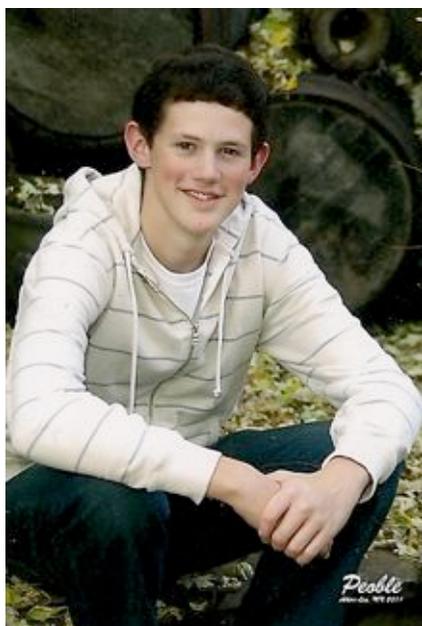


**Drew Kenneth Sherman**

My name is Drew Sherman, the son of Dan and Lisa Sherman. I'm from Stuart, Iowa and graduated from West Central Valley High School. I have two older brothers, James and Phil, both of which attended Iowa State University. Phil is an alumnus of Acacia Fraternity, which makes this experience all the greater for me.

I am a freshman with an open option major, but I am leaning heavily towards going into a Psychology or Sociology major. Also, the possibility of getting a background in business has been of some great interest to me. The reason I want to go into Psychology and Sociology is because I have an interest to do community service type work. I have an interest in going abroad and possibly joining the Peace Corps, but I am also interested in working domestically and improving the communities throughout Iowa and the rest of the United States.

My passion is working with people from a leadership type role all for the greater good. My interests all lead me towards Acacia Fraternity, whose motto is "Human Service," which fits quite well for me, considering the line of work that I am pursuing.



**Carlton James Stripe**

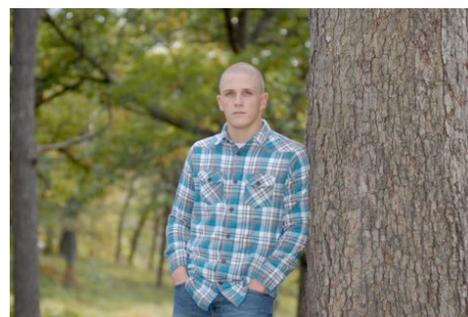
My name is Carlton Stripe and I am a freshman in Aerospace Engineering at Iowa State University. Before coming to Ames, I lived in my hometown of Albert Lea, Minnesota. Back in my hometown, I used to work at a local hotel/restaurant doing various odd jobs such as lawn mowing, banquet setup, and banquet serving.

At Iowa State, I enjoy spending time with friends, playing soccer, reading, watching sports, and going to ISU football games. I am involved in Leadership ISU, Freshmen Leaders in Engineering, AirISU, and the Pre-Law Club. In the future, after graduation, I hope to attend law school and work towards earning a law degree. I was in Mock Trial in high school and I fell in love with the program and its atmosphere. Mock Trial has given me a strong interest in attending law school after graduation.

I chose to come to Iowa State because of its highly decorated engineering program. Iowa State has a great engineering program, and I knew that attending this school was a great opportunity. I decided to join Acacia because of the strong brotherhood connections they have established and their high record of academics amongst the whole Greek community. Acacia has been my home

away from home since I moved to Ames a few weeks ago.

I am really looking forward to getting involved in many different clubs and activities here at Iowa State, such as; the Freshmen Council and the ISU Mock Trial team. I am proud and excited to be part of Acacia, and to be a part of Iowa State.



**Nathan Carl West**

The year was 1992, in the fall. The leaves were changing color, the teenagers were trading in their shorts and tank tops for jeans and sweatshirts and a young couple living in Clive, IA were about to give birth to their second boy. The world was unaware of the boy's potential and what he would accomplish in the first 19 years of his life. To the world, he was just another strong, Caucasian boy with above average good looks. Little did they know that a great leader, Christian, friend and Infantryman was now taking his first breaths in a Des Moines hospital.

The child was strong from a young age. He hit his growth spurt before most of his classmates at Clive Elementary which had given him an early advantage in sports and fighting with his two brothers. Finding an early interest in soccer, Nathan joined a recreational team in Urbandale, IA, where he would play for eight years of his childhood. In Junior High, Nathan's classmates caught up with him in size and he soon became an average size student. He was never the most popular child in his West Des Moines school district but he never had trouble making friends. The teachers knew him as a jokester, always wanting to make his peers laugh, but at the same time he was known for keeping his grades high and always managing to stay above the majority of his classmates.

