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### 2007 Illini Football Games & Tailgating with Acacia Alumni

**September 1, 2007**  
**Alumni Tailgate Event for  
Season Opener in St. Louis**

**October 27, 2007**  
**Illinois Homecoming**

We are investigating having Alumni Tailgating at each home game this year. If you would be interested in buying season tickets together, attending single games or sponsoring one of the game-day Alumni tailgates, email [adampowers1@gmail.com](mailto:adampowers1@gmail.com) for more information.



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- Searchable alumni updates that are organized by decade;
- Download center where alumni can go to download everything from past newsletters to tailgating maps;
- Ability to easily update your contact information you so will continue to receive Acacia communications

To register on the site, use the member ID number located above your name and address on this mailing or in the newly upgraded monthly eLetters.



# The Hello



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## Brothers Receive Order of Pythagoras Award for Service Beyond the Call of Duty

### *Congratulations and Thank You for Your Unyielding Support*

At the Annual Conclave in St. Louis and at the Centennial Homecoming in Champaign the following men were recognized and given this most prestigious Acacia recognition – Order of Pythagoras.

**CHRIS BADER**, Active Chapter Member

**ART MERTES '85**, Heth Chapter Corporation Board President

**ROB MERTES '93**, Immediate Past Corporation Treasurer

**JAY NORTH '87**, Past Corporation Vice President and Board Member

**JOE SCAVUZZO**, Active Chapter Member Treasurer

The Award is given for service “beyond the call of duty.” Recipients must be initiates, either undergraduate or alumnus. This is the second highest honor that can be bestowed on

an alumnus and the highest honor for an active undergraduate member. The award may be given for: single outstanding achievement; continuing excellence in a variety of services; loyal dedication for an extended number of years.

What’s in a name? Why the “Order of Pythagoras”? Pythagoras was a Greek philosopher and mathematician. He was particularly famous for formulating the Pythagorean Theorem. Every active Acacian understands the significance of Pythagoras and his teachings. The World Book Encyclopedia suggests that Pythagoras may have obtained some of his ideas while traveling in the East. Interesting.

We congratulate each of these individuals who have earned this recognition, and thank them for their unyielding support of our fraternity!

## JOE SCAVUZZO Exemplifies Acacian Ideals and Values through His Continuous Involvement and Action

### *This Order of Pythagoras Recipient also Awarded the Annual Acacia Illinois Scholarship*

*By DREW MILLARD, VP-Chapter Relations & ANDREW BRAUN, Venerable Dean*

The second annual Acacia Illinois \$1,000 scholarship was awarded at the Centennial Homecoming to **JOE SCAVUZZO** on October 7. He received Acacia’s prestigious Order of Pythagoras Award at the National Conclave held earlier in St. Louis. That award is given only to a very select group of Acacian’s for service “beyond the ordinary call of duty.”



The scholarship was officially established in the 2006 to reward undergrad students for their scholastic accomplishments, as well as their work and dedication to the Fraternity at the University of Illinois and throughout Acacia as a whole. Joe’s

record is one for the books.

While he self-finances his college education, he has maintained a 3.85 cumulative grade point average in his chosen major of finance. (Straight “A”s today equal 4.0.) At the end of his freshman year, Joe was elected Senior Dean among four other candidates vying for the position. During his tenure he was always willing and ready to help. The summer before he returned to school to start his first semester as Senior Dean, he attended the Acacia Leadership Academy at the University of Indiana as our Chapter’s sole representative. Also in that first semester as Senior Dean, and

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## STILL TIME TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE 06-07 ANNUAL FUND

Our alumni have donated \$14,819, bringing us close to our \$22,500 goal for our '06-'07 Annual Fund. Thank you to everyone who has already donated. Make sure your name is on the list by calling our toll-free hotline at 800-975-6699 or online at [www.acaciaillinois.com](http://www.acaciaillinois.com).

### **Pythagoras Circle (\$2,500+)**

John M. Lundsten '60

### **Masonic Council (\$1,000 - \$2499)**

Arthur Christian Hoelck '41  
James T. Wormley '60

### **Elmer Ekblaw Society (\$500 - \$999)**

James E. Lee '67  
Fredrick C. Garrott '68  
Jeffrey R. Smith '80

### **Patron (\$250 - \$499)**

Philip Dale Feldman '47  
Mel W. Rapp '49  
David L. Mari '64  
Richard Kent Price '66  
Michael R. Kastholm '75  
Timothy J. Sullivan '77

Robert J. Svatos '77  
Arthur E. Mertes '85  
Gregory C. Mitsch '86  
Todd R. Plocher '86  
Michael A. Ray '86  
Gregory J. Svoboda '89  
Scott M. Cummings '92  
Neil G. Harness '92

### **Sponsor (\$100 - \$249)**

Jack R. Brink '42  
Joseph M. Cook Ph.D. '42  
James A. Moore '47  
Charles F. Green '49  
M. Robert Schroeder '49  
Robert L. Simon '50  
Ralph R. Herrick '51  
Charles E. Rockwood '52  
Leon E. Heiple '53  
Warren R. Gedstad '55  
Robert B. Smith '55

