

# Acacia's W. Elmer Eckblaw Co-Founds U of I Homecoming Tradition!



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For more than 100 years, towns in the United States have been holding annual homecomings to welcome back former residents. In 1910, the University of Illinois who has long claimed to be the originator of the collegiate Homecoming (an annual alumni event centered on a football game), held the first official Homecoming. Prior to that year, other schools were holding alumni gatherings in the form of an annual alumni football game.

### Homecoming at the University of Illinois

Archival sources credit two men for the founding of the U of I Homecoming: Acacia Alumni W. Elmer Ekblaw (Chapter Roll #63, 1907 Initiate and Graduate Classes of 1910 and 1912) and Clarence Foss Williams (Graduate Class of 1910). According to Williams' recollection given in 1930, the Homecoming idea came to them while he and Ekblaw were discussing ways and means of contributing to their alma mater. They agreed that a football game should be the centerpiece of a celebration that would be a "magnet" to attract alumni to return home to the U of I campus and be called a "Homecoming."

Ekblaw and Williams developed their Homecoming plan and submitted it to the senior honorary society Shield and Trident members who approved the idea. In March 1910, two senior honorary societies, (the Shield and Trident and the Phoenix), submitted a detailed application for approval to the Council of Administration, the University's central body for student affairs and regulations. The proposal requested the first Homecoming be held on October 15, 1910, when the Illini were scheduled to meet their great rival in a football game, the University of Chicago Maroons - a team that Illinois had not beaten in seven years. However, the event was not intended to be only about football but to also include the annual student traditions: freshman/sophomore pushball game, fraternity initiations, class reunions and the Hobo Band.

The *Daily Illini*, the University's student newspaper, quickly supported the Homecoming idea. This was not surprising, given the fact that Ekblaw happened to be the newspaper's chief reporter. In March, the *Daily Illini* 

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# James T. Wormley '60 Completes \$500,000 Pledge

When he made a half million dollar commitment to Acacia two years ago, James "Jim" Wormley '60 explained, "My life was changed for the better because of the four and a half years I spent in the Acacia house at Illinois. I want to help ensure that today's active Chapter and future brothers have the wonderful opportunity of being a part of the quality Acacia fraternity. They should have a permanent house that properly reflects our longstanding successful tradition."

Wormley's lead gift helped catapult the \$1.75 Million Campaign for Acacia to success, and it inspired others to maximize and stretch their personal financial commitment to help

build the new Acacia house.

Last month, Wormley fulfilled his \$500,000 commitment when he sent three checks totaling \$400,000 to add to his previous payment of \$100,000.



Jim Wormley '60

Most donors spread their donation to the campaign over a five-year payment period. While this helps many give at higher levels within their personal budget, it also creates a cash-management challenge for the Alumni Board as they seek to acquire a

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### **Homecoming Tradition**

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Homecoming - Illinois vs Northern Illinois (date unknown)

asserted fifteen pro-Homecoming editorials, the first in a series. The newspaper argued that the traditional alumni reunions held during commencement week were "unsatisfactory" because "the underclassmen have gone home and so fail to meet the old Illinois men and women," and as for the seniors, they were too busy with graduation to take heed of visitors. The paper also argued that the Homecoming would help promote and advertise the university.

The *Daily Illini* was not the only publication to support the Ekblaw-Williams concept. The *Illini Club Bulletin* of Chicago pronounced Homecoming as "a commendable idea" and urged the Council of Administration to sanction the affair. When official approval seemed too slow in coming, the Bulletin asked: "What has become of the movement for the establishment of a Fall

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- · Learn more about the Chapter
- Search for alumni
- Update your address, phone number and e-mail address
- · Find out about upcoming events
- Post noteworthy accomplishments (a new baby, a recent marriage, a recent promotion, and more)
- Support the Fraternity's Capital Campaign

Homecoming? If the petition for this plan has been lost in the intricate labyrinths of University Senate committees and subcommittees, let a rescuing party be sent after it before it is strangled in the tangled meshes of official red tape."