In his sophomore year of high school Nathan became interested in the Army, so he decided to trade in his long, punk-style hair and clothing for a buzzed head and flannel shirts. After a friend told him about a class offered at Central Campus in Des Moines that was run by the army devoted to making young people into outstanding leaders, he decided that that was where he needed to be. The program



**Robert James Vannoy**

My name is Robert Vannoy. I am from the town of Gilbert, Iowa however I have spent most of my life in and around Ames. I have lived in Gilbert all of my life. Every member of my immediate family has either graduated from, or attended Iowa State University and my mother also works in the admissions department of ISU.

I am majoring in chemistry and hope to earn a PhD. My ideal job is to be a chemistry professor. The reason I love chemistry is because chemistry explains how the world works. I also love how there are an unbelievable number of applications of chemistry.

I enjoy spending time with my friends and meeting new people. My free time is typically dedicated to reading or surfing the internet. I also have the habit of storing really useless random facts in my brain.

was called JROTC (Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps) and for three years, this was where Nathan began every school day, before returning to his home school, Valley, in West Des Moines for his normal classes. In February 2010, when Nathan was just a junior in high school, he enlisted into the Army National Guard as an infantryman. Doing the National Guard's Split option training program, Nathan was able to attend Basic Combat Training and Infantry Advanced Individual Training down at Ft. Benning,

GA, during the summers of 2010 and 2011. (A total of 132 days... not that he was counting or anything) This allowed him to stay in school and serve his country at the same time. Joining the National Guard gave him an advantage over all his peers, having accomplished and experienced more than almost all of them in his short 19 years of life.

The National Guard also gave him the opportunity to further his education at Iowa State University by paying for his

tuition. Now he is seeking a major in Criminal Justice and has found a home with many other intelligent, successful, future leaders at Acacia Fraternity. Between the National Guard and now Acacia, Nathan has had a lot of opportunity to be a part of something bigger than himself, allowing him to grow and mature into a great leader and functioning member of society.

## 111 Alumni and Parents Attend Fall Scholarship Luncheon

Another large crowd of alumni and parents attended the fall luncheon this year, so many in fact that we had to schedule the event for a room in the Scheman Continuing Education Center next to Hilton Coliseum. The luncheon is provided free to all who attend and is followed by an ice cream social at the chapter house. Shown in the photo below are Andrew Doherty and his parents Darin and Laura Doherty.

for having earned a 3.00 grade point or above in the spring, 2011 semester.



As has become typical for the chapter, some 75% of the active chapter members received scholarships in the amount of \$200

The members shown in this photo are (left to right) Tyler Zylstra, Byron Smith, Ben Schneider, Austin Schlatter, Riley Thiesfeld, Derek Robison, and Tom McGee. The Board presented a total of \$19,219 in scholarship to members of the chapter this semester.

## Alumni Donations Contribute to Chapters Success

The importance of alumni donations to the scholarship and capital improvement funds has been a critical factor in the long-term success of the chapter. Many of the fraternities in the Iowa State Greek System now offer scholarships to their members, and especially to their new members. This is one of the area's in which Acacia has traditionally "led the way" at Iowa State, and it has been of tremendous benefit to the chapter over the past ten years. Our alumni can, and should, take great pride in the fact that their generosity and support has been instrumental in the success that has been achieved in the past few years. We on the Board and the chapter members are deeply indebted to all of our alumni who have supported the chapter with their donations!



## *Alumni Scholarship Fund Donations in 2011*

### **\$11,100 Contributed in 2011 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 2011. 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 2011 -----

**Refounding Father** (\$ 10,000 or more)

**Board of Directors Club** (\$ 5,000 - \$ 9,999)

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

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

Robert L. "Sam" Carstens - #354

Donald L. Good - #653

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David E. Wolfe - #656

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Bruce A. Banister - #777

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Jonathan Vaage - #1029

Kenneth S. Joseph - parent

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Denton W. Ericson - #504

Walter R. Kolbe - #527

Gary L. Ruegsegger - #613

Ray E. Gustafson - #712

Louis M. "Chip" Riedmann, Jr. - #795

Jeremy N. Davis - #969



## Basement Renovation Donations in 2011

### \$14,300 Contributed in 2011 by Iowa State Acacians

The table that is shown lists those Brothers and friends who have made contributions to the basement renovation project in 2011. Please accept our grateful thanks for your generosity!