David R. Banner '56  
John R. Revell Jr. '57  
Max N. Schmidt '57  
Barry M. Gourley '67  
Jim L. Wright '74  
Mark Mugerditchian '76  
Todd Anderson '77  
Curtis W. Voges '77  
John R. Randall '79  
Warren G. Beebe '80  
Gregory A. Heiser '80  
Robert A. Milani '84  
James E. North '87  
Christopher B. Kaczynski '88  
Eric J. Kuehl '89  
Kevin O'Leary M.D. '92  
Douglas J. Sury '92  
Andrew C. Sikula '94  
Timothy W. Thompson '94

### **Dues (\$40 - \$99)**

Eugene E. Alt '42

Jay A. Misicka '48  
Kenneth E. Pearson '48  
Robert H. King '49  
Howard G. Pratt '51  
Roe E. Walker '51  
Steven J. Anderson '63  
Wayne A. Spitzer '63  
W. Stephen Yaw '63  
Roger A. Warnke '64  
Robert E. Walberg '65  
James A. Youngquist '65  
Kirby B. Kepford '69  
Mark S. Read '73  
Jeffrey A. Jones '74  
Wilson D. Kaser '77  
Michael J. Mitsch '79  
Scott D. Dvorak '80  
Roger M. Cagann '83  
Peter M. Abruzzo '85  
Mark C. Fialkowski '85  
Robert J. Mertes '93  
Adam Powers '98

### **Other (Up to \$39)**

J. Phil McClure '57  
Aaron Alley '99

## House Lease to Expire; City Ordinance Changes Create Options for New Acacia Home

### *We Need to Be Prepared for Prompt, Immediate Action*

*By MIKE DUNCAN '74, Acacia Director-VP Real Estate Division*

The Alumni attending the Centennial Homecoming were reminded that our Acacia house premises are being occupied on a leased basis and that lease expires before the beginning of the 2009 school year - about two and a half years from now! Significant changes in housing therefore are likely to be ahead of us as we approach that date. Much consideration and deliberation has occurred at the Corporation Board level. Preparations and plans to act are under way and various viable options remain under further consideration. While options are various, each one will require prompt, if not immediate, action.

While plausible options have been considered, no one final direction has been concluded. The specific course of action or actions will depend, in part, on unfolding circumstances and commitments by all of us. The commitment illustrated by the Board and

some of our forward thinking alumni is highly encouraging.

Unfolding circumstances include such matters as the City of Champaign, and city of Urbana, having developed ordinances that require all fraternity and sorority houses to have sprinkler systems before the 2009 school year. To date, only a handful of fraternities are so equipped. We are in possession of a list of properties not so equipped and anticipate the capital requirements to do so will likely place some houses under financial duress and they will be forced to liquidate. It seems that circumstances creating a hardship for some become an opportunity for others.

The Board has engaged professionals in Champaign to identify possible sites that may become candidates for sale or for complete rehabilitation by others. We are alert to the possibilities. While we remain alert to possibilities

with our current landlord, we are not optimistic about such dialogue being productive.

One anonymous alumnus, learning of the circumstances, has already stepped forward and deposited \$25,000 into an account for Acacia to use in the acquisition of its new home. Three other alumni have given pledges that result in our already having \$100,000 as seed money to begin our journey to our destination, a "new" new home...one way or the other.

The Board has engaged an advisor to help us develop strategies that will enhance our opportunities to choose the best option, or options, in a manner that provides for cost efficient results. Our alumni are very actively involved in the process. A working retreat was completed in late January to refine the various approaches that will be utilized.

To be sure, much challenging work remains before us. But we are well on our way! Already some of you have volunteered to me and others your willingness to help in this project in a variety of ways. If you, the reader, feel similarly motivated to lend your shoulder to the wheel, I look forward to hearing from you even at this not too early date. Please contact me at either [mduncan@patcapcap.com](mailto:mduncan@patcapcap.com) or 312-953-9403.

### Reflections on the Centennial Celebration and Chapter and Alumni Achievements with Great Hope for Tomorrow's Dream

*The following was written by Corporation Board President ART MERTES '85 following the Centennial Homecoming Celebration. The Celebration was truly one to remember and be recounted in the history books of Acacia Fraternity at the University of Illinois! Below are excerpts from a letter to alumni participants. Another letter was also sent to the active chapter. The full text of both letters can be viewed on the website [www.acaciaillinois.com](http://www.acaciaillinois.com).*

TO: MEL RAPP '49, ADAM POWERS '98, MIKE FISCHER '01, MIKE DUNCAN '74, MIKE CONNIFF '93, DREW MILLARD '98, SKIP HEAVER '01, DENNIS BONE '02, PHIL CHAPMAN '71, JOHN LUNDSTEN '60, DALE

FELDMAN '47, MIKE LOMBARDO, DAROLD LARSON, DAN BAYSTON '80, KEITH BUSHEY, CHAD FREUND '98, HOWARD GLEASON '54

CC: DAVID ALLEN, DENNIS SMITH

Gentlemen:

I would like to formally commend our group on the most successful alumni event I have ever witnessed for Acacia Fraternity at the University of Illinois – our 100 Year Homecoming Celebration that occurred on October 7, 2006. I extend my personal thanks to each and every one of you for your excellent work, attention to detail,

demonstration of Acacia values, and participation in our highly successful 100 Year Homecoming Celebration. It was a day that I did not know if I would ever see in my 15 years of service on the Acacia Corporation Board -- the day was surreal.

