



ACACIA FRATERNITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS • FALL 2010

Homecoming Draws Alumni

Traditionally, Homecoming at Illinois brings alumni back to campus. This year was no exception.

Perhaps the fact that it was the 100th such occasion helped highlight the interest and desire to return to campus to at least partially relive old memories. Excluding those of final exams, Acacia and the University of Illinois hold great memories for alumni that are best enjoyed back on campus.

For those alumni returning to campus, the 100th celebration was even more important because one of the co-founders of the activity was none other than Acacian **W. Elmer Ekblaw**.

This year, alumni saw some traditions which have remained unchanged since their time as actives, such as banners on the front and inside the house extending a welcome to those who returned. Also noticed by alumni was the clean condition of the house and the extra effort put forth by the active chapter to make them welcome. Elaborate house decorations



(L to R) Board Member Phil Chapman '71, Dave Goodmon '56 and Gene Fickel '56 enjoying the pre-game tailgate party.

and a contest relating thereto added even more great fun and excitement to the celebration.

More specifically, the front of the house displayed welcome banners while the foyer, front hall and dining room had all been festooned with celebration crepe paper ribbons. The chapter did a great job establishing a "welcome home" environment. As usual, pledges dressed in shirt and tie greeted all who came. Carved pumpkins

on the veranda at the front of the house displayed "I L L I N O I S" which alumni agreed was a thoughtful seasonal touch.

The course of events following Illinois' football win included a buffet dinner. After dinner, alumni co-chairman of the house acquisition program, **Mike Duncan '74**, enlightened all as to the progress on the search for a new home.

To add, the current chapter was cited as among the best in recent years and such was noted after the dinner.

Considering the uniqueness of a 100th anniversary, alumni observed that the University did not play up the occasion as much as one might have expected. It was, however, mentioned at the football game.

Prior to kickoff, Corporation Secretary, **Adam Powers '98**, along with **Todd Wallin '98**, **James Gorowski '99** and others organized a tailgate party. There was plenty to enjoy at the tailgate before the 11:00 a.m. start of the game.

If you missed the enjoyment of this year's Homecoming, why not make a commitment to take advantage of a similar event next year? Your fraternity brothers would like to see you there!

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Acacia's Goal: Best On Campus

A report from Venerable Dean, **Kyle Daker '09**

The Acacia Illinois Chapter has gone through a myriad of changes over the past semester. We have a beautiful new home and the highest number of brothers living in the chapter house that we have had in years. However, the biggest change I've seen this semester is a renewed sense of pride in Acacia and a more positive mentality from all of our members.

The morale of the entire Acacia Illinois Chapter is at an all time high. Numerous

brothers without appointed positions have volunteered to help out. After the Acacia retreat in August, the chapter decided to raise the bar even higher this year and solidify ourselves as the best fraternity on campus. We recruited over 35 new pledges this fall and our chapter has one of the top ten highest GPAs on campus. In order to maintain an excellent relationship with our

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(L to R) Nate Schroeder '10, Venerable Dean Kyle Daker '09 and Max Davis '10 after the game.

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Note: New officers will be elected and installed in early 2011.

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Acacians Show Campus Leadership

Kyle Daker '09

Acacians live by the motto "Human Service," and that's why many of the brothers are involved in various ways on campus. For example, Brothers **Ben McClellan '08**, **AJ Castillo '08** and **Kyle Daker '09** are involved in the campus FYCARE program.

The purpose of the FYCARE program is to educate freshman on the dangers of sexual assault. The brothers who are members of the program got involved because they wanted to be able to positively impact the lives of many students on campus.

Every week the brothers facilitate workshops on campus about the dangers of sexual assault. These workshops are about two hours long and educate the freshman about the statistics involved with this issue. It is mostly a discussion-based workshop and gives freshmen time to talk about topics that are often never mentioned.

Social and Brotherhood Activities

Eric Ruzalski '10 and Jack Roberts '10

This year our chapter is not only very excited about our new location and philanthropy activities, but the brotherhood events of this year as well. After getting a chapter consensus on possible events to be held, we chose to have a 3-on-3 basketball tournament as our first brotherhood event.

The tournament was held at the Activities and Recreation Center on campus in the late morning and early afternoon of October 9, 2010. Many teams came out to participate in the tournament, including several active members who came to watch and get some exercise.

After having a very limited social calendar last year, we've really hit the ground running in the 2010-2011 school year. We have four standard exchanges scheduled, each with a different sorority. The first one with Kappa Alpha Theta was a huge success. On top of the exchanges, we have also had two football blocks with Kappa Delta and a barn dance.