Finally in May 1910, the Council of Administration approved October 14 as Homecoming 'day' but with the understanding that it was to be determined later whether it would be made an annual event. For the Council, this first Homecoming would be an experiment. Its success or failure would decide its future. A jubilant *Daily Illini* predicted that Homecoming would become "a particularly and distinctively Illinois institution which, if successful, will without doubt be followed by other Universities."

Events now moved rapidly. In early summer, the senior honorary societies created a Homecoming committee, with Ekblaw as chairman and Professor S. W. Parr, Class of 1884, and alumnus Charles Kiler, Class of 1892, as members. News of the Homecoming was spread among the alumni, the participation of students and faculty was encouraged, and the assistance of businessmen, financial or otherwise, was sought. In September, seven Homecoming committees were announced: advertising, accommodations, program, finance, souvenir, enthusiasm and steering. According to Ekblaw, these committees gave the Homecoming plans "definite form." Money was raised from the sale of cardboard Homecoming tags and from the subscriptions of merchants. It was decided to inundate the campus in a sea of orange and blue on Homecoming Weekend - from the orange and blue "Loyalty" hats to the orange and blue bunting hanging from the University buildings. The Athletic Association also did its part, furnishing 5,000 extra seats for the football game.

By Friday, October 14, 1910, the Homecoming kicked-off with events starting on Friday afternoon into Saturday. As expected, the highlight of Homecoming proved to be the Illinois-Chicago game on Saturday afternoon. A record crowd of an estimated 12,000 people witnessed a 3-0 Illinois victory secured by a field goal by Otto Seiler, Class of 1912. The sights on Illinois Field that day impressed a reporter. "A description of the crowd would be beyond words," the journalist wrote. "Under the blue skies of a perfect October day there was a great mountain of humanity in the grand stands on either side of the field." The Daily Illini was quick to declare Homecoming an unqualified success and touted the University as the originator of the event.

The Homecoming movement spread like wildfire in the years after 1910. Within the next several years, many other universities launched their own Homecomings. At the very least, Illinois can claim to have had the



U of I Homecoming 1943 Program Cover

longest tradition called "Homecoming" and to have self-consciously created the event with the intention of it being a precedent that would be adopted by other institutions.

Segments of this article were taken from the research and writing of a document completed in 2005 by members of the University Archives' Student Life and Culture Archival Program, which also funded the project. An endowed program was dedicated to documenting student experience at the University of Illinois and around the nation. For more information, visit www.library.uiuc.edu/ahx/slc. Information was also found at: http://www.library.illinois.edu/archives/slc/researchguides/homecoming/illinois.php.

### The Hello Editors

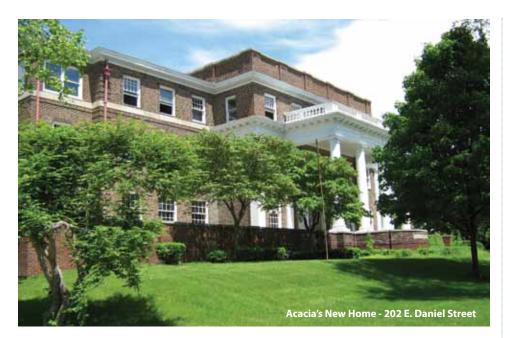
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## On The Move

By Drew Millard '98

The active Chapter is on the move... to improved housing for Acacia. The search for a new Chapter house originated more than a year ago because the Corporation Board knew the SAE lease would soon expire.

Mike Duncan '74, at the request of and on behalf of the
Corporation Board, literally went door to door, canvassing leasable
properties - not an easy task in the Champaign-Urbana area where the real estate market remains
in high demand. But Duncan's efforts proved most valuable when he learned that the Beta house
at Second and Daniel Streets would become available. Knowing the Beta house qualified to meet
the University's and Acacia's high standards, a lease was negotiated. Come tour Acacia's new home
at 202 E. Daniel Street at Homecoming or during any football weekend.

### **Did You Notice?**

Did you notice the "demolition" of the masthead on the front page? Recently, Allen Kleinbeck '53 of Kansas City, Missouri suggested it was time to update the masthead that was more than 50 years old. As the creator when he was in school, Kleinbeck recognized it was a design that had served its time. Others had also suggested that the historical 501 E. Daniel Street house sketch was old and needed to be removed. That's why the dismantling of the venerable design has already begun.