This may have been one of the greatest homecoming celebrations of all time in the history of Acacia Fraternity at the University of Illinois. We had over 150 alumni and their guests, with alumni representation from as early as the class of 1947. Alumni traveled as many as 2000 miles to attend the event. Our Corporation Board has persevered over the last 15 years to ensure we provide the necessary and desirable guidance, advice, alumni interaction, and physical plant for the Chapter to flourish. I believe we communicated well to the alumni membership that this is being

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### Successful Fall Semester Filled with Brotherhood and Achievement; Great Things in Store for Spring

#### Mentorship Program to Support Development of Pledges and New Members is Officially Kicked Off

By ANDREW BRAUN, Venerable Dean

As the Fall 2006 semester came to an end, the Heth Chapter reached numerous milestones. One of the most important of these events was the Centennial Anniversary Celebration held during Homecoming on October 7<sup>th</sup>. During this event the chapter was host to over 250 guests and saw representation from five decades of alumni. It was a pleasure for the active chapter, all the pledges, and me to engage, chat, and observe the ties of brotherhood that have endured throughout the years.

Another accomplishment made by the our Chapter was the recent completion of pledgship by 39 brothers (the largest pledge

class on campus) with initiation held in January. These new members were very active throughout their pledge semester helping setup for the Centennial Celebration, the "Night on the Nile" pledge-dance, and their participation in several campus wide philanthropies.

The chapter also began its newly created Mentorship program headed by Alumni Advisor, PHIL CHAPMAN '71. The program aims at teaching pledges and new members study skills and time management techniques as well as offers the new affiliates perspectives and advice from various alumni that they have gained through their involvement in Acacia and throughout their professional careers. This new program also has an active member portion that will give "brother mentors" opportunities to increase their mentorship capabilities within the fraternity as well as become more well rounded individuals.

Another accomplishment this fall was the successful "7 Days of Service" philanthropy event. The chapter logged over 215 hours of hands-on community service with the Champaign Park District, a local Christian Fellowship Group, and the Latino Partnership

for Greater Champaign County (among others). This spring the Chapter will be looking into hosting a blood drive with the American Red Cross.

Another event that the chapter is excited to participate in this spring is our first paintball brotherhood retreat. Through this event, the chapter is looking forward to building teamwork and communication skills and especially having some "plain ol' fun" off campus.

This past fall semester was definitely demanding and eventful, but as we all move into the next calendar year the excitement is certain and potential considerable. This semester we hope to continue leading the



L to R: AARON BOWLING, MATT CONWAY, HARRISON PAPPAS, ANDREW BRAUN and BLAKE NYSTROM.



L to R: JEFF VUCKO, BLAKE NYSTROM, VITO BERTOLINI, RUDY VALENTA and ANDREW BRAUN.

campus in recruitment, giving back to our local community, focusing on scholarship, and most importantly keeping the ties of brotherhood strong. The chapter and I would like to wish all a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2007.



## Five Major House and Individual Awards Bestowed Upon Illinois Chapter at Conclave

If progress can be measured in terms of recognition for a job well done, then the Illinois Chapter is doing very well. Such was



L-R: Dan Bayston ('80), Andrew Braun ('05), Vito Bertolini ('05), Christopher Bader ('03), Joe Scavuzzo ('05), Rudy Valenta ('06), Brian Duffey ('06).

the case when Illinois' recent accomplishments were compared with those of other Acacia locations. Our men and our Chapter clearly came away as winners.

The following were acknowledged through various functions at this year's Conclave:

### Two Illinois actives received the Order of Pythagoras Award:

**CHRIS BADER** and **JOE SCAVUZZO**

### The House was honored with two Chapter Excellence Awards:

The Alumni Programming Award

The Advising and House Management Award

Chapter officers subsequently observed that the dedication Illinois alumni have shown in recent years and their continued support was in part responsible for this resurgence. In addition, the upgraded and improved housing facilities occasioned by the move to 211 E. Daniel contributed.

The prestigious **Roy C. Clark Award**, presented annually to only one undergraduate senior candidate within the entire fraternity, was awarded to Illinois' **CHRIS BADER**!

Our active Chapter is doing well in leading the way. Our alumni are reacting as never before in recent years. The future is looking positive!

## JOE SCAVUZZO ... (Continued from page 1)

following the National directive that each chapter must complete a local strategic plan, Joe volunteered for the task and spent the entirety of his sophomore year, even during Thanksgiving break, composing the Acacia Illinois' strategic plan.

Joe has continually taken an active leadership role in Acacia, becoming the chief author of our 36-page strategic plan, ritual chairman responsible for amending our ritual, and setting up a mom's day auction which raised \$6800 last year.

Joe was the chief author for our 260 page Conclave awards packet. This Order of Pythagoras award winner and former Senior Dean, is currently Treasurer of our fraternity. Under his tenure the chapter has operated consistently in the black. He has worked very well with Acacia's Corporation Treasurer to optimize the chapter's budget. In fact, the current class has paid back debts of past classes while still saving over fifty thousand dollars!

