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Acacia is #2 in ISU Greek System with 3.28 G.P.A. New Brothers are #2 in Greek System with 3.15 G.P.A. 72.7% of Members earn 3.00 GPA or Higher

The Fall, 2013 semester grade results are in, and Acacia Fraternity once again ranks among the best for academic honors. The competition is fierce for this honor, as reflected in the results for the top five fraternities are as follows:

1.	FarmHouse	3.34
2.	Acacia	3.28
3.	Alpha Gamma Rho	3.17
5.	Phi Kappa Psi	3.13
4.	Beta Sigma Psi	3.08
All Fraternity Average		3.08
All Men's Undergrad Ave.		2.89

Tyler J. Cain	Andrew D. Doherty
Kevin S. Duhrkopf	Colten W. Fales
David W. Gardner	Jackson P. Griffith
Garrett M. Hembry	Ben M. Henke
Michael J. Hoefler	Tanner J. Jaeger
Zachary R. Jameson	Addison G. Kistler
Nicholas H. Kraus	Joshua T. Kublie
Wicitra Mahotama	William A. Mann
Gabirel J. McCoy	Thomas R. McGee
Derek E. Robison	Chase M. Russell
Benjamin J. Schneider	Drew K. Sherman
Carlton J. Stripe	Clayton A. Van Ekeren
Preston J. Waymire	Joe L. Webb
Cole J. Westphal	Tyler J. Zylstra

Academic excellence is a cornerstone of the Iowa State Chapter of Acacia Fraternity. As you can see from the table on this page, our chapter has been ranked #1 for fifteen out of the past eighteen 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.

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:

Grant L. Albansaoder	Samuel M. Behrens
Jacob R. Bergman	Ian L. Bryant

Previous academic results for the Chapter are as follows:

Term	Position	GPA
Spring, 2012	#1	3.39
Fall, 2011	#1	3.30
Spring, 2011	#3	3.12
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
Spring, 2003	#1	3.24

Alumni Gather for Homecoming Tailgate Party

An Iowa State football season just wouldn't be the same without the annual Acacia Alumni Tailgate and this year was no exception! Prior to the homecoming game against the Baylor Bears, Acacians reunited with one another and enjoyed the beautiful fall day. This year's event was once again hosted by a few upperclassmen renting a house on Beach Avenue just a few blocks away from the stadium. With the tailgate set up in the back yard, alumni and their significant others were able to reminisce around the bon fire, play some favorite yard games or grill up some tasty burgers and brats.



Chapter Advisor Jeremy Davis, Matt Landherr, Jeff Landherr, Mike David Frost, Mike Woolley, Jeff Peil and Christian Cox-Aponte gather for a group photo prior to the Homecoming game.



Board Treasurer Jeff Peil, Mike Gano, Josh Garrietts, and David Frost are all smiles bring to big game.



Matt Landherr, Craig Buske, Jeff Handherr and Jeremy Davis share a group hug for the camera.



Acacia alumni Zach Klenske, Ezra Shields and Matt Zylstra relax prior to the game.



Matt Zylstra, Kaitlin and Nick Seibold pose for a picture. In the background is Stewart Burger, Chapter Faculty advisor.

It was a great experience to reconnect with alumni from so many pledge classes in addition to meeting some of the younger active members. We had a great turnout and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. We hope next fall will bring even more brothers back to strengthen the bonds of friendship, one with another.

Iowa State “Acacia Claus” Sets a New Record

On December 1st the men of Acacia gathered at the K-Mart and the Wal-Mart in Ames to collect items for our annual Acacia Claus Philanthropy toy drive. This year Acacia collected 823 items in one day to donate to the ACCESS shelter of Story County. This year breaks last year’s record of 700+ items donated. The collection, sorting, and donations were organized by Philanthropy Chair, Scotty Locke.



ACCESS (Assault Care Center Extending Service and Support) has been in existence since 1974, whose services include a 24-hour crisis hotline and shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children. These services are extended to families from Story, Boone, and Greene Counties.