#### Want to lend a hand? A contest!

The Hello is initiating a contest looking for new masthead design proposals. Anyone can participate by providing a sketch of what you think would be appropriate for the next 50 years. With a new home in the near future, it's time to start "getting the house in order."

The winner will be prominently recognized and honored. Please forward design suggestions and a sketch to Acacia Illinois Communications Manager Mel Rapp '48 at 255 E Liberty Dr # 508, Wheaton, IL 60187 or by email: mrapp3@sbcglobal.net. DEADLINE for suggestions is within 60 days of receipt of this edition of The Hello. Editors of The Hello look forward to receiving your ideas.

# **Chapter Officers Reports**



Kyle Daker '09 Venerable Dean

Looking at the upcoming semester, it's easy to say we have never been more excited to start back to school. Thanks to the outstanding efforts of our Corporation Board, the Chapter will have a much larger and better house to live in for the next two

years. The brothers can't wait until the lease begins and they can call the old Beta House the new Acacia House. It's evident that the brothers have a new, very positive outlook about being back on campus and living in the new house.

Fall Rush is another reason to be excited. Newly elected Rush Chairmen, Paul Warkins '09, Patrick Driscoll '09 and Jack Roberts '10, will bring in a new group of dedicated, excited and talented men into our fraternity. They are looking at one of the best recruitment periods in years and are working on plans for some summer events. Possibilities include going to a Cubs or White Sox game, or playing a round of golf with a potential rushee. The fraternity as whole has been growing remarkably. This semester, our Chapter can take another giant step in solidifying ourselves as the best house on campus. A-C-A, C-I-A!



This house is one the

Chapter and the Board

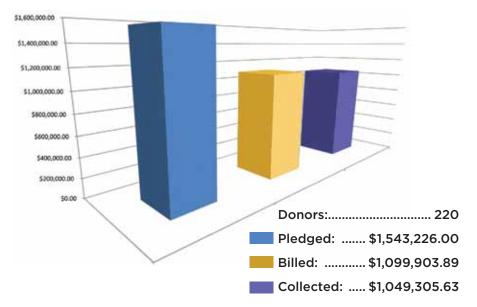
### Paul Warkins '09 Co-Rush Chairman Report

My name is Paul Warkins, one of the current rush chairmen for Fall 2010 along with **Pat Driscoll** '09 and **Jack Roberts** '10. We are gearing up for what should be an extremely successful Rush this upcoming semester with the recruitment of a

greater number of students over previous years. We will get the names of promising students from current actives and in the first weeks of school, we'll hold large, successful recruitment events in the larger common areas of our new house, as well as outings. We look forward to demonstrating to potential new members why joining Acacia Fraternity provides a lifelong benefit. Overall, we are all extremely excited for the potential of this new pledge class and look forward to welcoming some great additions to Acacia Fraternity.



If you have not already done so, the Board encourages you to make a financial pledge to our capital campaign for a new house. You may do so by visiting www.Acacialllinois.com and clicking on the "Support this Campaign" tab. Pledges may be spread out over a multi-year period and paid on a monthly, quarterly, semiannual or annual basis.



# Note from the Corporation Board President

By Art Mertes '85

As we complete the SAE house four-year lease and move on to the Beta Theta Pi house as a tenant, we believe we are fortunate to have new a living situation for 2010-2012 thanks to the tremendous efforts by Mike Duncan, David Thies and others. Along with the volunteer members of Acacia's Corporation Board and Campaign Chairpersons, all of us are committed to our mission of securing a suitable, long-term solution. As we see it, U of I has many older Chapter houses that are in desperate need of renovation, or are being demolished and reconstructed at substantial cost. Please trust that we are working hard in the interest of all Alumni to ensure that Acacia has a formidable presence at the University of Illinois and a plan for the next 100 years. We want the Chapter House of Acacia to be a place where we will all be proud to return to. As developments occur, we will provide more formal updates - some possibly by e-mail so please update your records at: www.AcaciaIllinois.com. While some are more capable of volunteer support, others are more able to give financial support. We appreciate the support of all and ask that you continue to fulfill your campaign commitments and annual gifts. We strongly believe that our efforts to instill core Acacia values in our undergraduates means much greater contributions from those members in the future to charitable causes, society and business.

