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With Your Help, Heth Chapter Will Continue to Shine

Dear Acacia Alumnus:

I am pleased to inform you that things are really moving in a positive direction at the Heth Chapter! I can attribute this to a variety of factors:

- (1) The Board as a whole has been involved with the chapter – including our Chapter Adviser Jeff Laurinaitis '96, who has maintained regular contact with the chapter executive committee, and our Treasurer Rob Mertes '96, who has instituted new invoicing procedures and policies and maintained a more direct line of communication with the chapter treasurer;
- (2) We have focused on developing the leadership qualities of the chapter members, both at the chapter level and on campus, which we believe will have a positive impact on more than just our organization as a whole;
- (3) We have worked to establish procedures for continuity in the transition of new chapter officers;
- (4) We have worked to make adjustments to Initiation Week in line with more current

thinking regarding liability issues and with the goal of continuing to foster integrity, respect and character in our members;

- (5) We have striven to develop an attitude of accountability for one's actions and strength to take a stand for important values such as pride in the house and respect for others;
- (6) The events of September 11, 2001, which have made us all much more thankful for our families, friends and opportunities; and, finally and most importantly;
- (7) The leadership and character of the chapter members has been extremely strong in the face of some tough demands by the board.

These factors, among others, are continuing to develop the strong program that Acacia has to offer to Illinois students. Our rush program continues to be a strong one with more than 90 combined in- and out-of-house members and we have a positive reputation on campus!

Having been a corporation board member for over 10 years, starting with the year the new

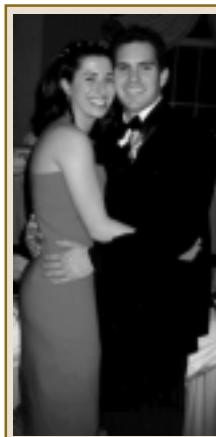
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Michael Giarritano '00

"The Duke" Leaves Legacy of Laughs, Wisdom

Our good friend and brother Michael "The Duke" Giarritano '00 passed away late on Christmas night. During his long battle with cancer, he maintained his sense of humor and perspective, and was grateful for all the blessings he had known in his 23 years.

His own words say it best: "I've learned to be thankful for everything I have been given. I am thankful that I have two arms, two legs, that I can walk, see, hear, touch, smell, love and taste. These are luxuries that most of us



take for granted. ... However, as thankful as we should be for all of this, we should be just as thankful that a Mud Pie Blizzard from Dairy Queen is only two or three dollars away." He loved those Blizzards.

Mike wrote those words on August 18, 2001, as part of a series of e-mails he sent to friends and family. In the same message, he also said: "There are few things in life more gratifying than giving to and helping others while expecting nothing in return. One of the

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house at 907 S. Third St. was procured, I miss our old structure at 501 East Daniel; however, there is a more important vision that we as a Board, together with many of our brethren, have for our organization. We now have over a decade's worth of members who have experienced the same ritual, values and programs that most of our alumni have experienced, but at a different house. We are a group with a common bond, and our alumni continue to be very successful in their endeavors in many different fields. How incredible that we continue to be a successful organization with quality members, without the same physical structure. (I might add, however, that our current house is one of the better locations on campus!) The Board's vision is to bridge the gap – the gap among the old-old house, the old house, and the new house (some of you may remember the incredible Homecoming days at 501 East Daniel!). We still need work at the alumni level, and are looking for additional volunteers who would like to get involved, even in smaller ways like technology implementation or helping with events. As with any volunteer-based organization, it is difficult to harness the manpower to effectively meet all of our goals, which include strengthening the communication among our alumni network, ownership of our chapter house and most importantly, maintaining Acacia's strong presence at the University of Illinois. We continue to do our best and are seeing some positive results, but we are always interested in adding new board members to fill particular roles in areas like alumni involvement and physical plant improvements.