Joe is also extremely involved in many campus and community activities. He was elected as a voting member of the Judicial Board (governing body) of the University of Illinois' Interfraternity Council and next year will be running for the presidency of this organization which highly influences all Greek life affairs.

***"Under his tenure the chapter has operated well within the black...In fact, the current class has paid back debts of past classes while still saving over fifty thousand dollars!"***

Most importantly, Joe enjoys giving back to the community by working with New Hope Connection, an organization that helps relocate refugee families, and is a primary contributor to Acacia's "7-Days of Service" philanthropy event. Other achievements include Robert Burson Future Business Leaders of America

Scholarship, member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and the American Legion Community Leader Scholarship.

And there is still more. He is an athlete at the University of Illinois, participating as a member of the Boxing Club, Wrestling Club, and a member of the Rugby Team!

Very recently, this outstanding Acacian accepted an internship with KPMG in their Financial Advisory Program. He has consistently been one of the most active and influential leaders of our Chapter and his selection as the most recent scholarship award recipient is well earned.

Wow! We are exhausted just thinking about everything he gets accomplished. We can personally say that Joe has been terrific to work with and exemplifies a great Acacian. We are proud to say that Joe is a member of our fraternity and there is not anyone that deserves this scholarship and the Order of Pythagoras recognition more than him.

## BOB HAGEMEYER '54 Seriously Injured in Bicycle Accident, Recovery Involves Aggressive Rehabilitation

Many alumni know **BOB HAGEMEYER '54**. On September 24, Bob was on a bicycle tour through Cape Cod when he was involved in a bicycle accident. It is unclear what happened exactly, but we know that Bob fell off his bicycle head first, with

enough force to crack his bicycle helmet. Fortunately an EMT witnessed the accident and was able to provide medical assistance immediately, including mouth-to-mouth rescue breaths. The EMT saved his life. For 14 days, Bob was in ICU at the Cape Cod

Hospital in Hyannis, MA after which he was air lifted transported to the Shepherd Center in Atlanta, GA where he began and continues aggressive rehabilitation. Current information can be obtained at the **[www.caringbridge.org](http://www.caringbridge.org)** web site by typing in "bob." Messages left on the site are directly available to Bob. We are all looking forward to his recovery and he is indeed, aggressively attacking his challenges.

# 100 Est. 1906 Acacia Illinois Homecoming October 7, 2006 *Review*

Dear Acacia Brothers,

What a great time [we] had at Acacia Saturday after the game, which was one second too long. (For those of you who didn't hear, Indiana kicked a field goal with one second left in the game to beat Illinois.) The Acacia Homecoming committee... bought 75 tickets for the football game, and sold them all to Acacia alums. Good fun as many of us, from the 1940's and thereafter, met each other for the first time.

I see a new spirit of cooperation and purpose between alums and the active chapter now. They have a new pledge class that was introduced and includes about 40 young men, all of whom made special efforts to greet alums and make us welcome... There were actives and pledges on the sidewalks and steps of the house greeting us as we arrived. A well organized check-in table had preprinted name tags with our names and pledge years, as well as envelopes with our dinner tickets and drink tickets. There were two representatives from the national office in Indianapolis there to congratulate the active chapter on the awards that our local chapter recently won at the national convocation in St. Louis, to greet alums, to congratulate the Heth Chapter on its 100th anniversary, etc. One of the national reps spoke at the dinner and had a mixer, requiring each active and pledge to go seek out an alum and requiring each alum to go seek out an active or alum, with each telling the other why they joined Acacia. We were having such a good time mixing that it was a little difficult for the rep to get us back to our seats and attentive so the evening could proceed. Actives conducted tours of the house, which seemed to be in good shape, though a lot is still being done, with a computer room in the basement and other projects underway. There was a lot of talk, at least, about academics, brotherhood, intramurals, social events with sororities, and, to my surprise and pleasure, service to the community. I guess the service may have been part of our program when I was there, but I really don't remember much of that. In any event, I am encouraged.



The program booklet we received at the dinner at the chapter house after the game listed about 95 alums that had made reservations to attend... Our Master of Ceremonies, MEL RAPP ('49) of Wheaton, a great guy with whom I had a good visit at the football game, had lots of statistics about our alums who attended. After Illinois, of course, the state with the most alums there was California--kind of a surprise to many of us. With all those fellows from California, it became a challenge to determine which of them had [traveled] the farthest, but Mel and his group figured it out -- [TODD PLOCHER ('86) of Cotode Caza, California] who had come almost 2200 miles. The alum who came the shortest distance was DAVID THIES ('73) -- a mile and a half. Some class from the 1950's [1957] had the most members there [JOEL HALL of Monticello, Indiana; RON HAMELBERG of Barrington, Illinois; CONRAD LANTZ of Rockford, Illinois; MARSHALL MABIE of Virginia Beach, Virginia; J. PHIL MCCLURE of Plano, Texas; JOHN REUTTER of Aurora, Illinois; and JOHN REVELL of Columbus, Indiana]

JOHN LUNDSTEN ('60) was also there from Ft. Lauderdale, FL. John had recently sent the [Corporation Board] a check for \$15,000, unsolicited. Some \$2,500 of it was [designated by Lundsten to pay for the homecoming dinners of all the Actives and Pledges in attendance]... Another \$2,500 was [earmarked for the 2006-07 Annual Fund]. The remaining \$10,000 will be [deposited with Acacia Nationals--for tax deductibility--and restricted for use exclusively by our chapter].