## **Views of a Board Member**

Dear Acacia Alumni,

It has been my pleasure to serve as a Board member for Acacia Illinois the past six years. During this time, we have participated in a renaissance for the local Chapter. We have achieved many milestones: the first Malcolm Award, our 100 Year Anniversary and a successful Capital Campaign which raised over \$1.5 M for a permanent Chapter house. These successes could not have been attained without the help of a select group of Alumni who have come together to reach a common goal. Perhaps the best part is we have had a lot of fun, camaraderie and personal growth along the way. It has also allowed me to reconnect with many brothers I have not seen or spoken to since college.

A few Board members have recently moved on and we have a few open positions and are actively recruiting a few good men. Before I tell of our needs, I first want to dispel a few myths why you may not feel able to join:

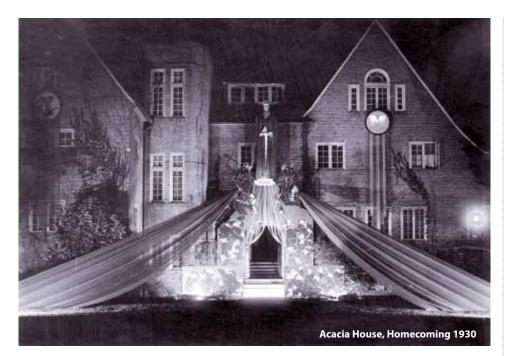
1. I don't have the time. False. The actual time commitment is on average an hour a week. The current Board has very demanding business and personal lives. They run multiples businesses, have children, provide other volunteer work and yet, still find time to help 'pay it forward' to the next generation of Acacians. As a fellow brother once said, "If you want something done, ask a busy person."

2. I only want to volunteer for a few years but board membership is for a lifetime. False. The typical term for board members is two years or less. Some of us choose to stay longer because we enjoy helping our Chapter succeed, and also like to get together with our brothers and have fun.

Instead of just asking for help, I will tell you what we need. We are currently looking for a new Treasurer for the Corporation. Unlike the Treasurer overseeing the Chapter finances, the Corporation Board Treasurer handles the budget of the Board. If you can balance a checkbook and know how to use Microsoft Excel, you can perform this role. If you have taken any accounting courses or run a business, that's even better. If you are a CPA, you may be a ringer. This is an important role as we need to manage the finances of both the Chapter and the Board. We have the Chapter side covered which helps limit the resources and time necessary. We are looking for a few good men. I am counting on your support - be a part of it!

Fraternally,
Michael Conniff'93





### **Jim Wormley**

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new property. Fortunately, Wormley's accelerated contribution schedule greatly enhanced Acacia's position.

"Jim has been vital to our fundraising efforts," stated National Campaign Co-Chairman Dan Bayston '80. "He stepped up with a very significant pledge early on and has now paid off that pledge in full. I cannot express enough how this has helped our organization. Jim's investment in the future of our Chapter will have an immeasurable

impact on the lives of current and future Acacians. We are deeply thankful to Jim for his leadership and generosity," Bayston further stated.

The Acacia capital campaign has had a total of 220 donations from alumni and friends. As of July 15, 2010, \$1,046,805 has been collected.

The alumni board thanks all existing donors and encourages them to continue making payments on their pledge, which will continue to help Acacia leverage its buying and negotiating position as the leadership pursues a new property this summer.

# **Mystery Photo**

A 'mystery photo' was included in the Spring 2010 edition of *The Hello*. Some alumni noted that the photo had been intentionally printed upside down.

The photo is or appears to be the original staircase leading from the first to the second floor at 501 E. Daniel Street. When the house was rebuilt, the staircase was reconstructed and stands today as the picture depicts. We are not certain if the original staircase survived the fire and if this is actually the original. However, it gives every appearance of being what many of us remember.