We appreciate all the support you have given, and ask for your continued generosity because it really does make a difference! Please feel free to contact me or any member of the

board with any questions you may have and stop by 907 South Third Street, Champaign, when you are in town. With the Bears in Champaign next season, you have a great excuse to stop by!

Fraternally,
Art Mertes '88
Corporation President

Congratulations to Our Spring 2002 Heth Chapter Officers (All Class of 2004)

Venerable Dean

Andrew Erskine | Effingham, IL

Senior Dean

Joe Pedota | Hinsdale, IL

Treasurer

Parag Shah | Naperville, IL

Junior Dean

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Carlos Cagadas | Glenview, IL

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hardest things in dealing with my illness has been my inability to do significant things for the people I love."

The Duke endured months of pain, including chemotherapy treatments, vomiting and bone-marrow transplants. Many of his fraternity brothers donated platelets and blood, for which he was deeply grateful. Of these donors, he said, "You guys have really stepped up and showed me what brotherhood is all about." The Duke was also thankful for the many people who visited him in the hospital, for helping keep his spirits up and making his hospital stays more bearable.

Candyman and Juju purchased a new computer for him, which he used for writing his many e-mails, making it possible for him to stay in close touch with friends and brothers, and for which he was particularly appreciative.

Mike loved his fraternity and chapter. As an undergraduate, he served for a time as pledge educator and was on the executive board during his senior year. He recently wrote that "The friendships I made will last forever, and the support I have received from alumni has been unbelievable."

Throughout his illness, he tried to maintain a humorous and positive tone in his e-mails. On August 18, he offered some words of wisdom, prefaced with this tongue-in-cheek warning: "The following advice should be taken with extreme caution, as the author of this e-mail used to wear girl disco pants, afro wigs, Elvis sunglasses and disco ball necklaces, all voluntarily."

He followed that by discussing the lessons he had learned since becoming ill. His core statement was: "The most important thing in life is to have loving relationships with your family, friends and God."

Arthur Mertes '88, president of the Acacia corporation board, who became a friend of The Duke's during his illness, says "Mike's updates and messages, in my opinion, were an inspiration to those who received them. He faced a life-threatening disease, and faced it with a strong spirit and positive attitude. When faced with adversity, he took it head-on. I am proud to know that he was a member of our fraternity."

In his short life, The Duke touched many, many lives and will be deeply missed. God bless you, Michael.

2002 Cubs Outing at Wrigley Field!

Please join us Saturday, August 3, 2002, for Acacia's Annual Cubs Outing — Cubs v. Rockies. We have a block of 60 tickets ordered at \$30 each. To attend, please send check or money order, payable to Heth Chapter Acacia Fraternity, c/o Art Mertes, Synergy Law Group, L.L.C., 730 W. Randolph St., 6th Fl., Chicago, IL 60661 and include your name, phone and e-mail. Game time is 3:05 p.m. Open to family members and significant others. Confirmation of purchase made by e-mail. Tickets will be left at Cubs will-call window in your name by 1 p.m. on game day. Pregame gathering starting 1 p.m. near the back entrance of Murphy's Bleachers at Sheffield and Waveland — look for the black and gold balloons!

Welcome Our Initiates (All Class of 2005)

Matt Bell, Prospect Heights, IL

Eric Billimoria, Palatine, IL

Dennis Bone, La Grange, IL

Mike Cantal, Arlington Heights, IL

Chris Crowell, Downers Grove, IL

David Franz, Arlington Heights, IL

Dan Hertz, Mount Prospect, IL

Dan Inendino, Downers Grove, IL

Ralph Kopycinski, Park Ridge, IL

Tim Moran, Park Ridge, IL

Tim O'Neil, Lemont, IL

Matt Russo, Brookfield, IL

Josh Wood, Arlington Heights, IL

Ryan Zaremba, Minooka, IL

Dynamic Heth Chapter Staying on Top

By Andrew H. Erskine '04, Venerable Dean

Hello, from the Heth Chapter! What a successful fall semester we have had in Champaign, thanks to all the undergraduate members, and a fantastic new 2005 class of initiates. These men are a very select group of diverse individuals whom we are fortunate to have, and we feel they can go far with four years of guidance, growth and leadership in Acacia. Their size puts our Heth Chapter number well over 100 men. The '05s appear to be one of the most motivated classes in recent history, and we are extremely proud to be able to call each one brother. We are looking forward to seeing all the things they will do for the chapter in their four years at U. of I.

