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ACACIA Returns to the University of Iowa

In June 2010, the journey will begin again. Two graduate students will begin a two year mission. The applicants will come from Acacia Chapters all across the country, each one possessing an impressive resume. Two young men will be chosen from this pool of applicants, provided by the International Council of the Acacia Fraternity and hand-selected by the Acacia Corporation Board and Alumni. These two leaders will be changing the face of the Greek System at Iowa. They will be leading the reformation of the Iowa Chapter of the ACACIA Fraternity.

The pledge recruitment process will begin during the summer, utilizing a scholarship program funded by the donations of University of Iowa Acacia Alumni. This program helps to identify incoming freshmen that are already leaders. This informal recruitment period during the summer will turn into the formal recruitment sponsored by the University during the week before classes begin.

Once a pledge class is formed, the two graduate students will begin administering the New Member Education Plan, Cornerstones. This pledge class will then begin working with the graduate students towards initiation into the ACACIA Fraternity and the reformation of the Iowa Chapter. Each semester will see an increase in membership, brotherhood, and a continuation towards the final goal: reestablishment of the Active Chapter of Acacia and occupation of the Acacia Chapter House at 202 Ellis Avenue.

This vision can only become reality with **YOUR** help. The Iowa Acacia Corporation Board and the Eastern Iowa Alumni Association are beginning a three year fundraising drive to raise \$100,000 – funds that will bring the ACACIA Fraternity BACK to the University of Iowa Campus. Our future members need your assistance. Please choose an

amount that you can donate in the years 2008, 2009, and 2010. Your tax-deductible donation should be made to The Acacia Fraternity Foundation: Iowa Chapter Fund. These donations will be used to provide the scholarships to the two graduate students who will be working towards our goal of returning to campus, and will help fund the Iowa Acacia Leadership Scholarship as a recruiting tool for incoming freshmen at the University of Iowa.

To make a pledge and/or donation please refer to the pledge card that has been included with this newsletter. On the card please indicate whether this is a one time donation or a pledge for each of the three years of the fundraising campaign. You can also update your information or submit an “Alumni Announcement, News, and Notes” bulletin on the card or to any member of the corporation board listed on the last page of this newsletter.

To officially kick off the fundraising campaign we are having a golf and dinner event on Saturday June 14th at the Pleasant Valley Golf Course in Iowa City. A wonderful meal, a presentation by the board, and an unveiling of the money raised to date will be part of this evening of celebration and brotherhood. Please see the insert in this newsletter for reservation information.

I would like to thank each of you for your past support and for the future time, energy, and monetary commitments that you can pledge to the Reformation Movement of the Iowa Chapter of the Acacia Fraternity.

Fraternally,

Aaron Morrow #836
Corporation Board President

Corporation Board Update

Corporation Board Needs Volunteers

Do you have an interest in remodeling older residential buildings? Do you like working with money? Then we have a job for you! The corporation board is seeking volunteers to fill the positions of Facilities Manager and Treasurer.

Treasurer - Pays bills, prepares financial statements and oversees completion of annual tax return. Requires familiarity with tenant lease and mortgage covenants.

Facility Manager - Responds to tenant maintenance requests made through our paid property manager. Provides guidance to board members regarding future building projects. Requires familiarity with tenant lease.

The terms of these positions will expire on July 31, 2009. Dan Wilkes, who currently serves in those roles, is stepping down in May. Volunteers will transition with Dan during the interim before taking over. If you are interested in either role please contact Aaron Morrow or Dan Wilkes. Their contact information is at the back of this newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

As of December 31, 2007

As previously reported, the board placed additional debt on the property to provide a cash surplus and pay for needed maintenance. The building has been updated with a new heating system and the kitchen was remodeled. Significant repairs were also completed to the exterior wood columns.

Operating Statement	01/01/07 – 12/31/07	2008 Budget	
Income		Income	
Rent	\$ 61,250	Rent	\$ 63,825
Interest	\$ 1,179	Interest	\$ 2,000
Expense		Expense	
Mortgage	\$(26,059)	Mortgage	\$(25,891)
Property Tax	\$ (9,647)	Property Tax	\$ (9,920)
Property Insurance	\$ (7,314)	Property Insurance	\$ (6,613)
Maintenance & Capital Ex.	\$(72,967)	Maintenance	\$(14,000)
Management & Misc.	<u>\$ (2,437)</u>	Capital Ex.	\$(6,000)
Net	\$(55,995)	Management & Misc.	<u>\$ (1,915)</u>
		Net	\$ 1,486

Cash on Hand 12/31/06 \$ 18,081
 12/31/07 \$ 75,694

Alumni News and Notes and Remembrances

((Editor's Note: One of the primary objectives that we as a Board have to provide a "central forum" so that our alumni may keep in contact with each other. This space is provided in the newsletter for each one of you to do just that. Please let us know what is going on in your life, and use us as a means to get in back in touch with your Brothers from the days in which you lived in the chapter house. This is your space.))