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**1** Darold Larsen, Executive Director of Acacia International (podium) presents Order of Pythagoras to Jay North ('87) and Rob Mertes ('93), while Phil Chapman ('71), foreground, looks on. **2** Acacia men L-R amongst some lovely ladies: Dave O'Bryant ('54), Lew Mabie ('57), and John Revell ('57). **3** Connie Lantz ('57), Joel Hall ('57), John Reutter ('57), Bob Smith ('55), Ron Maurer ('54), Ken Wagner ('55).



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Acacia Illinois  
Hill Country



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**1** Page from original Acacia Heth Chapter Initiation book. **2** Clockwise around table: Mike Humphrey, Tim Sullivan ('77), Dan Bayston ('80), Elizabeth ('98), Chad Freund ('98), Drew Millard ('98). **4** Acacia Alumni block of seats at the football game. **5** Jeff Lee ('89) and Greg Svoboda ('89) - 5th and 6th Cederwall ('51), and Ed Schmidt ('55) share past memories with a new pledge. **8** L-R: Kent Price ('66), Bob Walberg ('65), Madeline Walberg, Dr. Steve Her ('84), Todd Plocher ('86), Art Mertes ('85), Eddie Jurinek ('89), Eric Kuehl ('89), Mike "Kite" McLean ('85), Pete Quinn ('89), Greg Svoboda ('89); middle: Todd Sh Ken Betts ('86), Mel Rapp ('53), Carol Rapp. **12** L-R back: Darold Larsen, Phil Chapman ('71); front: Lynn Winick, Joel Winick ('71), Rick Burd ('71)



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Homecoming  
October 7, 2006

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Bayston, Vickie Harshbarger, Carl Harshbarger ('79), Leigh Roadman ('78), Sherry Roadman. **3** L-R: Mike Fischer ('01), Todd Freund ('97), Ted Novak  
from left - chat with actives and pledges. **6** L-R: Heather Cull, Ian Cull ('93), Marcus Samaan ('95), Mike Conniff ('93). **7** L-R: Dale Feldman ('47), Rolf  
son ('66), Susan Henson. **9** L-R: Mark Delfs ('76), John Mugerditchian ('76), Brian Delfs ('75), Dave Cole ('73). **10** L-R back: Ken Betts ('86), Craig Polte  
ort ('87), Mike Ray ('86); front: Brian Kelly ('86), Ed Saloga ('87). **11** L-R: Todd Short ('87), Ed Saloga ('86), Todd Plocher ('86), Anja Mertes, Art Mertes ('85),





**1** L-R: Pledges awaiting the arrival of alums for house tours. **2** L-R: Ruth Ann Erdmann, Richard "Dick" Erdmann ('67), Charlie Rockwood ('52), Shirley Koop, Persis Rockwood and Marilyn Cederwall. **3** L-R: Order of Pythagoras recipients Rob Mertes ('93), Jay North ('87), Art Mertes ('85). **4** L-R: Dan Zollner ('76), Bryan Delfs ('75), Mike Duncan ('74), Mark Delfs ('76), Dana Drysdale ('76), Neil Frankel ('74). **5** L-R: Ed Saloga ('86), Ken Betts ('86), Anja & Art Mertes ('85). **6** L-R: Jack Birky ('53), Ron Maurer ('54), Andy Braun (Venerable Dean).





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We had great hors d'oeuvres brought around by catering staff... The alcohol, served by the catering staff, was very carefully limited to those at least 21, to the extent that two alums and wives had asked a pledge to go get them beers and other mixed drinks. My wife and I were at the bar when the lady caterer said she couldn't give those to the pledge, who was not 21, so my wife and I became the servers while the pledge carried our sodas, and we made sure the recipients were over 21. We also told the alums that the pledges can't get alcohol for them. They seemed surprised, but gladly agreed.

The report from the Venerable Dean of the active chapter related some successes this year, including three members with leadership positions with the Interfraternity Council, two of which I recall were on the Judicial Board. They reported some success in intramural sports... Order of Pythagoras awards for exceptional service to Acacia were presented to ART MERTES ('85), the current Corporation Board President; JAY NORTH ('87) and ROB MERTES ('93) [both past Board Members]. One thousand dollar scholarships were presented to two actives—TODD KANTERER ('05) and JOE SCAVUZZO ('05). There is a new mentoring program, for which REV. PHIL CHAPMAN ('71), of Highland, Illinois, has volunteered to be the alumni chair, with alums providing guidance for actives and pledges. They need someone to help teach

the actives and pledges about interviewing and resumes. They really seem to be working on alumni relations. The dinner program was opened with an invocation by Rev. Chapman and closed with a benediction by REV. HOWARD GLEASON ('54)... It was a classy evening with good food, good fellowship, and good reports about Acacia. I'll be waiting anxiously to hear more, and I won't bypass Acacia any more when I go to campus.