Our members are particularly proud of this partnership. Current Philanthropy Chair Wicitra Mahotama had this to say about the

toy drive, “Acacia Claus brought out the enthusiasm of the whole chapter to spend a weekend collecting, sorting, and delivering 823 toys for a cause and organization that we believe in. The generous smiles from our members reveal how much we value Human Service.”



Tom McGee, Venerable Dean, also comments, “My favorite part of this year’s Acacia Claus was seeing how excited our members were to live out our motto of ‘Human Service’. All of us have fond memories of being a kid and getting to open a brand new toy. Knowing that so many kids in the area were going to have that experience brought out a little of the child-like enthusiasm in all of us.”

Significant Maintenance Projects Completed over the Christmas Break

The Board approved two major projects to be completed over the Christmas break. The first was the refinishing of the hardwood floors on the main floor of the chapter house. At the end of the semester, all of the furniture on the main floor was either stored in the sun room or the basement so that the work crew would have unobstructed access to the wood floors in the common areas of the main floor.

The first order of business was the replacing of a number of the wood boards that had deteriorated over time and had worn out due to use and/or water damage from the steam radiators over time. Some of the boards had been sanded so often that they were simply too thin to be sanded another time.



The above picture shows the floors in the middle of the sanding process. This process removed all of the old polyurethane and provides the company with a clear surface to stain and recoat with polyurethane. After the sanding process was complete, the wood was stained and four coats of polyurethane were applied to provide the refinished wood with sufficient protection from normal wear and tear.



The picture above shows the main foyer and is looking to the north in the room. If you are looking at this picture in the hard copy form, you can't really appreciate how good it looks. The polyurethane gives the floor a very high "sheen" and has a very "rich-looking" color.



The above picture is a view of the floor in the dining area of the chapter house and looks to the west into the sun room. For those of our alumni who have provided us with their current e-mail address, a color version of the newsletter has been sent to you, and you can get a very clear view of just how nice these floors turned out once the work had been completed.

After the polyurethane had been applied, it was necessary for the temperature in the house to be turned up to about 80 degree's for nearly week in order for the polyurethane to properly cure. While the heating bill was a bit expensive, the final result was well worth the effort!

A very special thanks goes out to Brother Lowell B. Johnson - #426 who donated the funds necessary to accomplish this important restoration project. Lowell's cousin (Wendell E. Johnson - #523) and good friend Donald L. Larson - #437 were members of the chapter when he was an undergraduate member of the chapter, and he wanted to donate the funds in the memory of these two Acacia Brothers. We are deeply grateful to Lowell for his generosity, and these floors will provide us with years of use thanks to his generosity!

The second project involved the remodeling of the bathroom in the east apartment in the basement of the chapter house. Over time, it was noticed that a leak had developed behind the shower and that the linoleum in the bathroom was becoming loose. After the shower was torn out and the fixtures removed from the bathroom, we discovered that there was a cracked pipe which had to be replaced.

Part of the floor and wall in the bathroom was torn out and the pipes replaced. Once this was complete, a new shower and fixtures were installed so that the bathroom met code and was completely sealed as well. While this project ended up being a bit bigger than we had initially thought that it would be (imagine that!), the end result was a major improvement over what existed prior to the work.

In a house as old as ours, there are always projects that keep coming up, but one by one we are not only maintaining but improving the property so that we can provide the best possible living environment to undergraduate members of our Fraternity!

ACACIANS ACROSS AMERICA



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Lowell Johnson (#426) became a member of Acacia Fraternity in 1948 during his junior year at Iowa State as agronomy major. Lowell also met his wife, Jean, as an undergraduate in family consumer science. They both have happy memories of attending formal dances together in the Great Hall at the Memorial Union. Soon after graduating in 1950, Lowell and Jean were married and just two later, Lowell was called in to serve his country in the United States Air Force. Lowell had participated in ROTC while at ISU and went to San Antonio for training as a Second Lieutenant. Assigned as a radar observer within a fighter squadron of F-89 Scorpions and F-94 Starfires, Lowell and Jean lived in both Seattle and Yuma, Nevada for a number of years before returning to Iowa at the completion of his duty in 1954.

