



# The Iowa State Pythagorean

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## Busy Spring Semester for Iowa State Acacian's

Iowa State chapter members of Acacia Fraternity continue to have an influence in the community of Ames through human service. Brothers dedicated their time and energy participating in a variety of community service opportunities and philanthropies. Here is an overview of the many human service or otherwise just pure “fun” events your Acacia Brothers participated in throughout the spring semester.

Acacia Fraternity hosted its annual Mothers' Weekend from February 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> this year. In total, 20 guests joined us for at least a portion of the scheduled activities. The mom's and their sons gathered on the front steps of the chapter house for a group photo on Saturday morning, before heading off for a variety of activities throughout the day.



We started each day right with a breakfast of homemade pancakes and eggs alongside an assortment of everything from bagels to bananas. Unfortunately, our Saturday morning plans to volunteer fell through, but mothers and their sons enjoyed several alternate experiences.

These included touring the Food at First market (run by a local organization dedicated to service and sustainability), making African art at the Workspace,



Volunteering at Bethany Manor in Story City, and taking time to do some mother-son shopping. Saturday evening was packed with events including dinner at Olde Main and the final show for Varieties.



The Varieties performance was stellar; congratulations to everyone in the house who was involved! Sincere thanks to all of our guests and members who participated in Mothers' Weekend. We appreciated your flexibility and hope that you had an excellent time sharing in this experience with Acacia Fraternity.

One of the highlights of the spring semester was the spring formal. The event was held at the Holiday Inn in Des Moines and a large number of the active members and their dates attended this fun-filled event.



The evening began with an excellent meal followed by dancing and musical entertainment. Jordan Griffing and Joss Foss and their dates raise their glasses in a toast to a great evening to come. Salute!



The intimate atmosphere, complete with candlelight, lent an air of classical elegance to the evenings festivities. Good food, excellent company, and a wonderful facility made this night one to remember.



Ian Bryant hams it up for the photo while on the far right, Wizzy Mahotama demonstrates one of the dance moves for which he has become famous!



Not to be outdone, Clayton Van Ekeren, Kiley Pawlak, Brendon Zimmerman, and Michael Hoefler “point out” how dancing should really be done! With moves like these, why is it that they are not all competing on “Dancing With the Stars”!

## Leaving Their Mark *or* The 2014 Acacia Bed Racer, inspired by a true story

by Brother David Gardner - #1109

*Pit-Pat, Pit-Pat, Pit-Pat, Pit-Pat* – the four Acacia bed runners are doing their warm-ups in front of Phi Delta Theta, where the pairing’s Greek Week Bed Racer is being kept. Sorority girls are watching the runners from their lawns, from the charismatic Chi-O’s to the captivating KD’s. The runners aren’t watching back though, their eyes are on the finish line. Brothers Andrew

Doherty (1084), Gabe McCoy (1098), David Gardner (1109), and Riley Austin (1122) grab one last drink of water before heading to the start line.

“I think these tires are a bit low,” Brother McCoy says, gesturing to the sagging bike tire on the front of the bed racer, “I’m going

to call Clayton (1099) to see if we can use his pump”. When Clayton arrives, the other runners make their inspections of the racer. The frame is rebar covered in pool floaties sporting three wheels, like a tricycle. On the mattress, the two sorority girls—one from Pi Beta Phi, one from Alpha Sigma Kappa—look calm, but their white knuckles gripping the pillows say otherwise. The group poses for a few photo-ops before the big race and then head to the start line. The Phi Delta Theta runners will do the first lap, the Acacia runners will wait near the start/finish line to take the second lap.



The starting gun goes off and the brothers’ hearts beat into overdrive in anticipation. The raucous cheers from the sidelines are drowned out by their hearts beating up into their throats, every heart beat pounding like a forceful step propelling the bed racer forward. After what seems like an eternity, the bed racer rounds the corner past KD. As it draws nearer, the runners use their muscle memory for the transition. Yet something is wrong; the bed racer looks too wobbly. “We’re gonna get it around the circle!” one of them yells.

The first 100 meters are smooth. The hill in front of Beta Sigma Psi doesn’t feel quite so steep, but the runners in the back (Brothers McCoy and Doherty) notice that one of the pieces of rebar is broken. Still, they push on, fueled by the cheers from the

roaring crowd around them. The hill is crested as they turn in front of Delta Zeta but the bed racer falls apart even more, so the team pulls it over to the side for a quick inspection. Brother Doherty sees that the back wheels are now rotating on their own axles instead of together, but the overall structure is still intact and inspires the team to keep trying.