In addition to adding a well-balanced pledge class to the Heth Chapter, we were very pleased when the alumni graciously contributed enough to have a new men's bathroom installed, including a renovated shower room. We also appreciate the new furniture for the library and the foyer. Many thanks to all for your support this past year!

We undergraduates have also been busy fixing up our home and improving the landscaping around the house. The more than \$8,000 we received from Moms Day went a long way to help us accomplish such goals as buying a trophy case for the library, repainting the foyer, library and cafeteria, and funding some of our brotherhood and philanthropic events. Moms, you are the best! Our Moms Day weekend will be held in September this year, and we look forward to welcoming our mothers then.

Speaking of philanthropy, the International Headquarters made a suggestion to all chapters about a winter philanthropic event, and the Heth Chapter ran away with the idea. As a team, we managed to raise more than \$1,000 in new toys and clothing to give to families across the world through the Salvation Army. We donated hundreds of articles of used clothing for families in need as well. Thanks to all the sororities and organizations on campus who gave generously. Most importantly, though, we are proud to have helped raise money — and contribute our own as well — so new Philanthropy Chair Carlos Cagadas '04 could buy presents for boys and girls who would otherwise have had a very bleak Christmas. We raised our funds by spending weekends standing outside department stores, soliciting contributions for the children. This new event, which is sure to be an annual drive, reminded us of the true reason we are a fraternity — to give back to the community that gives us so much already. In addition to this new winter event, Carlos is in the process of creating a weeklong philanthropy event in the spring, which will benefit the Shriners' burn victims program. We are all eager to see what he comes up with.

Social events last semester were just the same old, AWESOME (and yes, responsible) time! Junior Dean Mike Fischer '04 put together one of the best Vacacians in recent history, in addition to memorable exchanges with the DGs, Thetas, and KDs, and a football block at Brothers Bar and Grille with the Tri-Delts. We also had a Halloween event with the Kappas as well as happy hours, after-hours, set-ups, impromptus, and tons of other great activities that made our social calendar, once again, the best scene in the fraternity system at U. of I. Way to go, Mike! Mike, in fact, did such a great job that he was reelected for another semester and has begun setting up a Cubs game exchange, an exchange with a sorority from Illinois State,

and lots of other great events that will continue our strong and responsible social presence at U. of I!

Finally, I, as venerable dean, am doing my best to uphold the Acacia legacy for present and future members. With a strong spring rush, the Heth Chapter will surpass the 2,000-member mark, and I am doing all I can to improve the fraternity for those young men. A new scholarship committee has been added to find ways for Acacia men to improve academically, as well as a tutoring system to help brothers who may be struggling. I am organizing house projects on a regular schedule so that in-house members feel that they are truly contributing to improving the living conditions of our home. I am also working with the chapter to ensure that we have brothers involved in Greek government, Student Government, and university organizations of all kinds. We are succeeding in that we have a member on the Interfraternity Council and the Illini Union Board, and more than a few men running for upcoming Illinois Student Government positions.

Many good things are happening in the Heth Chapter, but the best thing I feel we have accomplished thus far is ensuring that the internal brotherhood stays strong as we move into a brand new year. All undergraduate members are excited about the opportunities that the fraternity is providing, and all have a new-found respect for what Acacia means to them. This harmony has continued into 2002. We hope that in this year, all alumni will come visit us and help us in our never-ending quest to better the Acacia name. Please drop us a line whenever possible so we know how our brothers are doing!

Michael Ford '90 Nominated for Order of Pythagoras

By Art Mertes '88, President, Corporation Board

Dear Brothers:

We are pleased to announce that Mike Ford will be awarded the Order of Pythagoras.