Winners of the contest, having been the first to correctly respond, will each receive two free dinners at Homecoming:

1st	Ken Wagner '55	Westmont, IL
2nd	Scott Krafthefer '85	Downers Grove, IL
3rd	Dave Kaser '77	Tucson, AZ
4th	Gordon Gruenes '82	Lake Forest, IL
5th (tie)	Bob Hagemeyer '54	Atlanta, GA
5th (tie)	Roger Cogswell '63	Chapin, SC
5th (tie)	Fred Garrott '68	Springfield, IL
5th (tie)	Tom Stickland '97	St. Louis, MO

#### Comments included:

- Many fond memories ascending those stairs in the early morning hours to reach my bed in the dorm.
- Boy, it would be nice to have that house now.
- The banisters look great.
- My best guess would be the stairway in the main house looking north. If so, they sure changed the décor.

# **Brother to Brother**

David L. Mari '64 wrote in to say, "While visiting a daughter in the San Francisco Bay area, my wife and I had dinner with Roger Warnke '64 and his wife. We went to the same high school in Peoria and had not seen each other since our college graduation. Roger, who now teaches at Stanford, was Venerable Dean. After joining Bob Walberg '65 and Doug Hargis '65 and their wives at Homecoming last year, we made a pact to reunite again this year when Illinois plays Penn State in PA. We are looking forward to seeing each other again."

Donald K. Hanes '52 wrote in to say, "May was a joyful time when I took an 18-day trip to visit family and friends. I stayed with Bob Willerton '54 and his wife, Sue, at their Danvers, Illinois Cheviot sheep ranch. Then, I repeated that scene with Rolf Cederwall '55

and his wife, Marilyn, at their Nixa hideaway in the Missouri Ozarks. Back in Illinois, our family had a surprise 75th birthday bash for my brother, **Bob Hanes** '57, hosted by his wife Myrna in Oregon. My three daughters and their families from Maryland, plus cousins from IL, WI, NY and MA helped with the roasting and toasting. Bob, Myrna and I also enjoyed a luncheon with **John Beatty** '55 of Cherry at the White Pines State Park Lodge. Before departing from Oregon for home, I received my 50-year Masonic pin from Oregon Lodge #420 - an honor I'll always treasure. Times are good when one gathers up with Acacia and Masonic friends."



### **Tell Us What's New**

Do you have news you'd like to share with your brothers? Post interesting information about yourself online at www.Acacialllinois. com. Did you recently get married? Have a baby? Change jobs? Retire? Let us know. Post your news today.

## **Brother Eternal**

The Hello has been advised of the death of Robert "Bob" D. Walker '50, Joliet, Illinois, on March 1, 2010, and the death of Edgar Raymond Kelly '43, Boynton Beach, Florida, on March 20, 2010. We extend our sincere condolences to the members of both families, and welcome them into the ranks of Acacia Eternal.

# **Support is Needed to Continue Acacia's Excellence**

By Art Mertes '85, Corporation Board Chairman

Like a well-oiled high-performance race car, our fraternity is again operating at an exceptionally high level - at a winning level. However, your continued financial support of the Annual Fund Campaign is needed to ensure that Acacia can keep up this pace in 2010.

In the past few years Acacia has achieved what other organizations at the University of Illinois can only dream about. Our fraternity has successfully raised more than \$1.5 million for a new chapter house. But this campaign money, which has been invested and is professionally audited, *remains dedicated solely to the purchase and related costs of a new home* and cannot be used for operating costs.

Each year, scores of Acacia Alumni devote significant time and resources to assist the organization in areas of finance, chapter advising and the ongoing alumni communication and cultivation programming. Mentoring our undergraduate chapter - the caretakers of our home and the ones who will perpetuate our legacy - requires financial resources. Programs come at a price. The Fraternity's fixed expenses for The Hello (printing and postage), website maintenance, event promotion and other communication items are in excess of \$15,000 per year. We also have additional operating expenses for things like our professional accountant and auditor. This is why your support is needed.

Our goal for 2010 is simple: raise at least \$30,000 from at least 140 alumni. This can be achieved because *you care* about Acacia and want to assure the continuance of our prominent position at the University of Illinois and across all Acacia chapters.

There are a variety of annual fund giving levels and payment plans. Additional funds will provide the resources we need to expand our alumni advising and mentorship programs and all alumni programs of the fraternity. Remember, our goal is to have at least 140 of our more than 1,500 alumni support this year's annual campaign. Will you be one of them?