After the dinner, the organizers of the Acacia homecoming had reserved the second floor of a campus bar called the Firehaus... We got wrist bands that got us in without paying the cover charge. More good fellowship there, while some of us also watched part of the Mets/Dodgers game.

It was a really good day, notwithstanding the final football score. I certainly wish more of you had been able to attend and visit with us. We won't have another 100th anniversary, and I don't expect to be able to attend the 150th, but I expect there will be some other suitable occasion not too far down the line. Hope to see you there...

With warmest fraternal regards,  
DICK ERDMANN

**1** Clockwise around table: John Lundsten ('60), Jim Wormley ('60), Mrs. Wormley, Dick Armstrong ('62), Mrs. Armstrong (sister of Mrs. Wormley), Madeline Walberg, Bob Walberg ('65), Bill and Judy Schulz. **2** Acacia members congregate outside the dinner tent. **3** Appetizers and drinks served on the patio during the reception. **4** Mike Duncan ('74) and his son about to enjoy the carved flank steak.



# ACACIA ILLINOIS ALUMNI

## *Homecoming Attendees*

DICK ARMSTRONG '62 – Oswego, IL

DAN BAYSTON '80 – Chicago, IL

KEN BETTS '86 – Pasadena, CA

ERIC BILLIMORIA '99 – Chicago, IL

JOHN BIRKY '58 – Tucson, AZ

DENNIS BONE '02 – Willow Springs, IL

RICHARD BURD '71 – Palatine, IL

CARLOS CAGADAS '01 – Chicago, IL

MATT CARMODY '94 – Chicago, IL

BRIAN CARPIZO '87 – Lincolnshire, IL

JAMES CASAGRANDE '71 – Villa Park, IL

ROLF CEDERWALL '51 – Nixa, MO

PHILIP CHAPMAN '71 – Highland, IL

CHRIS CLOYD '01 – Bloomington, IL

MICHAEL CONNIFF '93 – Chicago, IL

IAN CULL '93 – Chicago, IL

BRYAN DELFS '75 – Elmhurst, IL

MARK DELFS '76 – Winnetka, IL

JAY DEXTER '77 – Decatur, IL

DANA DRYSDALE '76 – Cupertino, CA

BILL DUGAN '89 – Wheaton, IL

MICHAEL DUNCAN '74 – Chicago, IL

DENNIS DUSEK '68 – Saint Louis, MO

RICHARD ERDMANN '67 – Shiloh, IL

ROGER EVANS '56 – Inverness, IL

DALE FELDMAN '47 – Buffalo Grove, IL

GENE FICKEL '56 – Sawyer, MI

MICHAEL FISCHER '01 – Lemont, IL

CLIVE FOLLMER '50 – Urbana, IL

MACK FOLLMER '49 – Eugene, OR

NEAL FRANKEL '74 – Chicago, IL

CHAD FREUND '98 – Chicago, IL

TODD FREUND '97 – Chicago, IL

DAVID FRIEND '75 – Chicago, IL

FRED GARROTT '68 – Springfield, IL

DAVID GILLESPIE '02 – Park Ridge, IL

HOWARD GLEASON '54 – Ballwin, MO

DAVID GOODMON '56 – Albuquerque, NM

JIM GOROWSKI '99 – Wheeling, IL

MARC GUILLEN '00 – Skokie, IL

JOEL HALL '57 – Monticello, IN

RON HAMELBERG '57 – Barrington, IL

CARL HARSHBARGER '79 – Saint Joseph, IL

SHELTON HEAVER '01 – Westmont, IL

GREG HEISER '80 – Deerfield, IL

STEPHEN HENSON, MD '66 – Lafayette, IN

JACKSON HOFFMAN '01 – Chicago, IL

DANIEL INENDINO '02 – Downers Grove, IL

JOHN JULIAN '76 – Lake Forest, IL

ED JURINEK '89 – Frankfort, IL

BRENDAN KELLY '89 – St. Charles, IL

BRIAN KELLY '89 – Irvine, CA

PATRICK KELLY '03 – Chicago, IL

HOMER KOOP '54 – San Antonio, TX

SCOTT KRAFTHEFER '90 – Downers Grove, IL

ERIC KUEHL '89 – Lemont, IL

CONRAD LANTZ '57 – Rockford, IL

JEFF LEE '89 – Western Springs, IL

BOB LINCICOME '50 – Sun City, FL

JOSEPH LONG '55 – Urbana, IL

JOHN LUNDSTEN '60 – Fort Lauderdale,

ADAM LUTOSTANSKI '99 – Chicago, IL

MARSHALL MABIE '57 – Virginia Beach, VA

ROBERT MAIN '73 – Marion, IL

DAVID MARI, PH.D. '64 – Lewistown, MT

KENT MASSIE '72 – Springfield, IL

RON MAURER '54 – Delavan, IL

PHIL MCCLURE '57 – Plano, TX

GREG MCKIBBEN '98 – Chicago, IL

MICHAEL MCLEAN '88 – Belmont, CA

PHIL MERRIMAN '50 – Loda, IL

ARTHUR MERTES '85 – Chicago, IL

ROB MERTES '93 – Chicago, IL

DREW MILLARD '98 – Chicago, IL

JOHN MUGERDITCHIAN '74 – Little Rock, AR

RICHARD NOREEN '01 – Chicago, IL

JAY NORTH '87 – Plainfield, IL

TED NOVAK '98 – Chicago, IL

DAVE O'BRYANT '54 – Colorado Springs, CO

