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Acacia is #1 in ISU Greek System with 3.31 G.P.A. 68.3% of Members earn 3.00 GPA or Higher New Brothers are #3 in Greek System with 3.07 GPA

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

1.	Acacia	3.31
2.	Sigma Phi Epsilon	3.18
3.	Alpha Gamma Rho	3.15
3.	FarmHouse	3.15
4.	Tau Kappa Epsilon	3.09
5.	Phi Kappa Psi	3.01
All Fraternity Average		3.10
All Men's Undergrad Ave.		2.89

Grant L. Albansaoder
Paul D. Bundy
Colten W. Fales
David W. Gardner
Jordan A. Griffing
Nigel R. Hanson
Michael J. Hoefer
Addison G. Kistler
Wyatt N. Lauer
Gabriel J. McCoy
Carter H. Reed
Drew K. Sherman
Robert J. Vannoy
Joe L. Webb

Ian L. Bryant
Andrew D. Doherty
Joshua J. Foss
Jackson P. Griffith
Jackson Griffith
Garrett M. Hembry
Tanner J. Jaeger
Lai Boa-Lin
Wicitra Mahotama
Thomas R. McGee
Chase M Russell
Clayton A. Van Ekeren
Preston J. Waymire
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 fourteen out of the past nineteen 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:

Previous academic results for the Chapter are as follows:

Term	Position	GPA
Spring, 2013	#2	3.17
Fall, 2012	#2	3.28
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

Third Floor Furnace Replaced in January

The winter in Ames, as in many areas of the Country, has been very cold. This was especially true during the winter break this year when we had extended sub-zero temperatures for quite a few days. As a result, and as luck (or rather, no-luck) happens, the 3rd Floor forced-air furnace failed just as the spring semester was getting ready to start. This furnace provides heat to most of the 3rd floor (Drdla President's Suite and the Library).

The previous furnace was originally installed approximately 18 years ago when the house was renovated to become a bed-and-breakfast by the previous owner. After an inspection by an HVAC technician, it was determined that both the main circuit board and the auxiliary control board had failed and needed to be replaced. The technician even tried to switch the unit to a



“manual mode”, but no luck, it was dead, dead dead! In order to get heat back on to the third floor to prevent the possibility of the water lines freezing (not to mention to keep the temperature at a “livable level”) the blower on the furnace was hooked directly to the power line in order to keep the blower unit operating non-stop and circulate warm air on the third floor on a continuous basis. This temporary fix allowed us to prevent any damage

to the water lines while a new furnace was ordered.

The existing furnace (a picture of the old furnace is shown above) was simply worn out, and replacing the control boards (assuming they could even be found) would have been nearly as expensive as having a new furnace installed.

After discussing several options for new furnaces, the Corporate Board made the decision to replace the furnace with a Trane unit. This model is a 70,000 BTU units that runs a 95% efficiency

rating. The local utility (Alliant Energy) will also give us a \$500 rebate on this furnace due to its efficiency rating, thus, the net cost to the Board will only be \$1,967 for this brand new unit. (A picture of the new furnace is shown below.)



Over the winter break, at least two other chapters experienced problems with their heating systems due to the sub-zero temperatures in Ames. As a result, these chapters suffered significant damage in their chapter houses due to water lines bursting and water damaging the interior walls and floors in their structures.

Fortunately, our chapter advisor, Jeremy Davis, stopped into the

chapter house on a daily basis and double-checked to ensure the main furnace in the basement was operating normally. In order to prevent any damage to our chapter house, he made certain that all the doors to all the rooms were kept open and it maintained the finance at 70 degree temperature instead of the normal 60 degree temperature that we keep it at during the winter break. This allowed warm air to circulate to all areas of the house and prevent the buildup of any “cold-spots” in the chapter house which might have created other problems when the members returned for spring semester classes.

While this was not a planned-expenditure, fortunately the Board through its conservative money-management program had funds in our capital improvements account to meet the needs of this emergency repair. Additionally, we were able to mitigate the issue temporarily and we were fortunate that the house experienced NO pipe breakage due to the cold weather. With winter continuing to hold on with a tight grip, we can't wait for spring to finally arrive!