The crowd isn’t as thick on the back of sorority circle, forcing the brothers to find other sources of motivation. The lovely ladies of ADPi provide all they need (not wanting to look weak in front of their Varieties pairing) to push harder.

The steepest hill of the circle is on the penultimate corner. “There are literally sparks flying back here, the mattress could catch fire!” says brother McCoy, complaining. The group just pushes harder, not realizing that one of the wheels is caught and cannot turn, leaving a 20 foot skid mark in front of Sigma Kappa. Enough rebar has now broke that the mattress is on the ground, realized by brother Austin, who suggests that one of the girls gets out to help push.

As they round in front of Phi Delta Theta, their tongues can hardly remember that last drop of water after running so hard. The pairing is gathered here, and Brother Gardner flexes his gargantuan muscles for the swooning co-eds on the lawn. “I’ll call you when we win” he says with a wink.

The last 100 meters feel like one-hundred thousand. The bed racer is falling apart in their arms in their inspiring attempt to get the bed racer across the finish line. *Wheez-uh, Wheez-uh, Wheez-uh, Wheez-uh, Wheez-uh, Wheez-uh, Wheez-uh.* Their lungs are on fire as they passionately push the hot mess of rebar, rubber and 200 thread count cotton past the green line in front of AGD. The brothers raise their arms high and give congratulatory high-fives, calmly walking away as the unfortunate bed racer explodes in a climactic fireball; symbolically destroying all their fears or anxieties that there is anything they aren’t capable of doing together. The group takes a quick cool-down jog around sorority circle with their water bottles and notices their giant skid mark, marking the dedication of four young men and the mark that their fraternity left on them.

## Philanthropy Events Abound in Spring Semester

Iowa State chapter members of Acacia Fraternity continue to have an influence in the community of Ames through human service. Brothers dedicated their time and energy participating in a variety of community service opportunities and philanthropies. Let’s explore the human service efforts of our brothers throughout the spring semester.

### Martin Luther King Jr Day

On Monday January 20th, 2014, we as a chapter helped at different places across the Ames area. They included assisting in cleaning around ACCESS shelter as well as sorting and

organizing clothing donations and taking them to Goodwill. These instances allowed us to strengthen our brotherhood and give back to the community which has given us the chance to further ourselves as educated men.

### Dance Marathon

On Saturday January 26th, 2014, 11 members stayed on their feet for 15 hours straight during Iowa State’s largest student run philanthropic event, Dance Marathon. To participate in this event, each “dancer” must raise a minimum of \$250. For 16 years, Dance Marathon has donated financial and emotional

support to children with life threatening illnesses. All the money raised goes to the University of Iowa Children's Hospital via the

Children's Miracle Network.



Acacia Brothers (Left to Right) Andrew Doherty, Addison Kistler, Jordan Griffing, Ian Bryant, Preston Waymire, Dillyn Mumme, Drew Sherman, Grant Albansoder, and McDaniel Foley)

Acacia Brothers (Left to Right)(Colten Fales, Stewart Burger, Drew Sherman, Grant Albansoder, and Wicitra Mahotama)

### Move Cabinet

Youth and Shelter Services had a cabinet about the size of a small car that we helped move on February 18<sup>th</sup>. We moved it from the bottom floor to the second floor in the building, up three flights of stairs. This was a great brotherhood bonding experience because we had to improvise to get the heavy cabinet to its destination.

### Stash the Trash / VEISHEA Service Day

As part of our Greek Week service component, we walked around Campus and picked up trash on March 29<sup>th</sup>. This event took place in the early morning and gave us the opportunity to grow as brothers while still serving the community we live in. A lesson we took from this was take the extra step to throw away our trash because it helps our community look better and stay cleaner.

### Read - Lead - Achieve

On February 19<sup>th</sup> we joined the Ladies of Pi Beta Phi in their philanthropy, *Read Lead Achieve*. We did this by going with them to a local elementary and reading to the kids at the school. This allowed us to make a positive impact on the children of the school while also allowing us to interact with a Sorority in our community.

### Relay For Life

As a chapter we helped raise money with our Greek Week paring: Pi Beta Phi, Alpha Sigma Kappa, and Phi Delta Theta. Then we also participated in the walk and had a table set up along the track at Lied Recreation Center on March 7<sup>th</sup>. It was a great bonding experience to aid in the fight against cancer while in the company of our fellow Greek community members.