TIMOTHY O'NEIL '02 – Lemont, IL

CHARLIE PIKUL '99 – Chicago, IL

TODD PLOCHER '86 – Cotode Caza, CA

CRAIG POLTE '84 – Elmhurst, IL

ADAM POWERS '98 – Chicago, IL

HOWARD PRATT '51 – Libertyville, IL

KENT PRICE '66 – Des Peres, MO

PETER QUINN '89 – Chicago, IL

MEL RAPP '49 – Wheaton, IL

MICHAEL RAY '86 – Pacifica, CA

JOHN REUTTER '57 – Aurora, IL

JOHN REVELL '57 – Columbus, IN

LEIGH ROADMAN '78 – Wheaton, IL

CHRIS ROCKEY '89 – Oak Park, IL

CHARLES ROCKWOOD '52 – Tallahassee, FL

ED SALOGA '86 – Sugar Grove, IL

MARCUS SAMAN '95 – Naperville, IL

STEPHEN SAUERS '60 – Effingham, IL

ED SCHMIDT '55 – Bloomington, MN

RONALD SCHMITT '74 – Homewood, IL

BILL SCHROEDER '48 – Ingleside, IL

BOB SCHROEDER '49 – Antioch, IL

TODD SHORT '87 – Chicago, IL

CAMPBELL SMITH '70 – Champaign, IL

ROBERT SMITH '55 – Madison, WI

DEREK SNIKERIS '02 – Chicago, IL

TIM SULLIVAN '77 – Chicago, IL

GREGORY SVOBODA '89 – Arlington Heights, IL

JORDAN TAGGART '02 – Buffalo Grove, IL

DAVID THIES '73 – Champaign, IL

DAVID TILLEMA '55 – Lee's Summit, MO

ADAM VINCENS '99 – Plymouth, MI

KEN WAGNER '55 – Westmont, IL

ROBERT WALBERG '65 – Belvidere, IL

GEORGE WEDEMEYER – Chicago, IL

BRANT WILCZEK '03 – Barrington, IL

JOEL WINICK '71 – Decatur, IL

JAMES WORMLEY '60 – Woodstock, IL

RYAN ZAREMBA '02 – Minooka, IL

WILLIAM ZIEGLER '47 – Delwein, IA

SCOTT ZIVNEY '01 – Bloomington, IL

DAN ZOLLNER '76 – Naperville, IL



## FROM THE CORPORATON BOARD PRESIDENT

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accomplished, and planted the seed of the lifelong commitment each member has to our great organization.

It comes at an important time in the life of Acacia Fraternity and its goals for a permanent and owned Chapter House. The excellent impression that the Corporation Board, the Active Chapter and Acacia National Fraternity made on the alumni will be emblazoned in their minds as something that they, as Acacia alumni, can be proud of. I truly believe the Acacia alumni that attended the celebration walked away with a feeling of pride in our Chapter and their association with it, which is something that each of us deserves – Pledges, Actives, and alumni alike.

I do not believe we would have achieved this without a chapter house suitable for members to enjoy living in-house, and of a caliber each of us would expect for ourselves as undergraduates. Our move to 211 E. Daniel combined with our restructuring efforts, new contracts and rules creating more accountability and made possible by the new living quarters, the initiatives recently commenced by Acacia National Fraternity, and the Chapter's adherence to these tools and following of Acacia's teachings, have really effected positive change.

I extend my deep appreciation to the Corporation Board and the National

Fraternity for the Order of Pythagoras Award granted for my service to the Fraternity. This was absolutely a surprise, and together with everything else made it a Homecoming Celebration I will never forget. I honestly can look back and say I believe that all the time, effort, and dedication has been worth it.

Yes, we should take a few moments to "smell the roses," as the 100 Year Homecoming Celebration will provide us with many years of nostalgia. Our successes demonstrate that with dedication and perseverance we can accomplish great things. However, we should not rest on our laurels. There remains a great deal of work to complete in order to achieve the goal of securing a permanent home for the next 100 years. The 100 Year Homecoming Celebration was an important step towards this end, and it took us several years of work for the Chapter and the Corporation Board to be able to make a lasting positive impression on our alumni, but I believe it lays an excellent foundation for the campaign upon which our Fraternity must embark.