Many Acacia brothers created an opportunity for us to develop as young men during our time in the fraternity. It's our obligation to "pay it forward" and help foster positive development programs for future young men. Your gift to the 2010 Annual Fund Campaign will allow us to do just that maintain and strengthen the vibrant, diverse institution that Acacia has become.

Pledges can be made by completing the pledge envelope included in this edition of *The Hello*.

# Donor List (as of July 27, 2010)

**1906 Society** \$5,000 - \$25,000

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# **How's Your Acacia IQ?**

The last issue of The Hello contained 10 questions with regard to Acacia that are among the more than 100 questions asked of prospective initiates during a written exam prior to initiation. Check below to see how well you would have scored.

- 1. TRUE. Acacia Fraternity was a founding member of the North-American Interfraternity Council.
- FALSE. An Acacia Chapter may activate a man who previously belonged to another general national college social fraternity if that fraternity is not a member of the North-American Interfraternity Council.
- FALSE. According to the Pythagoras, Acacia has approximately 26,000 alumni members.
- 4. TRUE. Donations to the Acacia Fraternity Foundation are tax deductible.
- 5. FALSE. Pythagoras is thought to have traveled and studied in ancient Persia, England, Crete, and Egypt.

- 6. 4 semesters. A man may remain a pledge for: 2, 3, 4 semesters, or none of the above.
- 7. 9<sup>th</sup> edition. The current Pythagoras is the edition. 7<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, or 13<sup>th</sup>
- 8. **b.** According to Pythagoras, a member's collegiate priorities should be (in order):
  - a) Fraternity, Scholarship, Other campus activities, b) Scholarship, Fraternity, Other campus activities, c) Fraternity, Other campus activities, Scholarship, d) Scholarship, Other campus activities, Fraternity
- c. Pythagoras was thought to have died in: a) 500 B.C. b) 517 B.C. c) 507 B.C. d) 432 B.C.
- 10. **b.** The original method of naming Acacia Chapters was replaced by the present method in: a) 1908 b) 1913 c) 1921 d) none of the above.



Help us keep our alumni records up-to-date! Parents, please forward this newsletter to your son. Alumni, edit your member profile online at *www.Acacialllinois.com*, or clip this form, place it in a stamped envelope and send to: Acacia Fraternity, University of Illinois #1151, PO Box 2187, Columbus, GA 31902.

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It has been 100 years since Elmer Ekblaw 1907 conceived and helped organize the nation's first collegiate Homecoming. This year's Acacia celebration retains the camaraderie, BBQ food and beverages that have highlighted our more recent Homecoming gatherings. However, this year the festivities return to the grandiose backdrop of an old-school fraternity house. There will be no need for a separate tent and park permit this year -Acacia's new Chapter home will provide ample room for a large gathering on the front porch amongst the columns, on the side patio and on the rear lawn.

Currently, several \$200 sponsors are being sought for this year's pre-game tailgate that will be near Memorial Stadium and easily found under a 25' flagpole flying Illini and Acacia flags (precise parking lot location TBA). Starting at 9:00 a.m., plenty of beverages and breakfast food will be served, along with bean bag toss and lots of fun. Thirty seats have been blocked for the Alumni at 11:00 a.m., on the main level of the newly renovated west stands of Memorial Stadium, for the game against Indiana. Tickets are \$48 per seat and are available at www.Acacialllinois.com.

Following the game, all will gather at the Chapter House for an outside reception. Chapter members and pledges will be on hand to provide tours of the facility. At approximately 4:00 p.m., the BBQ buffet will open. A short presentation during the meal will highlight the Chapter's accomplishments and provide an update on the housing efforts. Dinner tickets, which include your beverages during the reception, are \$30 each. Children under 14 are free. All profits will be donated to the Capital Campaign. Additional information is available online at www. Acacialllinois.com. If you have other questions, contact Adam Powers '98 at adampowers1@gmail.com or call (312) 209-2326.

Make plans to be a part of Acacia Homecoming 2010! Come share the Homecoming experience that Acacia Alumnus Elmer Ekblaw started.