### Chilly Chilli Challenge

Throughout February we raised money to sign up as a team to compete in a chili cook-off. The money we raised went to the Youth and Shelter Services. We participated on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February. In preparation for this event, we formed a team with our academic advisor, Stewart Burger, as our celebrity chef. The group worked together to simmer up Brother Burger's recipe and create a great tasting chili. I'm proud to announce our hard work paid off, as we received the Judge's choice award.

### Greeks Give Back

On April 6<sup>th</sup> the Greek community had the opportunity to participate in a luncheon for the potential new members and their families during Greek Visit Day. The luncheon was intended to showcase service and philanthropy projects in the Greek Community. We participated in this event with our Greek Week Paring: Pi Beta Phi, Alpha Sigma Kappa, and Phi Delta Theta. We served our traditional Acacia Root Beer Floats, and Pi Beta Phi served their Walking Tacos and had a community service tent for the families to create bookmarks to support youth literacy. The event showed potential new members and their families about the importance of human service in the Greek Community and in Acacia specifically.

## Iowa State Welcomes Four New Acacia Brothers



who meet our criteria and are worthy to become Brothers in our Fraternity.

This spring, four more men became Acacian's. Shown in the picture are (left to right) Elijah Lockwood, Jakob Crogham, Senior Dean (pledge trainer) Wichitra Mahotama, Ryan Zumbach, and Aditya Navale.

The initiation ceremony was held on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The initiation was attended by 100% of the active chapter members, and the chapter advisor, Jeremy Davis. Following the initiation ceremony, the brothers had breakfast at Village Inn.

That evening, the active chapter hosted a celebration for our four new members. The brothers enjoyed spending time together grilling, playing yard games, and celebrating the accomplishments of their new brothers.

Next semester's initiation will be held on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Arcadia Lodge No. 249, 107 Alexander Ave. in Ames, IA. We would love to have a large alumni group present at the ceremony. Please contact us if you have questions about attending initiation.

Rush is a critical function for any Fraternity, but Acacia takes it to the next step. We maintain a rush program year-round, and we set our standards very high. The minimum academic requirements for new members are a 26 ACT score and 3.00 GPA. Members recruited during the school year who are already Iowa State students must have at least a 3.00 GPA as well. In addition, they must be approved by a majority of the chapter members and the chapter advisor, who retains veto authority over any bid that might be given. Even with these restrictions, every semester we are able to find and recruit a select number of men

## Acacian's Recognized for Excellence at Spring, 2014 Scholarship Luncheon

Each spring semester, the Corporate Board hosts a luncheon for all alumni, active chapter members and their parents to recognize and award certificates and awards to members of the active chapter for their academic success, and contributions to the chapter as a whole. This spring we held the luncheon in the Great Hall in the Memorial Union and had nearly eighty chapter members, parents and alumni attend.

The above photo shows the group as a whole as we got ready for the event and many people had a chance to visit prior to the outstanding meal served by the Memorial Union staff. Served buffet style, there was plenty of food to eat for all who attended, and anyone who went away hungry, did so at their own request! This spring, the "Taste of Italy" was our featured meal, and as usual, the salad and meal was excellent.



Academic success has long been a standard upheld by the members of the Iowa State Chapter, and in the Fall, 2013 semester the chapter once again laid claim to the #1 academic Fraternity in the Iowa State Greek Community. More than two-thirds of the members earned a 3.00 GPA or higher, and sixteen of the twenty-eight chapter members who earned this distinction were able to attend the luncheon. This photo shows the group of men from the chapter who attended the luncheon and received certificates recognizing their academic achievement.



Each spring, our chapter advisor Jeremy Davis identifies and recognizes specific individuals within the chapter who individual contributions and achievements are worthy of special recognition. Given their achievements, it is only fitting that they should be recognized in the newsletter.



Two members received a joint recognition for their contributions to the chapter as a whole, and we rewarded with the “Good of the Fraternity” award. The two members (shown above) are Joe Webb and Andrew Doherty.



A second award that was presented was for academic success and who also serves as a role model for the Brothers in the chapter. The recipient of the award this year was Joe Webb.



Another award that is presented is one presented for the “Commitment to the Ideals and Values of Acacia”. This award is to the member who best exemplifies the values of Acacia – knowledge, virtue and truth. The winner this year was Drew Sherman.