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<b>Refounding Father</b>	<b>(\$ 10,000 or more)</b>
<b>Board of Directors Club</b>	<b>(\$ 5,000 - \$ 9,999)</b>
James H. Davis - #489	
<b>Pythagorean Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 2,500 - \$ 4,999)</b>
<b>Chapter Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,499)</b>
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<b>Gold Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 750 - \$ 999)</b>
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Paul G. Anderson - #618	
David E. Wolfe - #656	
Laury E. Decker - #910	
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<b>Bronze Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 100 - \$ 499)</b>

Richard G. Wilson - #409  
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 Donald G. Lyon - #461  
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 John S. Burnstrom - #470  
 George A. Robinson - #471  
 Denton W. Ericson - #504  
 Walter R. Kolbe - #527  
 William H. Anderl - #679  
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Dear Brothers and Parents,

Hello again from Ames! The chapter has been extremely busy since the last newsletter went out; most notably with Homecoming. This year our chapter was paired with the men of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and the women of Alpha Delta Pi sorority where our pairing took 1<sup>st</sup> place overall. Among the many categories homecoming is based off of,

Lawn Display, Yell Like Hell, tournaments, and blood drive are some of the most weighted scoring categories. As you may remember Lawn Display is a physical display that is built in the lawn of one of the pairings' houses and showcases a skit based around a theme. This year's theme was *Cyclone State of Mind*; emulating school spirit. Yell Like Hell is a five minutes skit where students yell and scream the fight song, perform a stomp dance routine, and anything else that jibes with the theme. This semester's Yell Like Hell team took the 2<sup>nd</sup> place prize, thanks to our chapter's freshman and one sophomore, Cole Westphal.

In addition, our chapter has been volunteering more than ever and has produced record breaking volunteer hours. By the 5<sup>th</sup> week of the semester our chapter had recorded over 400 service hours! This amount of service has never been seen in the past. One of the largest service events our chapter

participated in was stripping and priming two houses with a church group down in Maxwell, Iowa. In addition, on the November 6<sup>th</sup>, our chapter is co-sponsoring a 4k Run/Walk with the Youth and Shelter Services of Story County. Specifically we will be managing the run, helping out where needed, and acting as an advertiser for the event.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, our basement renovation is complete. The new amenities have been in constant use and the chapter is grateful for all of the alumni and parents who donated to the project.

Lastly, on Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup>, the active chapter initiated 14 new men to our roll. This is somewhat of a milestone for our chapter as this pledge class was the second largest since our re colonization. We are extremely excited to have the new members as they all are extremely hard working and bring a lot of talent and excitement to the chapter.

repairs were out of chapter funds and pay the high heat costs. I think I had a direct link between Conlley the plumber and myself. I think it is very important that the board keep the house current and not let it fall into the trap of my days in active chapter. To keep brothers coming in it is very important to have a nice facility.

And as I sit and reflect on the past I can see where we had a good base of brothers but what a detriment a subpar facility can have. I would never go back and change anything, but I think if we would have had the corporate board of today as when I was at the house I do not think there would have ever been a lapse in our presence at Iowa State.

## In Memoriam



Craig Edward Burroughs, 69, of Chicago, Illinois passed away on November 1, 2011 at the Cancer Treatment Center of America in Zion Illinois.

Craig was born on June 15, 1942 to Clifford E. and Mary V. (Pooley) Burroughs, in Waterloo, Iowa. The family moved to Yuma, Arizona later in 1942 and then to Greene, Iowa in 1944. Craig attended the Greene school system and graduated third in his class in 1959. We attended Iowa State University for two years where he became a member of Acacia Fraternity. He then went to work for the Union Pacific Railroad in their Freight Accounting Department for two years. He then returned to Iowa State where he earned his B.S. Degree in Industrial Administration in 1965. He also lettered in cross-country and track and field.

Craig worked for the Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific Railroad in Chicago, and earned an MBA in Transportation and Finance from Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management. He then devoted most of his professional life to trying to rescue and promote various short line railroads in the Midwest and South. In recent years, he became a consultant on larger scale projects including a proposed railroad link between Asia and Alaska at the Bering Strait. As Chairman and CEO of Northern Inter-Continental Enterprises, he was promoting the idea of connecting the Alaska Railroad with other North American rail lines.

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## Alumni Letter's and Updates

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Harold,

I had to take the time to send you a note after reading the recent newsletter. I am impressed with the renovations- a little depressed as Robert Kaas and I both refinished the bar and built the corner shelves in the room under the porch (also enjoyed many a cold beer at that bar) except for the paint in the party room and refinishing the bar in 1990 I bet it was a long time before that then any work was done in the basement- I am glad to see the corporate board take the stance on the facility as it has. I think this was a detriment to the time I was there. We had good brother fellowship but not as nice of facility as other houses and lack of support on improvements from the board. With the old boiler we had it was a toll on the chapter to be able to maintain it as most

Following his passion for college football Craig spent time each fall as a sportswriter covering Division III college football games for Don Hansen's National Weekly Football Gazette in his column the Red Zone. By 2010, Craig had seen 1,177 games in person and had seen all 788 four-year college football teams north of Rio Grande.