Chapter Eternal – James Gines #414

James Peter Gines, age 71 years, passed away on Thursday, March 22, 2007, in Cape Canaveral, Florida, while on an annual golf trip with the "Guys from Ford." J. P. was born on January 15, 1936, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the only child of Joseph Carrancho Gines and his wife Agnes Marie Grimstad. In 1940, the family moved to the river town of Iowa Falls, Iowa, and there Jim graduated from

Iowa Falls High School in 1954. He had competed in varsity football, basketball, and All State Track. J. P. graduated from the University of Iowa, in 1960, with a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering. During his college years, Jim worked part-time as a disk jockey with the "on air" name "Tiger." This would remain his nickname by old high school and college friends the remainder of his life.

Jim was affiliated with the Acacia Fraternity and was a former member of the Elks Club. Following graduation, Jim went to work for ITT, the Kellogg Switchboard Division, in Chicago, on the radio equipment installed in the first space capsules. It was an exciting time to be an Engineer. On September 4, 1960, J.P. was married to Kay Ruby Maxwell, in Dexter, Iowa, and to this union, two daughters were born, Kristina Kay and Katherine Kolleen. In 1962, J. P. took a leave of absence to return to the University of Iowa, earning an MBA. Jim had grown up in a FORD family and 1966 found him accepting a position with the Product Planning Division of Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, and the family

moved to Ann Arbor. He would spend the next 35 years with Ford, retiring in 2001.

In 1989, Jim and Kay moved to Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, when Jim took a Foreign Service Assignment to work on the Quality of the Capri. He fell in love with Australia, and had been able to return three times after his assignment. Coming home to the States, he spent two years in Benicia, California, doing Quality at the Port of Entry. He returned to Dearborn and Ann Arbor in 1994, and there he would remain until his retirement. He loved Ann Arbor, it was a Big Ten Town!!! And he only had a problem when the Wolverines met the Hawkeyes!!! Jim was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. He had served on the Vestry, many committees, and spent years as a Head Usher of his own team. Jim loved the "water," he had been a swimmer since childhood, and in the mid 70's learned to sail, developing a distinct dislike for "stinkpots." Always athletic, he biked competitively in the 70's & 80's with his friend Steve, skied at every opportunity, and was always an "I can do it myself" guy, particularly if it would save him money!!!

He spent his retirement years doing woodworking, having breakfast with the Tuesday Golf Bunch, playing golf and then playing MORE golf, still loved to play the piano, and he always had time for a party and a glass of wine!! Jim was very proud of his daughters; they had inherited both his intellect, and his athletic abilities. Jim and Kay had spent the past three years traveling wherever Kris and Kitty competed as Triathlon Athletes. AND he loved his granddaughters who helped "Pappa" bake cookies. J. P. is preceded in death by his parents and extended family. He is survived by his wife Kay, daughters Kristina (Charles) Farrow of Carlisle, Mass., and Katherine Gines of Chelmsford, Mass., granddaughters Jordan and Davis Farrow, in-laws, cousins, and so many friends who were as close as his family.

Chapter Eternal – Dennis Clark #554

Dennis M. Clark, 56, died Saturday, July 14th of sudden heart failure. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 21, 2007 at St. Augustin Catholic Church. Burial followed at Resthaven Cemetery.

Dennis was born in Canton, IL and had lived in Winfield, Iowa prior to moving to Des Moines 46 years ago. He was a graduate of the University of Iowa, and was the Division Manager of Human Resources for John Deere Agricultural Marketing Center. Dennis was very devoted and proud of his family and employment at John Deere. He recently took a trip to China to see his son, Ben, and treasured that as an experience of a lifetime.

Survivors include his wife, Kate of Des Moines; mother, Doris Widmer of Madison, WI; son, Major Ben Clark of Kunming, China; daughter, Maggie (Matt) Murillo of West Des Moines; granddaughter, Rylee Murillo of West Des Moines; brother, Doug (Darla) Clark of Albuquerque, NM; brother in law, Tom (Diane) Finley of Des Moines; sister in law, Terry (Dr. John) Biddinger of Littleton, CO; brother in law, Murray (Patricia) Finley of Providence, RI; and many nieces and nephews. Dennis was preceded in death by his father, Charles Clark.

******* Births *******

Congratulations to **brother Dan Wilkes #761** and wife Teresa on the birth of their third child, a son Henry, on December 3rd, 2007.

Congratulations to **brother Chris Wilkes #771** and wife Kate on the birth of their daughter, Kiera Mae, born on September 4th, 2007.

Congratulations to **brother Jeremy Fortier #784** and wife Katie on the birth of their daughter, Reagan Shannon, born on October 25th, 2007.

Congratulations to **brother Matt Simon #830** and wife Lisa who had their first child, Ashlyn Rose Simon, on October 27th, 2007.

Brother Matt Lathrop #773:

After 10 years Jen and I made an extremely difficult decision to leave DC. In September I accepted a position with Yum! Brands which owns KFC, Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, A&W, and Long John Silver's as director of government and community relations so we packed up and moved to Louisville, KY. Louisville wasn't even on a list of places we probably would like to have visited some day but we really love it here, it's great for the kids and the job is super. If you're passing through, just give us a call.