Upon his return, Lowell enrolled in the veterinary medicine program at Iowa State while Jean joined the department of food and nutrition staff within the university's home management house taking care of orphaned children. Lowell graduated Vet Med in 1959 and afterwards, purchased a large animal practice in Garner, Iowa. It was there that he and Jean settled down and raised their two sons, Kent and Jay and hosted foreign exchange students from Sweden, Finland and South Africa.

Their oldest son, Kent, went to Iowa State for his bachelor's degree and has made his career as a veterinary pharmaceutical rep for Merck. Their younger son, Jay, broke the mold and attended Columbia College in Missouri. Jay is also the father of a teenage son who was recently invited to attend the prestigious Indiana Academy for the final two years of high school.

After many years in Garner, Lowell took an opportunity to work for the federal government reviewing the procedures of slaughter houses and meat processing plants around the U.S. so in 1985, Lowell and Jean moved to Washington D.C. The couple thoroughly enjoyed their time in our nation's capital and kept busy sightseeing and attending social functions around the city. Five years later, Lowell transferred to a federal office in Des Moines and retired a year later.

Today, both Lowell and Jean are comfortably living in Johnston and have enjoyed the opportunities to travel that retirement has brought them. The couple has visited relatives in Sweden three times so far and has also traveled to several other European countries over the course of their lifetime.

When Lowell looks back to his time in Acacia, he values above all else, the close, personal relationships he forged with his fraternity brothers. Lowell laughs while recalling all the pranks played in the cold airs, from sliding alarm clocks across the floor to short sheeting one another. But it was brothers like Ron Durham that helped him sort through his interests and talents to find his niche within veterinary medicine. Lowell also has fond memories of Acacia's house mother, Mother Dinsmore, who was always "very, very gracious, pleasant and welcoming."



Aaron Rosheim - #989
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Aaron Rosheim (#989) pledged Acacia Fraternity as a freshman at Iowa State in 2001. Aaron graduated from Iowa State with a B.A. in History in 2006. Upon graduation, he attended Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont. Norwich is the oldest private military college in the United States, founded in 1819. While at Norwich, Aaron continued to study history and graduated with a M.A. in Military History.

After college, Aaron returned to Iowa State as an instructor for the Army ROTC. He had the opportunity to work with the future leaders of the US Army, training and mentoring them on their path through college. "It was a great job that afforded me a lot of interaction with the students," says Aaron. After being an

instructor for a few years, Aaron was promoted to be the recruiting officer for Iowa State Army ROTC.

In addition to working with the Army ROTC, Aaron is a helicopter pilot for the Iowa National Guard, piloting UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters. He spent some time in Kosovo where he performed peacekeeping operations. While in Kosovo, Aaron taught English as a second language to high school students in a city near their base. He says, "The flying was fun, but working out in the local community was the most rewarding."

In 2010, Rosheim married his fiancé Kerrie, and the two of them now have a young son, Titus. Aaron lives in Ames today and his hobbies include sports, home improvement and spending time with his family.

As the recruiting officer for Army ROTC, Aaron works with high school students as well as college students assisting them with enrollment into ROTC. "I enjoy the opportunity to work with students and parents as I seek ways to pay for college for these individuals," says Aaron. Not only does Aaron recruit for the Army, but also he played a key role in recruiting his younger cousin, Ryne Dittmer (#1057), to join Acacia. Ryne pledged in the fall of 2008 and was a strong leader within and outside the chapter, serving as Acacia's Executive Dean and on the Interfraternal Council before graduating in 2011.

Looking back on his time in Acacia, Aaron says his favorite memory was playing Foyer Baseball with his brothers. He particularly remembers when he broke the glass in the Foyer French door with the fireplace shovel, which was serving as their bat. When asked how Acacia has affected his professional and personal life, Aaron says, "Acacia gave me opportunities to interact with a diverse group of leaders. That enabled me to develop my interpersonal skills, and I use those every day in a military environment."