Also planned for this semester is a BBQ with Chi Omega and ice skating with Alpha Phi. So far, all of our events have been a blast. We are very much looking forward to our upcoming events!



(L to R) Dean Rogers '09, Tommy Mauro '09, Curt Toulouse '09 and Alfonso Jose Castillo '09 standing on the front porch after the game.

A Member's Viewpoint

Patrick Driscoll '08

After moving into the new house at 202 E. Daniel, the morale of Acacia Illinois greatly improved. Living conditions are a major upgrade from our former 211 address. With more than 45 members living in the chapter house, there is never a dull moment. For instance, the brothers all gather in the new alumni room and cheer on the Bears each Sunday with a new 50-inch television. Also, the hallways on the second and third floors were redone and are now covered with beautiful wooden flooring. The chapter house now demands respect for the fraternity across campus.

Acacia's Goal

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Corporation Board and University officials, brothers decided to have all house bills paid by the end of the semester.

Some of these goals have already been accomplished, and we hope to soon conquer those remaining. I can speak for all the brothers when I say that we are all so grateful for the efforts of our Corporation Board and other alumni for the betterment of the fraternity. While the chapter has gone through many rough patches, our alumni have continued to be extremely supportive. Acacia is easily becoming the best fraternity on campus with the substantial help of our many dependable supporters.

Our outstanding quality of men, a beautiful chapter house and exceptional service to the community have allowed Acacia to be one of the top fraternities on campus. To add to our remarkable achievements, the chapter will soon be the owners of a chapter house. When the time comes, this will be a day that all of us will celebrate together as proud Acacians. A-C-A, C-I-A!

A Message from your Alumni Chair

Alex Chiang '09

With all the hustle and bustle going on in our new fraternity house, the Acacia brothers have somewhat lost sight of who made our move to the new chapter house possible. As alumni chair, I would like to convey a message from the rest of chapter. We want to thank our generous alumni for providing us with the opportunity to live in our current house at 202 E. Daniel St. Without their help and guidance, we would not have made it out of our previous predicament and may have never reached our current strong position as one of the top houses on campus. We thank the alumni for the opportunity to continue representing the Acacia name.

In addition to our recent move, the main alumni event this Fall was Homecoming, which of course was invented by our own **Elmer Ekblaw**. This year, we had a designated tailgate location before the game and a catered lunch in the afternoon. I hope

all alumni who enjoyed the Homecoming festivities were able to view the new chapter house and I urge all alumni who could not make it to come tour the new dwelling of the Acacia Fraternity. I trust that all alumni who came down enjoyed their Homecoming experience, and we look forward to hosting you again next year.

Another thing I wanted to mention is our mentorship program. Many active brothers have expressed a desire to continue the mentor program first established for Acacia several years ago. I would like to extend an invitation to all alumni and ask any of those who are interested to please get in contact with me at alex.chiang.md@gmail.com or Alumnus **Phil Chapman '71**



at pchapman@highlandil.com. As we have a very diverse group of brothers from all parts of Illinois and across America, Acacia is the perfect organization to hold a mentorship. We actively recognize a mentorship program can be a strong building block toward a brighter future for Acacia, and will allow actives and alumni to be actively engaged in a network that can help lead to professional skill development, as well as, internships and job opportunities. I urge all alumni who are interested to consider taking on a mentee in a field of study where you have some expertise.

We are excited for this year, and I know that you all are excited for us too. We will uphold our values as Acacians and continue to shine a positive light on our fraternity. We thank all of our alumni for the help they have given and for standing by us through all of the tough times.

Alumnus Visits and Shares Appreciation

It has been quite a few years since I've been back to see Acacia and participate in homecoming festivities. This year, I was only able to come by the house briefly after the game, but I'm very glad I did. I was very impressed with everyone I met as well as the condition / organization of the house in general. Because I had two small children with me, I regret I didn't have a chance to get the full tour but was quite impressed with the house nonetheless.

Most importantly, I also had a chance to meet and talk to some of the pledges on the porch. I came away from this interaction very impressed. More than anything, they

appeared very interested / eager in learning about Acacia's strong history and tradition - something that made me feel very good as I am very proud of my time at Acacia (I activated in Fall of 1984).