Chapter Lives the Acacia Motto of “Human Service”

Active members at Iowa State’s Acacia Fraternity continue to live the motto “Human Service” and have an influence in the affairs of the Ames community. The fall 2013 semester has been a semester of record numbers in philanthropy dollars raised and community service hours. Notable achievements have been the record amount of money raised through Acacia Root Beer Floats and the record number of total community service hours.

Christmas Philanthropy: Acacia Claus

The annual “Acacia Claus” toy drive was held on December 7th, 2013 in which the fraternity collected 646 toys for the Assault Care Center Extending Shelter and Support (ACCESS). This year, Acacians volunteered at several locations, including smaller businesses like The Pumpkin Patch, The Loft, and Duckworth Wearing. This was Acacia’s first year going to the Main Street business district.

The picture shown below features Acacia Brothers Mike Hoefler, Andrew Mann, Wyatt Lauer, Wicitra Mahotama and Jordan Griffing manning the Acacia Claus drop center at Wal-Mart in Ames.



“The overall experience was pretty good,” Preston Waymire, a sophomore in Aerospace Engineering stationed at Duckworth, commented. “I think reaching out to the smaller stores really helped.”

Amy Abrams, owner of The Loft and Duckworth, received special thanks from the fraternity for the use of her facilities in this year’s philanthropy. Several large businesses also offered to assist in the toy drive, including Kmart, the North Grand Ave. Wal-Mart, and the Wal-Mart Supercenter. Ian Bryant, a senior in Aerospace Engineering, was stationed at Kmart. “It was really nice to see people from outside the community donating. Kmart employees were really nice, offering help when needed.”



These two pictures show the wide variety of toys that were generously donated by the citizens of Ames to be given to needy children in the Ames area. The Acacia Brothers in the picture shown below are (left to right) Brendon Zimmerman, Joe Webb, Gabe McCoy, Jordan Griffing, Ian Bryant, Clayton Van Ekeren, Hannah Holt (Clayton’s girlfriend), Grant Albansoder, and Tanner Jaeger.



When asked how the philanthropy assists ACCESS, the brothers agreed that it was first and foremost for the benefit of the women and children at ACCESS. “We help take some of the pressure of the holidays off,” Ian stated. ACCESS arose from the need to confront and combat the issues of sexual assault and domestic violence in Story County. The agency began in 1974 with the help of Iowa State University’s Government of the Student Body. Originally a rape crisis center, ACCESS services were expanded over the years to include a 24-hour crisis hotline and shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children. “Our mission is to address the roots and impacts of domestic and sexual violence through services that enhance safety, empower survivors, and promote understanding and social justice within our community,” stated ACCESS. “I do it

out of the kindness of my heart,” Ian stated. “It makes me feel good.”

Additional Human Service Projects

The chapter recognizes the benefits of both large and small acts of human service, and we have been very active on the smaller scale as well. Our brothers enjoy helping out with the Freestore, an organization that provides home furnishings to victims of domestic violence. This past fall, the Acacia Brothers assisted with a move in Boone.

Additionally, several of our men volunteered time during the recent Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. The men worked with the volunteer center of Story County on several projects around the Ames area.

Along with these events, the men donated time and funds to Dance Marathon, the FIRST LEGO League Championship, The Gilbert Community Carnival, The Sawyer Elementary Carnival, Ames Repair and Care, and many other projects and organizations. Iowa State Acacians spent the past few months living out the motto of Human Service, and we are excited about opportunities to do so in the future.

Two Brothers Serve the Greek Community on IFC

The Interfraternity Council (IFC) is one of the four councils governing Greek life. As a member of IFC, Acacia benefits from opportunities to network with other chapters, programing on subjects ranging from diversity to risk management, and increased representation to university offices and officials. Acacia has a history of providing outstanding men to serve on the IFC Executive Council, and this year is no different.

chapter leaders learn about services available on campus.



Drew Sherman (#1093) holds the Vice President of Leadership Development position. During the year, he hopes to help older members stay involved with the community, work with new member educators to help them create more positive experiences for men joining Greek chapters, and plan retreats for chapter leadership and new members. Drew already organized a resource fair to help



Joe Webb (#1111) was elected as this year’s Vice President of Scholarship. Some of his goals for the position include creating a scholarship resource guidebook for chapters, hosting a faculty recognition event, helping new members adjust and understand the importance of academics, and holding professional workshops on topics like business dress and resume writing. Drew and Joe have some exciting new ideas for the year. The chapter is very

happy to support them and is thankful for their commitment to the community.