2012 Alumni Donations Make a Difference

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. We cannot 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 the 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. On behalf of the Corporate Board and active Chapter, thanks to all of our alumni for their support!



Alumni Capital Improvement Donations in 2012

\$ 8,420 Contributed in 2012 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 2012. Please accept our grateful thanks for your generosity!

----- Alumni Contributors in 2012 -----	
Board of Directors Club	(\$ 5,000 - \$ 9,999)
Lowel B. Johnson - #426	
Chapter Partner	(\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,499)
Robert L. Carstens - #354	
Donald L. Good - #653	
Silver Partner	(\$ 500 - \$ 749)
David E. Wolfe - #656	

Bronze Partner	(\$ 100 - \$ 499)
Lynn Pendry - #469	
James M. Hanson - #533	
Gary D. Harter - #538	
Lee R. McDonald - #551	
Dennis G. McComber - #556	
Lee Christensen - #601	
Christopher W. Knapp - #764	
Spirit Partner	(\$ 1 - \$ 99)
Kenneth L. MacRae - #427	
Denton W. Ericson - #504	
Walter R. Kolbe - #527	
Craig Buske - #1009	
Ezra L. Shields - #1015	
Pavel I. Beresnev - #1058	
Robin L. Lary - parent	



Alumni Scholarship Fund Donations in 2012

\$14,426 Contributed in 2012 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 2012. 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 2012 -----	
Pythagorean Partner	(\$ 2,500 - \$ 4,999)
Harold D. Zarr Jr. - #814	
Chapter Partner	(\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,499)
Robert L. Carstens - #354	
David H. Fifield - #671	
Silver Partner	(\$ 500 - \$ 749)

Lowell B. Johnson - #426	
James H. Davis - #489	
Bruce M. Campbell - #502	
Doug Whitney - #627	
Peter Eversole - #635	
David E. Wolfe - #656	
Terry Thoem - #667	
Laury Decker - #910	
Bronze Partner	(\$ 100 - \$ 499)
William H. Anderl - #679	
William Percy - #420	
Kenneth L. MacRae - #427	
Marcus A. Merriman - #446	
Bernard J. Kolp - #466	
Lynn Pendry - #469	
Joel E. Jensen - #496	

Richard Taylor - #506
 James M. Hanson - #533
 Gary Harter - #538
 John Shrader - #539
 John P. Bahr - #545
 Clifton L. Kessler - #548
 Lee R. McDonald - #551
 Dennis G. McComber - #556
 David Wm. Smith - #565
 Jerry W. Crossett - #577
 Arthur P. Roy - #588
 Wayne W. Nowlan - #597
 Alex I. Fraser - #608
 Gary L. Ruegsegger - #613
 John W. Baty - #623
 Wilbur Sandbulte - #639
 Jerry D. Wilcox - #654
 Randy D. Elkin - #670
 Robert D. Howlett - #672
 Larry P. Yarham - #682

Philip C. Larson - #684
 Christopher W. Knapp - #764
 Bruce C. Wight - #770
 Charles R. Tass - #833
 Stephen J. Casper IV - #905
 Michael J. Walters - #928
 Rob Borcharding - #978
 Pavel I. Beresnev - #1058
 Elizabeth B. Gehring – Little Sister of Acacia

Spirit Partner (\$ 1 - \$ 99)

John Burnstrom - #470
 Denton W. Ericson - #504
 Walter R. Kolbe - #527
 H. Keith Sawyers - #542
 Gregory M. Janda - #990
 Craig Buske - #1009
 Jard A. Ramthun - #1019
 Pavel I. Beresnev - #1058

Active Chapter Creates Undergraduate Alumni Relations Position



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My name is Tanner Jaeger. I am a sophomore from St. Peter, MN majoring in Chemical Engineering with a minor in Chemistry. I am currently serving my second year as Senior Steward and was recently elected the Chapter's Alumni Relations Chair. The Alumni Relations Chair is a position that was introduced at the most recent Conclave, but it was never voted on or enacted. However, the ISU Chapter has decided to go ahead and elect an Alumni Relations Chair. We did this to get ball rolling on something that will likely be enacted in the future. We also did this because we feel it is vital to connect with our alumni. Personally, I do not know many alumni and I know I speak for the majority of the house when I say that we would love for this to change. We believe that the leadership and knowledge alumni possess could benefit us greatly. The

potential for an improved camaraderie between members and alumni is something we value immensely, as well.