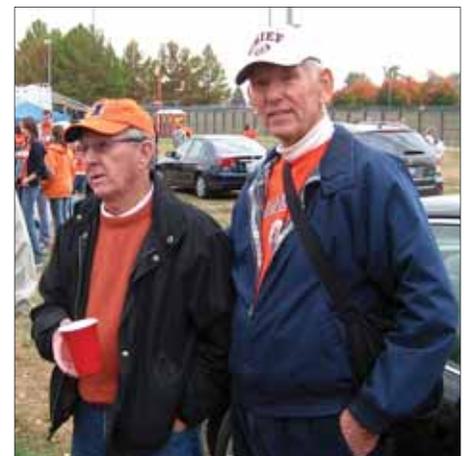
Thanks again for your hospitality and congratulations on the house and what appears to be a great pledge class. I regret that I have not been as involved as I would like since leaving the campus back in 1987. I originally lived in the "old" house at 501 E. Daniel. As a junior, the house burned down weeks before the Fall 1986 semester, but we were able to get a new house built for my senior year in 1987. The issues that led to us losing the property in the early 90's disappointed me to the extent that I didn't participate very much in alumni activities. Now, after seeing the commitment and hard work of many, many alumni over the last several years as well as the quality of the current active chapter, I have renewed interest in Acacia and helping where I can. As a result of all of this, I'll be sending in my donation to the Campaign for Acacia - which, admittedly, I should have done long ago.

Keep up the great work. I look forward to returning next year and spending more time at the house.

Best Regards,
Jim Reilly '84



Mark Schroeder '09 (left) and Kevin Alsterda '10 (right) with their out of town guests.



(L to R) Lew Mabie '57 and John Rivell '57.



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Alex Chiang '09



Alice Campbell Alumni Center

Many of our actives are involved in various activities on campus. The one I would like to discuss is being a campus tour guide. Although they want to call it, I-STAR, we refer to ourselves as tour guides. From the fraternity, **Joey Mendoza '09** and I give tours of the campus each week.

Being a campus tour guide is an excellent way to develop public speaking skills. Our typical day starts with us showing up at the specified tour time, then, after the admissions presentation, we answer questions for approximately ten minutes. Afterwards, we begin our actual tour of the campus. Our usual route is from Illinois Street to the quad, up to Gregory and back around to Illinois Street. It is a fun job and only occupies an hour out of the day.

Another great aspect of being a tour guide is getting to emphasize that I am

part of a social fraternity. Many incoming freshman do not know about our Greek system or are wary to get involved with the supposed "party" scene. When they see that a well kept individual, who is involved in many activities, is also involved in a social fraternity, it usually helps alleviate any anxiety they had about rush and joining a fraternity. On tour, I am able to tell those who ask about Acacia and the different activities we do. Many times, they will ask me about the entire rush process and it allows me the opportunity to put in a good word for Acacia.

To all alumni who have children or know anyone coming to the University of Illinois, please let the house know when you are coming for a visit by sending me an e-mail at alex.chiang.md@gmail.com. We will make sure that one of the tour guides, who is an Acacian, tours you around campus. We give tours at the same time every week so it should not be hard to move a shift around to cater to an incoming son of an alumnus. Tours leave daily from the Alice Campbell Alumni Center, and if you cannot make it for one of our Acacia tour guides, please let the house know and we will be more than happy to give you a tour whenever you choose to come to Champaign.

Comments from a Promising Acacian and Future Businessman

Alex Chiang '09



Hello Co-Editor Alex Chiang '09

My name is Alex Chiang, and I am a new initiate of the Acacia Fraternity at the University of Illinois. Throughout my entire fraternal experience, which is still very young, I have learned a lot about myself and of the opportunities

the Acacia Fraternity can provide for me. This experience has been one of the most rewarding in my life, and I am eager to see where these next few years take me as a young man, as a student and as an Acacian.

I am one of the few out-of-state students here at U of I. I was born and raised in North Potomac, Maryland, and I must say I am very happy with my decision to come study in the Midwest. I am a finance major in the business school and the reputation of the business school, along with the reputation of the University as a whole played a large role in my decision to attend school here and ultimately join a fraternity that I believe will help me achieve my goals in the future.

This spring break I am going to China to visit family and to set up a study abroad venture for my junior year. I met with my advisor about this, and I feel my interests in business lie overseas. My uncle owns a publicly traded manufacturing firm in Hong Kong, and my goal is to be able to intern in Hong Kong with either my uncle's company or a consulting firm during the summer before my senior year. I want to be able to learn more about China during my spring break visit and even more about it during my study abroad trip. With China's emerging economy, I want to be able to utilize my ability to speak the language, my soon to be acquired knowledge of China, and my knowledge of the United States to do business domestically as well as in the Far East.

Update on the Housing Search

In earlier issues of *The Hello* we have attempted to keep you apprised of the status of our progress toward obtaining a new chapter house. You may have noted that sometimes specifics were minimal; such was predicated on occasion by not wanting to state information that might negatively intrude on purchase progress. Still, we realize our alumni would like to have a better understanding of where we are, where we have been, etc. Therefore, we are going to review significant portions of the journey to date and where it has gotten us.