Michael Ford '90 was a member of the board since 1994 and was acting president through May 2000. Mike is also a past Venerable Dean. His service to Acacia for six years of his adult life, juggling the needs of a wife, children, and a fast-paced career in finance, was a great service to our fraternity. We need more alumni like him. He cares about the fraternity and sacrificed his time and energy, which could have been committed elsewhere, to help ensure that others could participate in the same opportunity he so enjoyed — the fraternal experience of Acacia at Illinois.

During his tenure, Mike (along with his fellow corporation board members) spearheaded a mass survey of alumni, worked on improving the alumni database, and ensured that the many daily tasks of president of the board were fulfilled.

Internship Opportunities ...

If you have internship or other employment opportunities available to Heth Chapter, please contact: Acacia Fraternity, c/o Andrew H. Erskine, Venerable Dean, 907 S. Third St., Champaign, IL 61820; 217-328-5064; aerskine@students.uiuc.edu.

Progress of Heth Chapter Rewards Adviser: You Can Help, Too!

By Jeff Laurinaitis '96, Chapter Adviser

In fall of 2000, I decided to join the corporation board in an effort to help guide the undergraduate chapter and begin establishing stronger relations between the chapter and both the university and alumni network. Of course, my decision to take on an active role was not because I lacked meaningful activities in my life, nor a factor of too much free time. Rather, my decision was made because Acacia meant so much to my college career and the brotherhood that endured well after graduation. As the chapter adviser, coaching the executive officers at the chapter on leadership and responsibility, and simultaneously watching them improve has been one of the most rewarding experiences for me. I feel it is important to point out that our house has not only prospered over the years, having overcome its share of setbacks, but since losing the old house, the men coming through the ranks of Acacia have helped rebuild our presence at the University of Illinois based on the foundation of values that Acacia taught us. This, in and of itself, is a large testimony to the dedication that the undergraduates have displayed over the years

as well as the service that certain alumni have provided in support.

The goals and vision that the board has set forward revolve around the undergraduate chapter and the alumni corporation. The undergraduate chapter remains strong in terms of brotherhood and enrollment as well as socially, and the board is working to improve our internal processes so that we have the solid foundation to be consistently on top of our game. We also envision the alumni of Acacia fraternity having a network we can be proud to be a member of and gain value from participating in. We want members to graduate from campus, leaving the university and experiences behind, but having the brotherhood endure. While the board traditionally monitors and manages the activities of the undergraduates, we are looking to expand the Board with alumni committees that focus their time on events that matter to us all. If you are interested in taking a part-time but active role on a committee, please contact me at jeff.laurinaitis@ca.com.

Alumni News

E. Glendon Moore '41 (401 Burwash Dr., Apt. 141, Savoy, IL 61874) **Bob Bishop '39**, of Springfield, and I get together now and then.

A. Ross Manning '42 (P.O. Box 95, Roodhouse, IL 62082) The fraternity showed me a new world. It changed my life for the better, forever.

John K. Dahlberg '44 (3884 E. Stanford Ave., Gilbert, AZ 85234; jkdberg@ix.netcom.com) My wife, Marian, died suddenly on February 3, 2001. She was ZTA from Illinois. We enjoyed serenading them and other sororities. I've planted an Acacia tree in my yard with the thought of everlasting.

David W. Andrews '48 (603 W. Detweiller Dr., Peoria, IL 61615) I'm proud to have been in the house with **Jack Kilby '42**. We were good friends and I'm really proud of his award. I called him after another friend in Peoria told me of it. He was his same old self and very humble about it.

Richard J. Dominetta '51 (8405 Georgetown Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90045) I retired as director of

administrative services from Santa Monica Community College in 1996. I have spent the last few years doing some traveling in the USA and enjoying our grandchildren.