105 Years of Brotherhood at Iowa State and Still Going Strong!

Five years ago, the Iowa State Chapter of Acacia Fraternity celebrated its 100th Anniversary during the weekend of March 13-15, 2009 in Ames. It was a great weekend of brotherhood, with alumni and undergraduates interacting and celebrating the legacy of the Acacia Fraternity at Iowa State!

the previous ten semesters; and most recently being ranked #1 for the Fall 2013 semester with a 3.31 GPA.

In commemoration of the 105th anniversary of our chapter’s chartering (originally chartered on March 20, 1909), we’d like to provide a summary of the accomplishments of the chapter and alumni board during the past five years:

Undergraduate Academics

Since 2009, the chapter has continued to maintain a high level of academic achievement. The chapter has been ranked #1 six of

Undergraduate Philanthropy

The chapter has continued to develop and expand its philanthropic endeavors. During the holiday season, the Chapter continues to host AcaciaClaus by collecting hundreds of toys to benefit ACCESS in Ames/Story County. Additionally, the chapter sponsors its annual Acacia Root Beer Floats philanthropy to raise money for Youth and Shelter Services and its GRIP mentoring program (which many of the undergraduates participate annually by being paired-up with a young student in the local school program). For its efforts, the chapter has been

recognized as an Outstanding Volunteer Group for Story County and has received the Governor's Volunteerism Award as well.

Undergraduate Involvement:

During the past five years, undergraduate brothers have continued to be involved in numerous campus activities. Some notable leadership roles held by Acacians during the previous five years include: serving as the VEISHEA Business Manager, VEISHEA General Co-Chair, Speaker of the Government of the Student Body, Government of the Student Body senator (several), President of the Student Alumni Leadership Council (SALC), Interfraternity Council Vice President of Recruitment, Interfraternity Council Vice President of Scholarship, and Interfraternity Council Vice President of Leadership Development.

Of specific note, Bro. Matt England was appointed on April 27, 2010 to serve a one-year term on the Ames City Council as the ex-officio ISU student representative. Additionally, Brother Sam Behrens while serving as the President of the Student Alumni Leadership Council (SALC) also served as the student member of the Iowa State University Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Iowa State Acacia Scholarships

(Scholarships annually funded through the Iowa State Chapter Fund with the AFF & the Drdla Educational Endowment):

Since our chapter's re-colonization in 2000, the Corporate Board of the Acacians has remained committed to providing scholarship support to our undergraduate brothers who achieve academically or through leadership roles. These scholarships (funded by alumni donations) have allowed our chapter's to help limit their student-loan borrowing. With the costs of college (Tuition, Student Fees, Room & Board, Books/Supplies) continuing to increase significantly, we must find ways to increase our overall commitment to our undergraduates through enhanced and increased scholarship funding.

Acacia Fraternity Foundation Scholarships

(Scholarships funded through the general fund of the Acacia Fraternity Foundation):

The Acacia Fraternity Foundation (AFF) annually awards a number of scholarships to undergraduate brothers from various Acacia chapters. In addition to the "general" scholarships awarded by the AFF, there are a number of "named" special-recognition scholarships that are also awarded annually. Over the past five years, the undergraduate brothers of the Iowa State Chapter have received over \$24,000 of the AFF and AFF-named scholarships, including:

2013-2014

Joe Webb (AFF Scholarship-\$1000), Tom McGee (AFF Scholarship-\$1000), Gabe McCoy (AFF Scholarship-\$1000), and Drew Sherman (AFF Scholarship-\$1000).

2012-2013

Derek Robison (Duncan McPherson Fraternityship Scholarship-\$3,000), Mike Hoefer (AFF Scholarship-\$1000), and Gabe McCoy (AFF Scholarship-\$1000)

2010-2011

Matt England (Duncan McPherson Fraternityship Scholarship-\$3,000)

2009-2010

Michael Weber (George F. Patterson Scholarship-\$3,000), John Kvinge (Emma Allen Scholarship-\$3000), Jon Vaage (AFF Scholarship-\$1000), and Brandon Behrens (Cornerstones Scholarship-\$1000).