Certainly the search has taught us a lot about the market and its unique characteristics.

The lodging needs of 38,000 students create a very strong demand. Entrepreneurs and the University respond by providing what is needed. With the strong demand, so also follows higher prices, even in this period of real estate turmoil. In addition,

those wishing to build 10 and 20 floor structures can afford to pay even more for the land. Understand that the national economy has not significantly impacted campus area prices. Still, due diligence has been followed and here are some of the situations we have pursued.

The owner of 903 South Third where (and when) our chapter resided there prior to the ΣAE house occupancy, discussed and considered a sale to us. Unfortunately, the owner died prior to anything concrete being resolved. Subsequently, his heirs decided to demolish the property and build a multi-story apartment complex on the location.



House Director Brad Luhrsen, serving the Chapter and Board well.

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Annual Fund Donors Fund Alumni Outreach and Mentorship Program

The chapter would like to thank the 61 donors who have already given a total of \$13,035 to date to the 2010 Annual Fund. The exceptional support of these dedicated alumni will go to the expansion of alumni communications, as well as various other projects which require funding.

The goal for the 2010 campaign was to get 140 alumni to donate at least \$30,000. Therefore, the chapter needs the continued donations of alumni in order to fulfill the fund goal. Annual Fund donations support alumni communication efforts and events. The generous donations of alumni fund *The Hello* newsletter, the alumni website and the online directory. The expenses for these communication items alone total in excess of \$15,000 a year.

Donations also help develop the alumni mentorship program. This program is one activity that is having a direct impact on the members of our chapter (and, in reality, the alumni mentors who have volunteered to serve). In order to ensure the success of these aspects of the Acacia fraternity, the continued support and donations from alumni are needed to meet the 2010 goal.

If you care about Acacia and want to be sure it continues to move forward and maintain its position of prominence at Illinois and across all Acacia chapters, please make your contribution to the Annual Fund using the pledge envelope included in this newsletter or contact **Mel Rapp '49** at mrapp3@sbcglobal.net.



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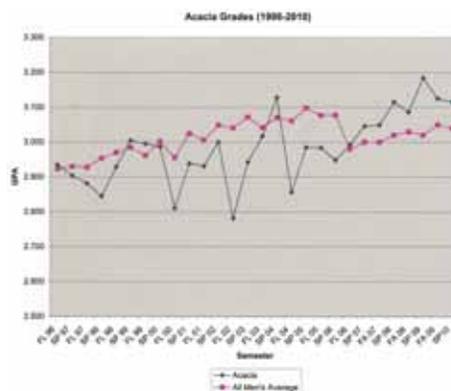
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James A. Youngquist '65

Cornerstones Makes Significant Progress

Philip Chapman '71



In September, I traveled to Acacia International Headquarters in Indianapolis and reviewed the latest Cornerstones programming with Patrick McGovern. Cornerstones continues to evolve and now boasts programming for individuals and chapters. Chapter operating objectives include chapter growth (numbers), leader development, human service, financial stability, alumni involvement and relevant and timely communication.

Acacia's e-board uses the Cornerstones template and makes significant progress in all the required components. For example, under the growth section, the officers report a pledge class of 34, hosting two upcoming philanthropy events and that all of the active brothers have paid their bills.

I'm pleased to report a new system for individual Cornerstones, enabling participants to take control of their time and their lives through the process of goal setting in major areas of life. The Cornerstones program is flexible and provides a system for actives to progress in self selected goals.

In October, I visited the house and provided two classes for the pledges. The first, entitled *Making Straight A's* provided a proven system for increasing grade point averages. The second, entitled *Time Management and Goal Setting* provided actives with a system for making goal statements and making time tables for their completion. These classes prepared pledges to work the Cornerstones system with Acacia International.

Acacia's Academic Challenge

Philip Chapman '71

In August, I visited the house and participated in a house-wide retreat lead by Patrick McGovern. We discussed a variety of topics. During the meeting, I challenged the actives to increase the house GPA to a 3.2 average. The actives decided to take

the challenge and to raise their collective GPA. The Scholarship Chairman and e-board instituted more stringent study rules to accomplish this task. The chapter's academic culture continues to improve. The Corporation Board eagerly awaits the chapter's successful completion of the *Academic Challenge*.



This unsolicited letter from the chapter is indicative of not only the chapter's attitude but also of the maturity of the members and chapter leadership.



House Commissar, Connor Olsen '10, keeping the kitchen "as clean as Mom's."