Human Service is the motto of Acacia. One award recognizes the outstanding contributions on the part of a member to this core

value of our Fraternity. The winner this year was Wicitra (Wizzy) Mahotama.



The award for “Outstanding Service to Acacia” was given to William (Bill) Dyke for his unstinting contribution of time and talent to the chapter as a whole in a wide variety of activities in the chapter.



McDaniel Foley was recognized as the “Outstanding New Brother” of the Fraternity. A fall semester pledge, McDaniel has shown great promise and commitment to Acacia, and great things are expected of him in the future.



The award for Leadership Excellence was presented to graduating senior Thomas McGee, based on his strong leadership abilities both within the chapter and in organizations at Iowa State.



The final award that was presented is a “traveling” award, meaning that the recipient’s name is inscribed on a larger plaque on display in the chapter house. The award is one that has been given to the one member whose contributions over their time best exemplify what it means to be a member of Acacia Fraternity through academic success, leadership development, and human service. This year, that award was presented to Thomas McGee.

## Acacia Salutes its Graduating Seniors!

At the alumni luncheon held each semester, the Corporate Board and Chapter recognize our graduating seniors and thank them for their contributions to the chapter and wish them much success in their future endeavors. At the spring luncheon, we recognized four of our Brothers who graduated on May 10<sup>th</sup>. These Brothers are recognized in this section of the newsletter



**Andrew Doherty** graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Dietetics. Upon graduation he will be completing the Iowa State University Registered Dietitian Certificate program. After this, he will be interning at the Des Moines VA Hospital and with the Des Moines Public School District. During the internship he will be focusing on making people eat healthy foods, like brussel sprouts and artichokes, whether they like it or not!

While he was a member of Acacia Fraternity Andrew has served as Recruitment Co-Chair with Thomas McGee where they recruited a "rag-tag" group of 14 new members. Executive Dean where he made sure everyone was safe which meant having absolutely no fun, for anyone! And lastly Scholarship Chair where he taught time management skills like; how to cram before a test so you can still go to Mug Night. He has also held multiple smaller chair positions including, a two time Varieties Co-Chair, Team leader for Relay for Life and Polar Plunge, and Greek Week Athletics co-chair. But, his proudest and most outstanding achievement was his time spent on the All Greek Judicial Board.

Andrew was involved multiple clubs and organizations including serving as a College of Human Sciences Ambassador, Food Science Human Nutrition Ambassador, President of the on-campus food pantry, and a highly active member in ISU's branch of "T.P. for Indonesia" organization.

His favorite memory of the house was going to Kansas City for Spring Break to watch the Iowa State Men's Basketball team win the Big 12 Championship. This was in conjunction with his favorite past time of testing the threshold of things Addison will eat.

Andrew's wise words for the undergrads are to not let any opportunities pass you by that would help you grow personally, as well as make the most of your remaining years. Also, if Gabe ever finds "that one thing" that was left for him, Andrew had nothing to do with it!

**Ian Bryant** graduated with a degree in Aerospace Engineering, focusing on space flight and orbital dynamics. He is currently looking for a job in the aerospace industry.

During his time in the chapter he served as the scholarship chairman, and focused on revising the scholarship plan and installed the Academic mentoring program to help Brothers in house with their academic studies.

He also served as the VP of Scholarship for the InterFraternity council and wrote the new academic policy that holds the Greek community as a whole to a higher set of standards. He has been on the academic dean's list for the seven out of eight semesters and was inducted into the **Sigma Gamma Tau** Aerospace Honor Society as well as the **Cardinal Key** honorary society.

His advice to freshmen is to never be afraid to try something new. School may seem difficult and time consuming at first, but this should not stop you from getting involved. This is the perfect time to discover your limits and try to break through them. Most often, you will be pleasantly surprised!

His favorite memories of the chapter house were simple ones. The first "grill out" each spring the weather finally turned nice and playing games in the re croon. It was at these moments when he saw Brotherhood at its finest and he knew that he had made the right decision to join Acacia four years ago.

In closing, he would like to thank every Acacian that he has met over the past four years. Whether the interaction was large or small, each one of them has helped him to become a better man, and he is indebted to them for their contributions. He is an Acacian, and he is proud of it!



**Thomas McGee** is graduating with a degree in Industrial Engineering and will be starting a job with John Deere as a manufacturing engineer in their seeding division.