2008-2009

Matt England (Cornerstones Scholarship-\$1000), Jon Vaage (AFF Scholarship-\$1000), Clark Richardson (AFF Scholarship-\$1000), Brandon Behrens (Emma Allen Scholarship-\$600), Dan Congreve (Emma Allen Scholarship-\$600), and Jared Ramthun (Emma Allen Scholarship-\$500).

The Corporate Board of The Acacians

The Corporate Board of The Acacians continues to work diligently on behalf of our alumni and our undergraduate brothers to provide the best possible fraternity experience. During the past five years, the Corporate Board has continued to publish a quarterly newsletter and during the past year, has emailed a full-color PDF version of the newsletter to alumni that have provided us with valid email addresses.

The Corporate Board added a "young alumni" representative to the Corporate Board and also implemented an "Acacians Across America" segment that is periodically included in the quarterly newsletters.

The Corporate Board also continues to sponsor a scholarship luncheon for the undergraduate brothers, their parents, and our alumni brothers. Each semester, we continue to have a great attendance, and welcome alumni to attend one of these functions as it is a great way to get to know the undergraduate brothers.

One aspect of our Corporate Board is that in addition to the alumni directors, there are also three undergraduate directors (via their specific undergraduate chapter positions) that have full-voting rights. During the past five years, this has proved to be a valuable aspect for the Corporate Board, especially when discussing priorities for renovations, upgrades, etc.

From a financial perspective, the Corporate Board continued to be diligent stewards of our finances. As of January 19, 2014, the remaining balance on the mortgage was \$178,433.01 (the original balance on the mortgage on July 31, 2000 was \$431,000).

Chapter House Renovations and Upgrades

During the past five years, The Acacians have continually re-invested resources into the chapter house in order to provide a positive living environment for the undergraduate brothers. The following is a summary of significant upgrades to the chapter house which have occurred since 2009:

- Tuck-pointing of the exterior brick and mortar of the chapter house in the fall of 2009.
- The basement underwent a significant renovation during the summer of 2011. This renovation provided much-needed gathering space for the undergraduate brothers to play billiards, video games, foosball, etc. Additionally, a media room was created (under the porch area) that includes seating and a HD projection multi-media system. During this renovation, the electrical service to chapter house was also upgraded to better meet the electrical demands of today's undergraduates (computers, tablets, HD TV's, gaming systems, stereo equipment, etc.)
- In 2012, the Water Heater was replaced after the previous water heater could no longer function. The flat-roof areas of the house were replaced due to several leaks that had been occurring over-time and patch-work was no longer an option. The hardwood floors on the main level of the chapter house were refinished thanks to the generosity of Brother Lowell Johnson.
- The main kitchen was updated during the summer of 2013 with new cabinets, flooring and a new commercial-grade dishwasher.
- Replaced the forced-air furnace located on the 3rd floor after the old furnace had failed during the winter break in early 2014.
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Many of these projects would not have been possible without the generous support of our alumni brothers. These upgrades have allowed the chapter to remain competitive and provide a positive living environment for our undergraduate brothers. Going forward, the Board will continue to evaluate the housing needs of undergraduate students in order to continue to provide a positive living and learning environment that promotes brotherhood, academic success, and a home-like atmosphere.

Acacia International Fraternity Recognition

(Chapter):

At the 2010 Conclave in New Orleans, the Iowa State Chapter was recognized with the Malcolm Award! It was only the second time in our chapter's history that we have been recognized as the top chapter of Acacia International Fraternity.

At the 2012 Conclave in St. Louis, the Iowa State Chapter was recognized with the Superior Chapter Award (#2 Chapter of Acacia). Additionally, the chapter received the following awards at the 2012 Conclave: The G.K. Nelson Academic Programming award, Best Publication award, Financial Operations award, and Good of the Fraternity award.

Acacia International Fraternity Involvement

Acacia International Fraternity hosts the biennial Conclave in the even-numbered years and the Acacia Leadership Academy in odd-numbered years. In 2010, the Conclave was held in New Orleans; and in 2012, the Conclave was held in St. Louis. The Acacia Leadership Academy was held at the Indiana Chapter house in Bloomington, IN. The Iowa State Chapter has had several undergraduates and alumni brothers attend these two great International events. Additionally, in January 2014, Acacia International Fraternity held the Venerable Dean's summit and convened the newly-elected Venerable Deans from Acacia Chapters to discuss ways to be effective leaders in their chapters. Brother Gabe McCoy, the Iowa State Chapter Venerable Dean, attended this very successful educational retreat!