The goal of the Chapter's Alumni Chair and his committee is to increase alumni involvement with not only the chapter and its current members, but with each other. To accomplish this, I would like to make an updated contact list of all ISU Acacia Alumni. We have the information of some alumni, but not nearly enough. In order to get as much information as possible, I would like those of you reading this to send current information (email addresses, home addresses, phone numbers, pin numbers, etc.) of any brother(s) to tjaeger@iastate.edu. Email addresses are the most important because they allow us to contact alumni in an inexpensive and efficient manner. If you don't have any information but your own, that's okay. If that means you send me information for your entire pledge class, great! If you have information for any member you ever lived with, awesome! I may get repeated information, but repeated information is better than no information at all.

I would also like to inform the alumni that we are in the process of planning an event for the summer months. We had a meeting a few months ago to brainstorm different ideas. We concluded that a scramble golf event would be ideal. I have been in contact with area golf courses over the past couple weeks and have received some event information from them. When the planning is complete, information will be passed along. I am hoping this event will be successful and I would love for it to be enjoyed by alumni and current members every year, for years to come.

All feedback—positive or negative—is greatly appreciated!!

In Memoriam



Denney, Robert 'Bob' 91 July 05, 1921 Nov. 05, 2012 Hugh Robert "Bob" Denney, the son of Homer C. and Myrtle Jefferson Denney, was born on a farm near Redding, Iowa. As a boy he tilled fields with a horse-drawn cultivator, milked cows and hunted and trapped along the Middlefork River. He started school in the one-room schoolhouse his father attended. He traveled to Mt. Ayr, Iowa, and boarded in a private home for high school.

He graduated in 1938, enrolling at Iowa State University in 1940. He pledged Acacia fraternity, waiting tables at the house for room and board. Later, he said that he learned as much in the house as in the classroom. In 1942, he enlisted in the Navy and became a medical corpsman. He was posted to Boston in time to do ambulance duty the night of the Coconut Grove fire. Later, he served in a hospital in Recife, Brazil, and aboard ships that took him to ports as distant as Pearl Harbor and Mers el Kebir.

Discharged in 1946 as a Chief Pharmacist's Mate, he returned to Iowa State and was elected president of the fraternity house. He graduated on June 12, 1948, marrying Maxine Zihlman eight days later. He became a county agent with the Iowa State Extension Service. In 1951, the couple moved to Nashua, Iowa, where they operated an orchard and raised a family.

They moved to Charles City, Iowa, in 1961 where Bob became Vice President of Sherman's Nurseries. In 1966, they moved to Louisiana, Mo., where he headed the commercial sales department of Stark Brothers Nursery until his retirement in 1985. Bob was an active member of the American Association of Nurserymen and Chairman of the National Horticultural Standards Committee from 1979-1987. In 1992, he and Maxine relocated to Portland to be near their son, Jon, and Portland Nursery, in which Jon and Bob had been partners since 1980. The nursery's Apple Tasting was one of Bob's signature projects.

After Maxine's death in 2002, Bob married Sylva More of Portland. Their home became the focal point of a large united family, and their neighborliness continued to justify Bob's nickname, "Mayor of Mount Tabor." His sister, Bernice Webster, preceded him in death earlier this year. He is survived by children, Marjorie (Doug) Hunt, Martha Denney (Lloyd Walker), Jon Denney (Carol Finney), and Jeanne Denney (Nick Altebrando); by 11 grandchildren; and by his wife, Sylva Denney and her children, Denise (Bill) Aldridge, Stephanie More and Robert (Jenn) More and their families.

Active Chapter Report

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Good Afternoon!

My name is Tom McGee and I am the new Venerable Dean for the Koph Chapter. As this is my first report for the newsletter I will introduce myself a bit. I am a junior in Industrial Engineering from Bettendorf, Iowa. This is my third year as a member of Acacia and I am very excited for the year ahead.