During his time at Acacia, he served as recruitment chair, Brotherhood chair and Venerable Dean of the chapter. He also served as Vice-president of Scholarship for the InterFraternity Council, was an executive member of the E-Week Planning committee and vice-President of Ceremonies for the Cardinal Key Honorary.

One of his favorite memories was late night runs to McDonald's with the guys in the house – so that they would have more energy for studying!

His advice to the freshmen is simple: Don't go to school to just get a job – go to school to learn how to live a life.



**Tyler Zylstra** is both graduating and returning to Iowa State! He is graduating with a degree in Animal Science, but he will be returning to Iowa State this fall to pursue a degree in Veterinary Science.

While he was in the house, he served as junior dean, treasurer and lawn display co-chair the year the chapter won the even during Homecoming. Among his favorite memories are Homecoming and the Greek Week events. He also noted that no one has ever recalled the night that they stayed in and got enough sleep!

## Important Update Regarding the Future of "The Pythagorean"

Since the late 1990's, the Corporate Board of The Acacians has consistently published a quarterly newsletter to provide regular and timely updates regarding The Acacians and the Iowa State Chapter of Acacia Fraternity. Over the years, the size and scope of The Pythagorean has increased. We now regularly have a quarterly newsletter ranging between 12 to 16 pages of content.

Currently, we mail approximately 650 copies of the newsletter to our alumni and parents of current undergraduate members. Approximately two years ago, we began publishing a PDF version (in color) of The Pythagorean which is emailed to alumni that we have valid email addresses on-file. This full-color version can also be downloaded from the chapter's website.

The annual cost to publish a quarterly newsletter with 12 to 16 pages of content is approximately \$4,000 (nearly 75% of this cost is attributed to postage). To put this into perspective, the rent for an undergraduate brother living in the Chapter House is currently \$1,925 per semester, which has remained unchanged since the mid-2000's to keep the costs for undergraduate students as reasonable as possible. Unfortunately, beginning this fall due to the increased costs associated with operating the Chapter House (utilities, insurance, property taxes, maintenance, etc.), rent will be increased to \$2,000 per semester. To continue producing the newsletter in its current format each year is

approximately the value of rent for one undergraduate brother residing at the Chapter House for both the fall and spring semesters.

At the spring meeting of The Acacians held on Sunday, April 27, 2014, a discussion was held regarding the significant increase in the costs of producing a quarterly newsletter with 10 to 12 pages of content. After much discussion, it was determined that The Corporate Board of The Acacians will continue to publish a quarterly newsletter to ensure consistent, regular communications with alumni, which is critical to our chapter's long-term viability and success. However, the Board approved the following changes to our quarterly newsletter:

First, the February, May and August paper versions of the newsletter will be "abridged" versions containing two to four pages of printed content which will be mailed via the US Postal Service to each alumni brother and parent of current undergraduate brothers. Although the two to four page printed version will be mailed for these three issues, the full version (a traditional 12 to 16 page newsletter) will continue to be produced for these three issues but available only in an electronic PDF format, which will be emailed to alumni with valid email addresses on file. The PDF version of the newsletter will also be

available on the chapter's website. The "abridged" version also will contain the web address directing our alumni to download the full PDF version.

Second, the November issue of The Pythagorean will continue to be printed and published in its current, traditional format of 12 to 16 pages and mailed to all alumni (just as it is today).

The approved changes in publishing and distributing The Pythagorean will reduce production costs (printing and postage) to under \$2,100 per year. These savings will be utilized by The Corporate Board of The Acacians to pay the increased costs to maintain the Chapter House.

The first "abridged" version of The Pythagorean will be published in August 2014. To help with this transition, we ask that you send Brother Harold Zarr, Jr., Corporate Board President, an e-mail with your current e-mail address so that you will receive an e-mail containing the PDF version of The Pythagorean. Brother Zarr's email address is: [acacia\\_814@hotmail.com](mailto:acacia_814@hotmail.com). Additionally, when emailing Brother Zarr, please also include your current mailing address and telephone number so that we can confirm that we have your most up-to-date contact information on-file.

Thank you for your understanding. This decision was not made lightly nor was it made in haste. We truly believe this decision allows us to maintain our current, regular communications with our alumni while also effectively and judiciously utilizing our financial resources.