At each biennial conclave, a number of business items are discussed, including the election of International Council members. At the 2010 Conclave in New Orleans, Brother Michael Weber was elected to the role International Undergraduate Counselor and served a two-year term which concluded at the 2012 Conclave. Additionally, at the 2012 Conclave in St. Louis, Brother Jeremy Davis was re-elected to the position of International 2nd Vice President.

Following his term as International Undergraduate Counselor, Brother Michael Weber joined the Fraternity's staff as the Director of Expansion. Through this role, Brother Weber led the fraternity's expansion efforts until he was promoted to the position of Director of Operations for the Fraternity in January 2014.

To support the efforts of the International Fraternity, the Acacia Fraternity Foundation Board of Directors work to help secure funding for educational projects and scholarships. On July 30, 2011, Brother Harold Zarr, Jr. was elected to the AFF Board of Directors and also serves as the Board's Investment Chairman. He joined Brother John Pugh (now emeritus) as a member of the AFF Board of Directors.

Acacia International Fraternity Recognition

(individual honors):

Periodically, the Acacia International Fraternity honors brothers (undergraduate and alumni). The Iowa State Chapter is fortunate to have several brothers who have been recognized with individual honors during the past five years.

The Roy C. Clark Award is named after Acacia's long-serving National Executive Secretary (predecessor position to the Executive Director) and is presented annually (via the Conclave) to the Outstanding Undergraduate Brother who exemplifies the attributes of Brother Clark—Perseverance, Integrity, Foresight, Loyalty, Devotion, Wisdom, and Leadership. At the 2010 Conclave in New Orleans, Brother Brandon Behrens was recognized as the Roy C. Clark Award recipient. At the 2012 Conclave in St. Louis, Brother Michael Weber was recognized as the Roy C. Clark Award recipient.

One of Acacia's highest honors is the Award of Merit. It is presented by the International Council of Acacia Fraternity as a "token for the significant contributions in time and effort made in the advancement of the ideals and objectives of Acacia." In 2010, Brother Sam Carstens was presented the Award of Merit during the Spring Scholarship Luncheon. Brother Jeremy Davis was presented the Award of Merit at the 2012 Conclave.

The Order of Pythagoras was established in 1962 to recognize the contributions by those "serving beyond the ordinary call of duty." During the past five years, The International Council presented The Order of Pythagoras to Brother Michael Weber in 2010, Brother Dan Congreve in 2011, Brother Matt England in 2011, Brother Riley Theisfield in 2012, and Brother Derek Robison in 2013.

Looking Forward

As we look to the future, there are many exciting challenges and opportunities that we will undoubtedly be asked to address; however, we have a great team in-place and will work diligently to make the best decision possible. Going forward, we hope to continue to provide opportunities for alumni engagement through our fall/spring scholarship luncheons, football game tailgate, and alumni golf outings. We also encourage our alumni to stop-by at any time to meet the undergraduate brothers of the Iowa State Chapter of Acacia Fraternity. We have a great fraternity chapter with an outstanding group of undergraduate brothers, but your involvement, engagement, and continued commitment to Acacia will help the chapter achieve its long-term goals of enhanced membership development, leadership and personal growth.

Thanks to Our Alumni for their Donations to the Capital Improvement and Scholarship Funds

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.



Chapter House Improvement Donations in 2013

\$ 3,995 Contributed in 2013 by Iowa State Acacians

The table that is shown lists those Brothers and friends who have made contributions to the new chapter house improvement fund in 2013. Please accept our grateful thanks for your generosity!