Robert H. King '52 (7930 Woodglen Ln., Apt. 106, Downers Grove, IL 60516) I met with **Rolf Cederwall '55**, **Richard Storer '49**, **Mel Rapp '49** and **Bill Jacques '50** for lunch in October.

Richard L. Cook '53 (14706 Boyces Cove Dr., Midlothian, VA 23112; rcdliion@worldnet.att.net) I am now working with the Cairo University/ Brown University Epigraphic Expedition in Egypt as a surveyor and archaeological draftsman, as well as assisting in the supervision of field workers. We work for six weeks each year in January and February. This is the fulfillment of a lifelong dream. In order to be able to do this, I had to be accepted as a member of a team from an institution acceptable to Egypt and approved by the Department of Antiquities in Egypt. To make this happen, I studied Egyptology (at Brown University and the Oriental Institute, University of Chicago), Arabic (at a

local mosque) and surveying (at a community college). In 2001, the objective of the expedition was to excavate tombs in the mortuary field west of the Pyramids at Giza. My task was to survey and map the entire field and to draw the plans, elevations



and sections of specific tombs of special interest. Following the field work, I am using the data and sketches to prepare drawings and maps for publication by The Boston Fine Arts Museum. I am donating my services.

Robert N. Hagemeyer '54 (125 Marina Del Rey Ct., Clearwater, FL 33767) In February 2001, I joined **Ron Slonneger '54** and his wife, Jean, aboard their sailboat, a 35-foot Island Packet named "Cadenza." We sailed from Key Largo, Fla., to Nassau. The Slonnegers started their sailing adventure five years ago

from Peoria, Ill., and have over 8,000 miles logged. **Paul Weller** has been named president of Framingham State College in Framingham, Mass.

Samuel A. Peak '54 (P.O. Box 198, Winchester, IL 62694; boxwood@irtc.net) Insurance broker with Peak Insurance Agency Inc. Sam and his wife, Sue, were featured in an article in *Illinois Snowmobiler* magazine in February 2001. They have been riding snowmobiles for 25 years and taken many trips around the country. One of the trips they organized to Yellowstone National Park included 29 snowmobiles and 34 people, ages 6 to 65.

Donald K. Hanes '55 (1100 Cedrus Way, Rockville, MD 20854; hanesnpat@aol.com) I retired in 1996 as vice president of communications/member relations of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives in Washington, D.C. I visit my brother, **Bob '57**, and the family farm in Oregon every year. I have two married daughters and one to go. I have two grandsons. Go Illini!

Roger H. Evans '56 (2188 Inverray St., Inverness, IL 60067; the_fisherman@worldnet.att.net) Realtor and certified general appraiser.

Kenneth A. Wagner '58 (954 Brown Deer Dr., Westmont, IL 60559; kenwag1@aol.com) Retired architect. I'm enjoying traveling, hobbies and occasional visits to the office.

Lonnie R. Ellis '64 (11856 Riverview Way, Aledo, TX 76008; lindele@aol.com) My wife, Mona, and I met **Jim Crusius '63**, his son and several in-laws in Anchorage, Alaska, in the summer of 2000. We stayed with **Robert "Rocky" Pearson** and his wife, Linda, during our adventures into the various parts of Alaska. It was a wonderful experience. A great number of stories were told about our days at Illinois and Acacia.

George R. Biderman '68 (832 Minarca Dr., St. Louis, MO 63131) I have been named national chairman of the Fellows Recognition Program for the Society of Marketing Professional Services (SMPS). I am past president of the St. Louis Chapter of SMPS and served on

national publication committees that developed the test questions used by SMPS to certify its members as professional marketers.

Bruce W. Scotton '68 (322 Clement St., San Francisco, CA 94118; bruce@itsa.ucsf.edu) I am a clinical professor of psychiatry at the University of California-San Francisco and a fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. I am senior editor of *Textbook of Transpersonal Psychiatry & Psychology* and spent 10 years researching connections between Native American shamanic healing and psychiatry. I'm in private practice in San Francisco and Corte Madera. I have two children, David (22) and Lauren (14).