## Iowa State Acacia Alumni Gather in Arizona

For fifty-one years since they graduated from Iowa State, an intrepid and dedicated group of Iowa State Acacians have shared an annual "letter" in which they shared the events of that year with their Brothers from the Fraternity. At Christmas each year, these Brothers have all sent in their individual letters to a designated Brother who compiled the various letters and then mailed the finished product out to all of the Brothers within their group. The original group included just the 1958 pledge class, but over the years it has grown to include a considerable number of other Brothers from other years as well.

This past March, a group of these alumni and their wives gathered in the "Valley of the Sun" in Arizona to visit, renew friendships and spend time enjoying each other's company.

believe a word of it! Listening in is Larry McComber while Dick Taylor (in the background) visits with an unidentified Brother.



Sharing some spirits and telling some stores are Brothers (left to right) Larry Wogahn, Don Lyon, Dick Taylor, and John McDonald.

Bobby Davis (far right) shares some critical information with Wally Kolbe (to the left in the picture) who does clearly not



Dick Cone and Jim Davis stand guard in front of the beverage coolers in a valiant attempt to keep this wild bunch of Brothers under control. At least the effort was noble, even if the result was in doubt!



Gathering together to share stories and get caught up on life events are a group of alumni from across a wide range of years. Fellowship such as this does not happen by accident, it happens because of the close friendships that developed because of shared experiences and mutual support during their time as

active members of the chapter, and their continuing their friendship long after their college days have come to a close.

This is Brotherhood in its finest form!



The Acacia Brothers shown in this photo are (back row, left to right) Dick Taylor, Walter Kolbe, John McDonald, and Bert Fellows. In the front row (left to right) are Jim Davis, Dennis McComber, Dick Cone, Bobby Davis, Bruce Campbell, Don Lyon, and Larry Wogahn.

Plans are already in place for next year's reunion. It will be hosted by Jim and Fran Davis at their home in Scottsdale, Arizona. The date is set for March 18, 2015. If you are interested in attending the event in 2014, please contact Jim by e-mailing him at [jimdavisestancia@gmail.com](mailto:jimdavisestancia@gmail.com).

## 2014 Alumni Donations Provide Critical Support to the Chapter

The contributions from our alumni are a vital contributor to the success of our chapter. The money that our alumni so generously donate goes to support both renovations to the chapter house and to scholarships for the undergraduate members of the chapter. These funds make a significant difference in the living conditions of the chapter house and in helping our undergraduate members meet the heavy financial burden placed on students attending Iowa State University.



## Chapter House Improvement Fund

### \$ 675 Contributed in 2014 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 2014. Please accept our grateful thanks for your generosity!

----- Alumni Contributors in 2014 -----	
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)
Gold Partner	(\$ 750 - \$ 999)

<b>Silver Partner</b>	(\$ 500 - \$ 749)
<b>Bronze Partner</b>	(\$ 100 - \$ 499)
Kenneth L. MacRae - #427	
Ronald E. Durham - #433	
Lynn R. Pendry - #469	
James M. Hanson - #533	
Lee R. Christensen - #601	
Bruce C. Wight - #770	
<b>Spirit Partner</b>	(\$ 1 - \$ 99)
Walter R. Kolbe - #527	
Craig Buske - #1009	



## Iowa State Chapter Scholarship Fund

### \$2,675 Contributed in 2014 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 2014. 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 2014 -----	
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. Carstens - #354	
Gold Partner	(\$ 750 - \$ 999)

<b>Silver Partner</b>	(\$ 500 - \$ 749)
Douglas R. Whitney - #627	
<b>Bronze Partner</b>	(\$ 100 - \$ 499)
Stewart L. Burger	
Kenneth L. MacRae - #427	
Lynn R. Pendry - #469	
James M. Hanson - #533	
Gary D. Harter - #538	
John E. Shrader - #539	
Bruce C. Wight - #770	
Robert K. Borcharding - #978	
<b>Spirit Partner</b>	(\$ 1 - \$ 99)
Walter R. Kolbe - #527	
Craig Buske - #1009	

# ACACIANS ACROSS AMERICA

**Dick Cone – #557**  
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Brother Dick Cone came to Iowa State in 1956 and joined Acacia as a freshman that fall quarter. As is typical for most college students then and now, he held a wide variety of part-time jobs to pay for his way through college. At that time, it cost about \$1,000 in total per year to attend school at Iowa State.