----- Alumni Contributors in 2013 -----	
Refounding Father	(\$ 10,000 or more)
Board of Directors Club	(\$ 5,000 - \$ 9,999)
Pythagorean Partner	(\$ 2,500 - \$ 4,999)
Chapter Partner David H. Fifield - #671	(\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,499)
Gold Partner	(\$ 750 - \$ 999)
Silver Partner Larry J. McComber - #525 David E. Wolfe - #656	(\$ 500 - \$ 749)

Bronze Partner	(\$ 100 - \$ 499)
William G. Pearcy - #420	
Kenneth L. MacRae - #427	
Donald W. Messer - #447	
Lynn R. Pendry - #469	
Albert M. Fellows - #475	
Larry J. McComber - #525	
Dennis G. McComber - #556	
James M. Hanson - #533	
Gary D. Harter - #538	
Lee R. McDonald - #551	
Lee R. Chrstensen - #601	
Alex I. Fraser - #608	
Glenn S. Goodenow - #689	
Christopher W. Knapp - #764	
Stewart L. Burger	
Spirit Partner	(\$ 1 - \$ 99)
Walter R. Kolbe - #527	
Ray E. Gustafson - #712	



Alumni Scholarship Fund Donations in 2013

\$10,285 Contributed in 2013 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 2013. 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 2013 -----

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

Robert L. "Sam" Carstens - #354
David E. Wolfe - #656
David H. Fifield - #671

Gold Partner (\$ 750 - \$ 999)

Silver Partner (\$ 500 - \$ 749)

Donald G. Lyon - #461
James H. Davis - #489
Douglas R. Whitney - #627
Peter J. Eversole - #635
Laury E. Decker - #910

Bronze Partner (\$ 100 - \$ 499)

William L. Neidig - #332
Albert H. Wiese - #351
John R. Fulkerson - #410
Kenneth L. MacRae - #427
Dale W. Weber - #436
Marcus A. Merriman - #446
Kenneth A. Porter - #457

Bernard J. Kolp - #466
Lynn R. Pendry - #469
Joel E. Jensen - #496
Richard W. Taylor - #506
James M. Hanson - #533
Gary D. Harter - #538
Dennis G. McComber - #556
William J. Dilcher - #576
Jerry W. Crossett - #577
Arthur P. Roy - #588
Howard V. Speer - #606
Gary L. Ruegseggar - #613
John W. Baty - #623
James E. Hunt - #628
Robert A. Ketch - #648
Robert D. Howlett - #672
Larry P. Yarham - #682
Philip C. Larson - #684
John W. Bridenstine - #752
Christopher W. Knapp - #764
Bruce C. Wight - #770
Bruce A. Banister - #777
John E. Rebers - #805
Stephen J. Casper IV - #905
Robert K. Borcharding - #978
Stewart L. Burger

Spirit Partner (\$ 1 - \$ 99)

Kenneth L. MacRae - #427
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In Memoriam



James V. Kemmish - #367

Age 91, died Monday, February 3, 2014 at Chelsea Community Hospital. He was born July 20, 1922 in Persia, Iowa, the son of Harry & Velma (Voge) Kemmish.

Mr. Kemmish earned a BA from Iowa State University in 1943, then served in the US Army from 1943-1946 where he served overseas and earned a silver battle star. He then earned a MBA from U of M in 1948, and worked for Ford Motor Company for 35 years. Mr. Kemmish was a member of the Acacia Fraternity while a student at Iowa State University and Zion Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor.

On November 27, 1965, he married Rosemary June Ewen, and she survives. Other survivors include a daughter, Corrine Kemmish of Ann Arbor; three sons, Kenneth of Southfield, Kyle of Pierson, and Lee (Erin) of Livonia; one sister, Coralys Stamp of Council Bluffs, Iowa; five grandchildren, Kayleigh, Ashton, Briana, Riley, and Bailey; and two nieces & nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a daughter-in-law, Katherine.

A private burial will be in the memorial garden at Zion Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor. Arrangements by Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea.

Active Chapter Report

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Greetings!

We're three weeks into a new semester at ISU, and 138 Gray Ave is already buzzing with activity. The active brothers of the Koph chapter of Acacia Fraternity have returned from winter break and are getting back into the swing of things.

Winter break was an exciting time for many Acacians. In addition to visiting friends and family, the guys found time to enjoy a variety of activities. I had the pleasure of attending the inaugural Leonard W. Kearney Venerable Dean Summit in Indianapolis, IN. It was great to network with Acacia Leadership from across the country, and to discuss ways to grow and develop as leaders and chapters. A group of our brothers also took a ski trip to Copper Mountain, CO. They had great weather and enjoyed the opportunity to relax before the semester began.