Joseph A. Franz III '69 (5201 Wildcat Run, Springfield, IL 62707; jfranz5201@aol.com) In July 2001, I enjoyed a weekend trip to Cincinnati, Ohio, with several brothers. Pictured (L-R): **Dan Slagell '68**, **Mike Pembroke '66**, **Rich Crusius '65** and **"Winky" Winkleman '67**. Not pictured are **Gary Upp '68** and myself.



William K. Vinson '70 (24 Kincaid Dr., Fairfield, IL 62837; kvinson@midwest.net) Vice president of human resources at Champion Laboratories Inc.

Steven P. Hoffner '75 (9124 N. Swan Cir., St. Louis, MO 63144; steve_hoffner@aismail.wustl.edu) Assistant vice chancellor at Washington University. I'm happily employed in higher education and busy raising three daughters. I would love to get back in touch with old friends.

Andy J. Kmetz '75 (R.R. 3, Box 343, Sapulpa, OK 74066; kmetz@cottagesoft.com) Working in technical sales at Mission Clay Products.

Paul E. Rigby '75 (851 Ash St., Winnetka, IL 60093; paul_rigby@bankone.com) Managing director at Bank One in Chicago, Ill.

Mark A. Woodard '77 (101 Airline Dr., Hookstown, PA 15050; woodard@pulsenet.com) Debbie and I still live on a little airport in western Pennsylvania. We've been blessed with four children — three boys and a girl, ages 1 to 13. I've been a pilot for USAirways for over 13 years. I flew international flights for a year, but am currently flying Boeing 757s and 767s, mostly to the West Coast. If you are ever near Pittsburgh, give us a call at 724-899-3899!



John H. Buchanan '78 (3808 Celeste Ln., Naperville, IL 60564) Sales manager at Blue Circle Aggregates. I have enjoyed several Homecoming football games and wish the Illini well. I've seen **Bryan Delfs '75** and his family over the years.

Leigh D. Roadman '78 (112 Hawkins Cir., Wheaton, IL 60187; slroad@aol.com) Attorney at Martin, Brown & Sullivan in Chicago.

David C. Stuart '80 (2205 Link Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20905; dave.stuart@prodigy.net) Senior product manager at Pricewaterhouse Coopers.

Michael P. Delia '81 (7 Akenside Ct., 26 Belsize Cres., London, England, NW3 5QT, U.K.; deliam@sof.ebrd.com) Deputy director/Bulgaria of European Bank for Reconstruction & Development. We moved to Bulgaria after five years in London. Tina is adapting to life here and our daughter, Sophie (2 1/2), is speaking Bulgarian like a native.

John K. McVickers '81 (2 Kensington Dr., North Barrington, IL 60010; mcvickerslaw@aol.com) Attorney with McVickers & Associates Ltd.

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Alumni News

Gordon P. Gruenes '85 (668 Linden Ave., Lake Forest, IL 60045; gordon.gruenes@nmfn.com) Financial representative with McTigue Financial Group. **Stu Heimbürger '82, Peter Stukas '81, Eric Boeckmann '81, Sean McDermott '83, Paul Herbert '82, Greg Hennenfent '82, Paul Myatt '85, Robin Drassler '82**, myself and the majority of our wives got together for a tailgate and went to the Illinois/Northwestern football game in Evanston in November 2000. In prior years, **Greg Johnston '85, Bud Bobber '81 and Paul Gerding '82** have joined the outing.

William F. Hurley '87 (3540 N. Southport Ave. #302, Chicago, IL 60657; hurleycongress2002@hotmail.com) is a candidate for Congress, Illinois 5th District; www.hurley4congress.com.

Kevin Valaika '87 (P.O. Box 2316, Park City, UT 84060) I live with **Frank Vermaat '88**. We are getting ready for the 2002 Winter Olympics in Park City. We ski and mountain bike.