Fraternally,

**ARTHUR E. MERTES '85**, President  
Heth Chapter of Acacia Fraternity  
Corporation

## MENTORING PROGRAM

### Acacia Phase One Mentoring Program Classes Provide Opportunities for Alumni Participation

The Acacia Illinois Phase One Mentoring Program is in full swing. The 39 man strong fall pledge class attended *How To Get Straight A's*, *Maintaining a Positive Attitude*, *Goal Setting and Goal Statement*, and *Time Management* classes with the Chapter Advisor for Mentoring, **PHIL CHAPMAN '71**. Alumni, particularly those living in the Champaign area, interested in assisting with the planned Fall 2007 – 2008 expansion of Phase One Programming should contact Brother Chapman at pchapman@highlandil.com or 618-654-1118.

#### Special Mentoring Breakfast February 3, 2007

On Saturday, February 3 at 8:00 a.m. (weather permitting) the new pledges will meet with alumni at the Acacia House for a special breakfast and round table discussion entitled "How to Make The Most Of The ACACIA Experience" or "To Whom Much is Given Much Is Required." Alumni **MIKE McCULLEY '68**, **DREW MILLARD '98**, **MEL RAPP '49**, **DAVE THIES '73**, **BRUCE WARREN '74**, **CAM SMITH '70** and **JOHN SCHUMACHER '73** will share some of the great times they enjoyed in the house and how house participation insures "getting the most from the Acacia experience."

## Newly Formed "Acacia Esq." Group Begins Luncheon Meetings

**All Practicing Acacia Attorneys or Soon-to-be Law School Graduates are Welcome**

**DAN ZOLLNER '76**, partner at Ross, Dixon, & Bell, LLP, hosted the first luncheon in his firm's conference room on September 12, 2006. **LEIGH ROADMAN '78** at Martin, Brown & Sullivan, LTD, followed suit and treated the group for its second meeting at his firm on November 14, 2006.

**BILL DUGAN '88** at Seyfarth, Shaw LLP volunteered to host the luncheon on February 13, 2007. For further meeting information email adampowers1@gmail.com.

The luncheons introduced alumni from different eras, professional experiences and areas of law. Alumni in attendance enjoyed discussions on legal issues and shared stories from past fraternity events and opportunities.

## Commemorative Centennial Mugs and Wine Glasses Can Be Yours

Participants at Acacia's Centennial Homecoming found themselves recipients of either a handsome set of 2 Acacia beer mugs or 4 Acacia wine glasses. Each glass mug boasts a pewter shield with the Acacia Illinois "Celebrating a Century of Brotherhood" logo. Each wine glass is etched with the same logo.

You too can have a set, or add to those you received at Homecoming. A \$250 or greater contribution to

Acacia's Annual Fund will earn you a set (while supplies last). A set of either can also be purchased for \$40. Submit your donation or payment online at [www.acaciaillinois.com](http://www.acaciaillinois.com) or send your check made payable to Acacia Illinois to: **SKIP HEAVER**, Corporation Treasurer; 117 Ainslie Ct., Westmont, IL 60559. Please indicate your preference and shipping address.



## ***Hello Salutes DAN BAYSTON '80, the Reliable Teammate Who Contributes to Acacia Locally and Nationally***

***Former Venerable Dean Currently Serves as Acacia Fraternity Foundation Secretary and Special Advisor to Corporation Board***

SCOTT DVORAK '80, a pledge class member with Dan, now residing in Seattle, WA provided the following to Hello of his recollections of **DAN BAYSTON '80**:



"Dan was a born leader. Seriously. It seemed almost from the day

he joined Acacia it was destiny that he would become Venerable Dean. His calm, clear-headed demeanor contrasted with the juvenile antics that surrounded him. That doesn't mean he didn't get caught up in it from time to time – he was in there with the best (or worst) of us on Bourbon Street or during spring break in Ft. Lauderdale, to mention a couple of my favorite memories. But he always seemed a bit more sure than

the rest of us about what he needed to do – about what needed to be done in general – a bit more confident. It earned him the nickname Stosh, the reliable teammate.

It only stands to follow that Dan would become an exemplary alumni as well. Acacia has meant a lot to all of us, and I'm glad to know that Dan has stepped up to the plate to help ensure the ongoing success of the Chapter. Whether it's hauling leaves back and forth from the parking garage across the street (those of you there will remember that fun chore), deciphering obscure clues about Elmer Ekblaw, or looking for someone to do the right thing when it was needed – it's good to have Dan playing on our team."

Dan is now serving his second term as secretary of the Acacia Fraternity Foundation, Acacia's national foundation.

He is serving as well as a special advisor to the Corporation Board and has provided excellent insight to the Board as it seeks to deal with the challenges of today. His service to the fraternity has been long and steady.

**DANIEL D. (DAN) BAYSTON, Illinois '80** is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA), Managing Director of the investment banking firm Duff & Phelps LLC in Chicago, is a former Venerable Dean of the Illinois Chapter and currently the Acacia Fraternity Foundation Secretary. He was elected for a second three year term as a member of the Acacia Fraternity Foundation Board on August 12, 2006 and capably represents the Illinois Chapter on the Board.

Acacia benefits immeasurably from the guidance and insight of alumni like Dan Bayston, one of many who have chosen to give back something for what they gained during the years of being an Acacia at the University of Illinois. Thanks Dan!

Want to drop him a note or give him a ring? Dan can be reached at [dan.bayston@duffandphelps.com](mailto:dan.bayston@duffandphelps.com) or 773-549-7647.



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