Majoring in Forestry, he graduated in 1961 after spending a summer working with the YMCA in Istanbul, Turkey. He joined seven other United States college students along with eight Turkish students building a sea wall at a YMCA camp on the Bosphorus in a program called “Building for Brotherhood”. Following graduation, Dick entered the United States Marine Corps and served a “Force Recon” unit which was the precursor to the modern-day Seals program. While in the Marine Corp., he was stationed in North Carolina, but spent most of his time “on the go”. In 1961 he married his college sweetheart Joan Corporon who was member of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. Unfortunately, Joan passed away shortly after the birth of their daughter while Dick was stationed in North Carolina. Upon his return to the United States in 1964 he left the Marine Corp as a Captain.

Dick returned to Iowa and married Jan Glover who was working for the Woodbury County Extension Service in Sioux City, Iowa, in 1965. Jan was a sorority sister of Joan at Alpha Gamma Delta. In 1966, Dick, Jan and their two year old daughter moved to Pierre, South Dakota to establish trees on a contract with the Corp of Engineers along the Missouri River. The Cone family grew to three daughters and Dick and Jan now have three grandchildren as well.

In 1969, Dick started a fertilizer company which he operated until 2000 when he sold it to the employees of the firm. A successful businessman, Dick’s company was for several years the largest dealer of Roundup™ herbicide in the state of South Dakota. An avid hunter

and fisherman, Dick has long supported the use of “no-till” farming practices and responsible irrigation procedures along the Missouri River in South Dakota.

Dick has a farm south of Pierre and also purchased a 4,400 acre ranch south of Kennebec, South Dakota where he and Jan spend their summers. One of his big enjoyments is driving his tractors around the property and farming, even though his tractors have more “bells and whistles” on them than he knows what to do with! The ranch and farm are used primarily for a wildlife habitat and there are 300 acres of food plots on the ranch and farm, with numerous 4-10 acre plots set aside to provide food for wildlife. He allows his friends to hunt on the property in the fall.

Each winter, Dick and Jan relocate to Fountain Hills, Arizona, east of Scottsdale, Arizona. In March, 2014, they hosted a gathering of Acacia alumni. The gathering of Acacians, wives and significant others will be held next year on March 18<sup>th</sup> in Scottsdale, and Jim and Fran Davis will be the hosts.

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## In Memoriam

We note with sadness the passing of one of our Brothers of our chapter. His individual contributions to the chapter, their families and the communities in which they lived will be remembered and treasured by those who had the good fortune to know and share the gifts provided by this Brother. We recognize and honor them in this section of the newsletter, and extend our condolences to his family.

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**Donald L. Beacher - #376**, 88, of Santa Teresa, New Mexico, passed away on April 29, 2013. He was born on October 30, 1924. Unfortunately, no obituary or other information for Brother Beacher could be found.

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## Active Chapter Report

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It's amazing to think that another semester is wrapping up here in Ames. The undergraduate brothers of the Koph Chapter have been busy preparing final presentations, writing reports, and studying for final examinations. Last semester, we earned the highest average GPA of any Interfraternity Council Chapter, and we've been working diligently toward obtaining that honor once again. In addition to striving for academic excellence, the men of the Koph Chapter have been partaking in myriad other fraternal activities.

This spring, our brotherhood grew by 4 men. Jakob Croghan, Elijah Lockwood, Aditya Navale, and Ryan Zumbach were initiated on March 8. The spring class has been very involved in the chapter and on campus. Ryan and Jakob have taken chapter leadership roles for next year's homecoming celebration, Elijah is the Mechanical Director for ISU's RC flight club AirPAD, and Aditya is the treasurer of his residence hall floor. It's exciting to see the leadership potential of our new brothers.

We are also always on the lookout for more quality men to become brothers. This year, we took part in a new recruitment event through the Office of Greek Affairs and the Interfraternity Council. Due to new legal restrictions, the longstanding recruitment event known as Greek Getaway was no longer feasible, so a new program called Greek Visit Day was implemented. Several changes in the new program included making it separate from Greek Week, increasing programming, increasing parent involvement, and increasing emphasis on service. Acacia entertained two potential new members during the event. We also sold our popular Acacia Root Beer Floats during the Greeks Give Back Luncheon and raised over \$250 for

ACCESS Shelter. Greek Visit Day helped us kick off our recruitment for the summer.