The weekend before classes started, we transitioned out new executive officers into their roles. We held a very productive officer transition meeting and discussed our goals for the upcoming year. We talked about holding a chapter wide retreat, organizing more alumni events, working more with our Cornerstones membership development program, and publicly communicating all of our goals. The new executive council has been working well together so far, and the next year looks very promising.

Another bit of promising news came in the form of the Fall 2013 grade report. Acacia is once again on top of the Greek Community academically. Our members averaged a 3.31 GPA, which is the highest we've had since Spring 2012. Our past scholarship chair, Andrew Doherty (#1085) did a fantastic job keeping brothers accountable academically, and our new scholarship chair, Michael Hofer (#1106) has been continuing on that path with new academic events and individual meetings.

Human service has also been a huge focus recently. We wrapped up our first semester of the "What's Your 20" volunteering campaign, and 49% of our members volunteered over 20 hours. We also held an expanded Acacia Claus event and collected over 600 toys for ACCESS Shelter of Story County. Many of our brothers volunteered during the recent MLK Day of Service. Last weekend, ISU Dance Marathon took place, and 12 brothers (including two DM committee members) stood for 15 hours to support children at the University of Iowa Children's Hospital.

We have many bright spots on the horizon this semester. The guys have been hard at work on a varieties musical skit, and they're excited to perform. Mother's Weekend is always a huge hit, and it is coming up at February 20-22. We have a great new member class for this spring, and we're looking forward to initiation on Saturday, March 8th. Greek week follows shortly afterward, and we're very excited to be paired with Phi Delta Theta, Pi Beta Phi, and Alpha Sigma Kappa. We also have a new recruitment event to plan for in the form of Greek Visit Day. ISU's Greek community wide recruitment event has been restructured this year, and it is providing all kinds of new challenges and opportunities for us to work with.

We're as busy as ever, and we wouldn't have it any other way. I'm beyond excited about the start of my term as president, and I know that my brothers and I have many great adventures in store for us this year.

Board President's Message

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Greetings my Brother ACACIANS!

As I write this message, it sometimes seems as if this winter season will never end. Of course, we all know this is not the case and in fact, the Ames area has not really had it as bad as in years past in terms of snow fall – extended low temperatures are another thing entirely! We have had more than our fair share of cold temperatures this year for certain!

I believe that our chapter is poised for tremendous growth and success in 2014. The men of the chapter worked hard on their academics this fall semester, and their hard work was well rewarded with our return in a solid fashion to the #1 academic slot in the Iowa State Greek Community. The men that have been recruited by our rush chairs have been simply outstanding in terms of involvement in the chapter, in community philanthropies and in academics, and have been ably led by their upperclassmen Brothers in the house. All of the alumni of our chapter should take considerable pride in their accomplishments as worthy members of our chapter.

Looking forward, the chapter will shortly begin preparing the documentation for submission to the National Office for the Malcolm and other awards presented every two years at Conclave. Given the outstanding record of success of the men of the chapter, we can have every expectation that we should be worthy competitors this summer for a number of national awards.

I would also like to especially encourage all, repeat ALL of our alumni in the Ames-Des Moines area to attend the scholarship luncheon on Sunday, April 27th in the Memorial Union. This will give you an invaluable opportunity to meet and interact with these men of our chapter, and it will give a chance to stop over to the chapter house afterwards and see all of the improvements and maintenance projects that we have completed during the past year.

The members of the Corporate Board and the chapter members work hard to maintain the facility so that it creates the right blend of a “homelike” atmosphere and positive study atmosphere that is so important today. Many of the other Greek Houses in the area are significantly upgrading their facilities, or are tearing down and building brand new facilities, so it is vital that we maintain our structure in the best possible fashion in order to compete on a level playing field with their other fraternities.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not thank all of our alumni for their generous support of our scholarship program. These funds are vital in helping our members to cover the cost of their college education, and the support that you provide makes a tremendous difference in these young men’s lives. I hope that you will continue to generously support us into the future.

As I am fond of telling myself at this time of year, every day is one day closer to spring. My youngest daughter lives in Phoenix, and she is fond of telling me that it is already in the 80’s down there. (She is very cruel to her dear old dad.) But we will enjoy the warm weather only that much more when it finally arrives.

My best wishes to all of my alumni Brothers, and please make plans to attend the spring luncheon if it is at all possible for you to do so. Take care.

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