Peter M. Abruzzo '88 (2481 Rio Grande Cir., Naperville, IL 60565; pabruzzo@earthlink.net) We have a new family member! Vincent William Abruzzo was born on April 15, 2001. Vincent is our second son. Our first son, Dominic Peter Abruzzo, was born on May 3, 1998.

Todd R. Ploucher '89 (22431

Rosebriar, Mission Viejo, CA 92692)

I'm out in California and living with my wife and two children in Mission Viejo. I have a dental practice in Laguna Hills, which is between L.A. and

San Diego. I'm sending a picture from an annual trip to Tahoe that a few of us have been participating in. L-R: Myself, **Dante Gordon '88, Eddie Saloga '89, Mitch Beaumont '89 and Ken Betts '89**.



Michael A. Ray '89 (1112 Mason Dr., Pacifica, CA 94044; maray@calcas.com) CPA and controller at California Casualty Management Co.

Jason A. Doren '91 (2295 Broadway St., Apt. 8, San Francisco, CA 94115) Attorney at Cooley Godward LLP.

Kelly J. Clark '92 (1932 Hunter Dr., Rocklin, CA 95765; clarkk8@labs.wyeth.com) Sales representative at Wyeth-Ayerst Pharmaceuticals.

Eric Kuehl '92 (12 Pine Needles Dr., Lemont, IL 60439; eric_kuehl@prusec.com) First vice president and assistant branch manager for Prudential Securities. My wife, Jacqueline, and I had our first child. Eric John Kuehl Jr. was

born on October 1, 2001, at 8 pounds, 4 ounces. All of us are doing great.

Mark J. Ladd '92 (1960 Lincoln Park W., Unit 1006, Chicago, IL 60614; markladd@hotmail.com) In May 2000, I completed a master's in architecture at the University of Illinois at Chicago. I'm now working as a project manager at Skidmore Owings & Merrill LLP with **Chris Rockey '91**.

Kevin M. Hays '95 (3333 Cummins, #127, Houston, TX 77027; hays@rice.edu) I'm finishing up my MBA at Rice University in Houston this spring (2001). I still talk to **Mike St. Martin '92, Brent Shepherd '97, Brian Ortiz '96 and Sam Mehta '93**. If anyone is ever in Houston, look me up. My phone is 713-961-4265.

Timothy C. Weselak '97 (2302 N. Clark St., Apt. 4E, Chicago, IL 60614; dr_timweselak@yahoo.com) I graduated from the National College of Chiropractic in December 2000 and am a licensed chiropractor at East Bank Chiropractic Health Center in Chicago.

Chad M. Sellman '98 (1781 W. Atgeld, Unit 0, Chicago, IL 60614; chadsellman@hotmail.com) Working in corporate sales at Ikon Office Solutions.

Daniel Moulder '00 (156 E. Stone, Lake Forest, IL 60045; freespaceband@yahoo.com) Doing keyboards and vocals with "Free Space."

We regret to inform you of the death of

Durwood X. Ellett '20, Clyde O. Conatser '26 (11/27/00), **Henry Volle '35** (1/10/01), **Robert H. Clements '36** (7/9/01), **Joseph A. Miller '41** (3/21/01), **Allan M. Cress '42** (2/14/01), **Alonzo F. Burnham '46** (9/01), **Dana A. Stewart '46** (11/01) and **John M. Ruffner '55** (10/31/00).

Acacia mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.

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Mark E. Blasco '74 (9941 W. 128th Ter., Overland, Park, KS 66213)

Timothy G. Payne '85 (734 Highland Ave., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137; paynes@enteract.com)

Edward W. Saloga '89 (448 Courtney Cir., Sugar Grove, IL 60554; edsalogabuilders@yahoo.com)

Where Does the Money Go?

By Rob J. Mertes '94, Corporation Treasurer

We have an open book policy with regard to the financial condition of the Corporation for all alumni members in good standing. If you have any questions in that regard, please contact me directly at (Cell) 312-286-5168 or rjmertes@hotmail.com.