Craig was preceded in death by his parents, Cliff and Mary Burroughs; his brother, Capt. Paul Burroughs, USAF; his nephew, Benjamin Burroughs; his niece, Caitlin Burroughs; and his sister-in-law, Patsy (Johnson) Burroughs. Craig is survived by his wife Sandra of Chicago; sons: Blair (Kate); Bryce; Blake; sisters: Vicki (Robert) Bixler; Linda (Douglas) Rabbitt; brothers Kent; Lcdr. Bruce Burroughs, USN, Ret., (Cdr. Wendy Burroughs, USNR, Ret.); Neil (Debra); Brian (Tammie); Sister-in-law Lynn Bachmann, Brother-in-law Michael (Tracey) Bachmann; grandson: Maxwell Burroughs; step-granddaughter Nala Johnson and numerous nieces and nephews.

## **Board President's Message**

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Greetings my Brother ACACIANS!

The past few years have been an exciting (and exhausting) time for the people on the Board and the chapter. But at the same time, we have accomplished quite few major renovations to the property that have been long overdue and have added real value to the living environment for the men of the chapter. Because of that, all of the effort and hard work have been well worth every minute and every dollar invested. I cannot begin to thank all of our alumni enough for all of the support that have given to the chapter and the Board, but I want you know how much I deeply appreciate all you have done to help us build the chapter to the position it enjoys today.

For now, the Board is in a “financial rebuilding” mode. With all of the major projects accomplished, our attention is now focused on rebuilding our financial strength so that we will be in a position to start the next renovation project. I want to give you an insight into our plans for the future. As you know, quite a few of the chapter houses in the ISU Greek System have undergone major renovations in the past couple of years, and more are planned for the future. The Board knows that we will have to continue with our renovation projects if we are going to remain competitive in the future to attract the type of men that we have as Brothers today.

The next renovation project is slated to start in 2014, and involves a major renovation of the second floor. This plan envisions a near total remodeling of the second floor so that each room would have its own private bathroom, but at the same time ensuring that the chapter house would remain capable of housing twenty-nine men. One of the advantages that we have is that we are a relatively “small” house. This provides us with the ability of maintaining a full house without the need to constantly recruit an exceptionally large pledge class to ensure that we can cover our costs. More importantly, it provides the members with a better opportunity to truly share the close bonds of Brotherhood will enrich their college experience in ways that, just having a place to live, can never match.

Our goal is to have a minimum of \$100,000 in savings before we start the next project, not counting the funds in the mortgage reserve account. An ambitious goal to be sure, but one that I feel we can easily reach so long as the Board maintains the sound fiscal policies that we have followed for the past fifteen years.

More importantly, I would like to encourage all of our alumni to stop in anytime that they are in the Ames area. If you come for a football game, a concert, or any other event, stop in! The men in the house will be glad to show you around, and I know that you will be impressed with all that has been done during the past few years. I have been very fortunate to be around when some of our alumni stop in, and they simply cannot get over all of the changes that they see. Equally as fun, is to listen to their stories of events that occurred when they were in the house, and to see the look in their eye as they remember their own “glory days.”

As Board President, I have never tried to relive my days in the house through the men who are currently living here. This is their time, and their experiences, and their memories. It would be wrong of me to try to influence them to have the same experiences that I had. But I enjoy listening to them and hearing their stories of the events that they are living through in their own lives. In a sense, I envy them and the time that they are enjoying now, today, as members of one of the premier chapters of Acacia Fraternity and the ISU Greek System.

But my job now is work to help to provide them with the opportunity that I had, as an undergraduate member of Acacia. In a true sense, it is the lasting responsibility of all of the alumni of the chapter. I hope that you will continue your support and help the chapter to thrive in 2012.

May God bless all of you! I send my best wishes to you all for a wonderful holiday season! Take care!

## 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 newsletter is 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](mailto:acacia_814@hotmail.com). Take care, and best wishes to all of the Brothers and friends of our Fraternity!



This is a group photo of the newest members of the Iowa State Chapter of Acacia Fraternity. The photo was taken in the Ames Masonic Lodge. They are (front row, left to right) Andrew Mann, Wicitra Mahotama, Ben Henke, Nathan West, Addison Kistler, Ryan Lohse, and (second row, left to right) Robert Vannoy, Nick Kraus, Gabe McCoy, Drew Sherman, Tanner Jeager, Clayton Van Ekeren, Carlton Stripe, and Colten Fales.