The fall semester finished with a flourish, as chapter members were involved in a little bit of everything. Many members participated once again in our annual toy drive, Acacia Claus. On December 1st, members collected toy donations at Wal-Mart and K-Mart in Ames. In total we collected over 800 toys for the Women's ACCESS shelter of Story County. Chapter members were very excited about the opportunity to make Christmas a little more joyous for local children.

In addition to Acacia Claus we helped out with this year's Youth and Shelter Services (YSS) Pair Up for a Purpose 5k event. Members helped throughout the day to help set up the course, guide runners, and provide other services throughout the day. We look forward to working with the YSS 5k next year in a new location!

This semester our men have continued to expand their human service efforts with an initiative to stay active in the community throughout the semester. The New Year began well with members volunteering with several new events such as the MLK National Day of Service and mentoring at local schools in addition to the traditional events such as Dance Marathon.

As always, academics continue to be a focus for our chapter. This past fall we had another strong semester with a 3.28 GPA, which was the second best amongst fraternities. Although we did not place first this semester we are excited that over 30 of our members will be receiving Acacia Scholarships for achieving a 3.0 GPA or greater this past semester including 6 4.0 GPA's. The academic future of Acacia looks very bright.

This year's executive committee set a goal for every member to become involved in at least one organization outside of Acacia this semester. Our men have certainly responded as they begin or continue leadership roles in campus organizations such as Greek Week, Homecoming, the Interfraternity Council, Student Alumni Leadership Council, VEISHEA, and many many more. Impressively our young members have been a major part of our growing involvement as they have become involved in organizations for developing leaders such as Freshmen Council,

Freshmen Leaders in Engineering, President’s Leadership Class and the Emerging Greek Leadership Council.

As the spring semester continues to progress there are many things to look forward to. This month members will be performing our mini-musical in Varieties, entertaining our mothers during Mother’s Weekend, as well as beginning to prepare for our first Greek Week as a large fraternity. We can’t wait for the opportunity and look forward to meeting many potential new members at this year’s Greek Getaway!

Looking forward, we hope to achieve numerous goals this semester such as returning to the top of fraternity grades, improving membership development, and living out our motto of “Human Service”.

I am excited for this opportunity and I cannot wait to see the results of the chapter’s efforts to continue to improve on the already strong foundation of our fraternity.

Board President's Message

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Greetings my Brother ACACIANS!

I am sometimes struck by the difference between what college was like when I was student and what it is like today. When I was a student, you could hand in a paper written by hand, but the professor really appreciated it if it was typed. IN fact, the ISU library had a room full of typewriters that you could use for typing out a paper. Now, I realize that I am showing my age here, and some of our recent alumni must be wondering how we ever managed to get anything done without computers, smart phones and the like. I remember that one of my Brothers in the house purchased a used pocket calculator for \$125 and thought that he got the “steal of a lifetime”!

Today, most papers are handed in via e-mail, and a vast amount of communication is done via the web between professors and their students.

The Board recently approved a major upgrade in the wireless Internet system for the members of the chapter. We purchased a new router and the associated equipment required plus software to protect the members from m people trying to “hack” into the system. Ten years ago, when were restarting the chapter house, most of the students still used a hard-wired system to connect to the web. Today, it is all wireless. Tomorrow, who knows?

The point behind this is not to bemoan the loss of the “good old days” but to recognize just how much things have changed and in fact continue to change. The Board has tried to manage our funds as best we can, and we hold on to our pennies so tightly that sometimes poor old Abe is screaming!

But at the same time, we have been fortunate in have the generosity of our alumni who have often come through and helped us when the need arose. Brother Johnson who stepped up and picked up the tab for the refinishing of the hardwood floor on the main level of the chapter house is but one example. I hope that you do not get tired of me saying it, but I am deeply appreciative of each and every one of our alumni who support our scholarship and capital improvement projects. Without your support, much of what we have been able to accomplish simply could not have been accomplished.

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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