Nothing helps recruitment like showing potential new members examples of the fun activities the Koph Chapter participates in during the year, and this semester wasn't short on fun. Our brothers had a blast working with our neighbors, the men of Phi Delta Theta, as well as the women of Pi Beta Phi and Alpha Sigma Kappa during Greek Week. Our placings weren't noteworthy, but everyone enjoyed participating in Lip Sync, Olympics, Tournaments, and service projects. The men also enjoyed a bowling brotherhood event at Perfect Games in Ames. Brother Ryan Lohse nonchalantly bowled five strikes in a row, and Brother Colten Fales threw the ball faster than anyone else. Finally, we wrapped up our social events on April 25, with our Spring Formal at the Holiday Inn in Des Moines. Brother Jackson Griffith, our Junior Dean (Social Chair) put on a great event with chicken and potatoes for dinner, and a dance following. The men and their dates enjoyed the opportunity to relax and cut loose before finals.

Life at 138 Gray Ave. isn't all play and no work, however. We saw a lot of our work recognized this semester. Nathan McKee, a Leadership Consultant from Acacia International Fraternity visited our chapter in early March, and had some very positive feedback for the chapter. Brother McKee praised many facets of our operations, and suggested a few improvements for some of our officers to consider helping us become even stronger as a chapter. Many of our brothers got a chance to spend time with him, and he met individually with each of our executive officers. It was awesome to see representation from the national

organization spend time with our members and give us such positive feedback on our day to day activities.

As the semester drew to a close, we inducted 6 men into alumni membership. Ian Bryant, Paul Bundy, Andrew Doherty, Tom McGee, John “Jack” Meyer, and Tyler Zylstra are all pursuing the next chapters of their lives. For some, that means more school at Iowa State, and for others, it means entering the workforce far away from Ames. These men have been great members, and their contributions to the chapter, large and small, are greatly appreciated. We wish them the best of luck as they travel along life’s pathway.

Now, summer is upon us, and while it seems like things in Ames might grind to a screeching halt, that is not the case at the chapter house. While many of the brothers are leaving the town, the state, or event the country to pursue jobs, internships, and research opportunities, over 15 men will be staying in Ames for the summer. We’re looking forward to helping with recruitment, maintaining the house, barbecuing on the porch, enjoying the weather, taking a short term break from classes, and attending Acacia International Conclave in Nashville, TN. If you’re in Ames this summer, please stop by and see how things are going. We’d love to see you. Thanks for reading, and have a great summer! Acacian and Proud!

## Board President's Message

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Greetings my Brother ACACIANS!

Just when I think this newsletter can’t get any bigger, it does! The active chapter and board have been incredibly busy this spring, and it definitely shows from all of the articles in this newsletter. I would like to follow up on an earlier article in the newsletter and kindly ask all of our alumni to provide us with a current e-mail address that we can use so that in the future, full color, full-length editions of the newsletter can be e-mailed to you on a quarterly basis. If you do not have or use e-mail, please let us know that and we will try to print a limited number of full-length editions to send to those alumni that do not use e-mail. We are fortunate in that the national office staff has been incredibly helpful in getting the full-color editions out to our alumni, and I know from the feedback that I have received that our alumni appreciate receiving the newsletter in this format.

The summer looks to be just as busy with rush now in full swing and with the chapter members compiling the records we need for submission to the national office for Conclave this summer. The efforts put forward by our chapter members in all areas evaluated by the team that looks over the submissions is impressive, and we hope to do well again this year. The competition for earning the Malcolm Award, not to mention all of the individual chapter category awards, is stiff – but we hope that those efforts will be well reviewed and that we will be in the hunt for many of those awards as well. We are looking forward to a great Conclave in Nashville!

Take care, and if you happen to be in the area, don’t hesitate to stop in and visit! The guys in the house will be happy to give you a tour and take some time to visit with you!

## 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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## Acacia Arizona Gathering (part 2)

Layout limitations prevented me from putting this picture at a location earlier in this edition of The Pythagorean, but I did not want to leave it out! This is group photo sent to me by Dick Cone that shows both the Brothers and their wives who were able to attend the event in Arizona. Please remember that this event will be held next spring on March 18, 2015 and it is hoped that a number of the undergraduate members from the chapter will be able to attend as well. If you can fit this event into your schedule, you should definitely make every effort to attend!



Front Row (left to right): Sonny Campbell, Margi McDonald, Jan Cone, Rita McComber, Diane McComber, Margaret Wogahn, Nancy Grennan

Second Row (left to right): Bruce Campbell, John McDonald, Jim Davis, Dennis McComber, Larry Wogahn, Jan Fellows, Joyce Koster, Dick Cone

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