Matt and Jenn Lathrop
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Brother Pat Hewitt #849 has moved to Washington D.C. where he is employed by Sibley Hospital as a financial analyst.

******* Military Updates *******

Brother Devin Johnson #839:

I graduated BCT (basic training) November 29th, 2007 and am currently assigned to the 229th Military Intelligence Battalion (the largest military intelligence battalion in the Army), Presidio of Monterey, CA until I finish school. Until then I am forced to endure a temperate climate and an ocean view.

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Brother Brian Gallo # 844:

I am currently stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas with 1st Brigade 4th Infantry Division. We will be deploying to Baghdad, Iraq this March for a 15 month tour. I am currently an Infantry Officer (rank of Captain) working in staff and am looking forward to either a company command or working on a MITT Team next year. I'll give you an address when we get there, but for now this e-mail is the best way to get a hold of me. As you already know this will be my second tour.

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Mike Johnson #850:

I've been in the active army since April '06. I was commissioned in Oct '06 through OCS at Ft. Benning GA. I finished my training in April '07. From there I went to Ft Riley, KS where I was from May-Sept '07. My unit is Echo Company, 2-1 General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. Right now I am a Second Lieutenant, branched Ordnance. I'm supposed to be promoted in about April to 1st Lieutenant. My job is Maintenance Platoon Leader and Maintenance Control Officer- basically I manage a motor pool (vehicle repair shop). I deployed in Sept of '07 to Contingency Operating Base (COB) Speicher near Tikrit Iraq and am scheduled to be here for 15 months.

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Josh McGrath #853:

I am active duty enlisted, 1-32 INF BN, Fort Drum. I'm a 35F Intel Analyst. And we are getting deployed to Baghdad in the fall. My two emails are joshuamcgrath00@hotmail.com and joshua.l.mcgrath@us.army.mil.

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Will Mason #864:

I will commission, God willing, Wednesday, March 12 from Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, AL. I will then go to Randolph AFB in San Antonio for probably two years where I will be learning to become an Electronic Warfare Officer (EWO). After that I will find out what kind of airframe I get. Right now my desire is to get on a Talon II, which takes SpecOps

around or an AC-130 gunship. I am really looking forward to moving to San Antonio. I might be coming back to Iowa for a week or two sometime between the end of March and the middle of May. I'll send out the word if I'm going to make it to IC. I miss all of you and the good times we've had and can't wait till the next time.

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Chris Wille #867:

I'm an infantry officer (11A) in the Virginia Army National Guard with C Company, 3-116th Infantry Officer. I'm currently mobilized and deployed to Tikrit, Iraq. My unit is conducting convoy security for ice cream trucks (and other stuff). We should be re-deploying in April, and I'll be back in the DC area sometime in May.

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Eric Lamp #875:

I am now a commissioned officer as of August 10th, 2007 and I am assigned to the Iowa National Guard as a platoon leader in Co. A 248th Aviation Support Battalion. My branch of assignment is Quartermaster, which means that we supply anything and everything that it takes to support an entire Aviation Brigade. I will be leaving for Fort Sill, Oklahoma on February 6th, 2008 and then on to Fort Lee, Virginia on April 6th, 2008. I won't be back in Iowa until mid to late June. My next step is to hopefully return home and gain an Aviation slot within the Battalion. Still I am looking for civilian employment if anyone has any leads for me it would be greatly appreciated. No scheduled deployments as of right now. Rumor has it that my unit may mobilize to Iraq sometime in Fall 2009.

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Conclave 2008

The 55th Biennial Conclave and Leadership Academy of the Acacia Fraternity will be August 6th-10th 2008 in Louisville, KY. This year's conclave will be held at the Brown Hotel in Louisville. More information can be found on the National Fraternity's website at:
http://www.acacia.org/news_current.htm#conclave
We hope to see many alumni in attendance.

Corporation Board Members

The following Brothers are your representatives on the Corporation Board. Feel free to contact us whenever you have ideas, suggestions or concerns!

Aaron Morrow #836	President	319-330-1788
Patrick Hewitt # 849	Vice-President	319-331-0794
Dan Wilkes #761	Treasurer	319-221-1440
Brian White #840	Secretary	319-325-3872

2008 Voluntary Dues

We are now collecting voluntary dues for the alumni chapter for 2008. Dues have been set at \$75. Please see the enclosed card for more information.

Fall Social Recap

The 2007 EIAAA fall social was held on September 29th in Iowa City. The event was the 4th annual Homecoming tailgate/hog roast. Many Acacia Brothers and guests attended this event. Unfortunately the Hawkeye football team did not hold up their end of the deal and lost to the Indiana Hoosiers that day.

Newsletter Information

This newsletter is sent to all of the alumni of the University of Iowa Chapter of ACACIA Fraternity. This newsletter is sent at **no cost** to all of its recipients, although donations directed towards the cost of this publication will be accepted by the Board. Should you wish to make a contribution, please make your check payable to **The Iowa Acacians**, in any amount. If you have any information you would like to share, please send it to **Aaron Morrow** at his e-mail address: **amorrows836@hotmail.com**. Take care, and best wishes to all of the Brothers and friends of our Fraternity.