September 8, 2010
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Dear Members of the Corporation Board,

Every Brother in this house wants to thank you for all of your efforts to make our Fraternity a success. Over the past few years, you have invested your time and energy to bring our Chapter out of some troubled times. You worked with us and the University to preserve our Charter and navigate the sanctions that we faced. Since then, you have enabled us to learn from our mistakes and proceed to a level of well-being that we did not previously enjoy.

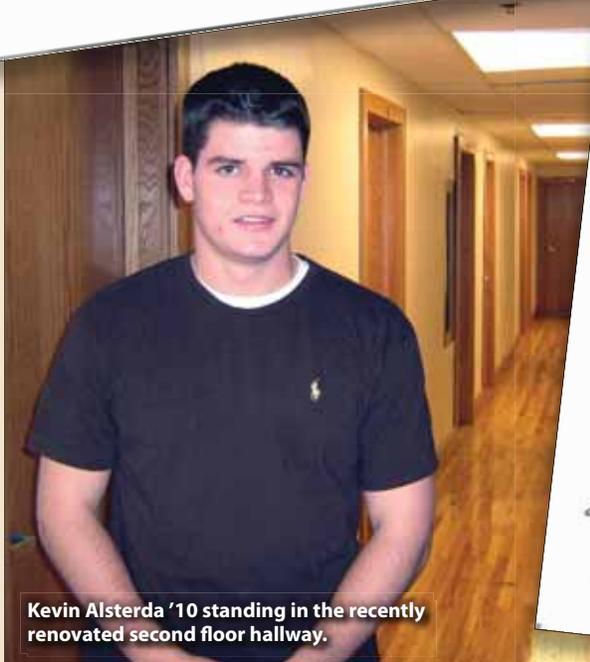
For months, the Brothers were expecting to live at the house on Ohio Street in Urbana. We were prepared to make the best of this location with the understanding that we would be able to live and carry on together as a Chapter. The efforts of the Corporation Board to secure the property at 202 E Daniel in Champaign were unexpected, but deeply appreciated. This house provides the capacity for shared R&R and spacious dining areas on the first floor, exercise facilities in the basement, and enhanced personal living quarters. The gorgeous exterior of the house gives us something to be proud to walk into, and the interior allows us to thrive. The location of the property provides convenience with regards to academics, social life, and Rush. We know that the members of the Corporation Board went to great lengths to acquire this property. For this, we are truly grateful.

Tremendous opportunities are now in front of us, and we will not take them for granted. During the first few weeks of this fall semester, we have begun to realize great progress. To date, more than 30 bids have been awarded to strong, well rounded potential new members who are capable of being great Acacians. We plan to have 35-40 men accept their bids by the end of Rush at the end of this week. This semester's social calendar is filled with events with eight different sororities and multiple Brotherhood events. Our philanthropy events this fall will be lead by Acacia Bowl, and Seven Days of Service - two events unique to Acacia that support great causes. Our Chapter's scholarship has been improving steadily for several semesters and we have taken measures to reach our goal of a 3.2 GPA this semester. Everything is falling nicely into place for us.

We recognize your dedication to our Fraternity and we want you to know that we are fully committed to our continued success as a Chapter. Our partnership with the Corporation Board will remain a valued asset to our Chapter, and we look forward to a fruitful relationship - one that will ensure the achievement of your vision for our Chapter, and one that will afford us guidance and counseling. We are confident that our current and future path will be a productive course for us all.

Best Regards,

(List of approximately 25 handwritten signatures)



Kevin Alsterda '10 standing in the recently renovated second floor hallway.



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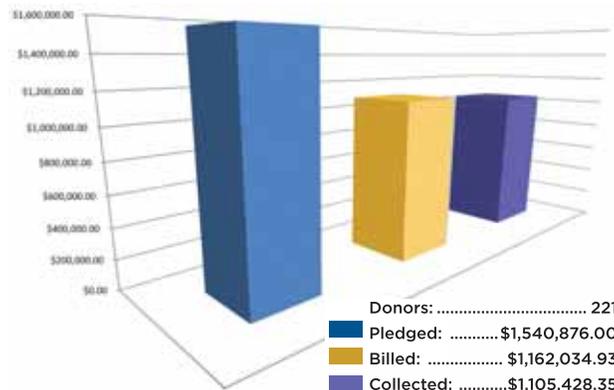
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Comments from the Acting House Corporation Treasurer

Mel Rapp '49

This is my first attempt to acquaint alumni with financial matters of the corporation. I readily admit I'm a little unsure as to how much nitty gritty alumni would like to know versus how much they'd liked to only be appraised of the "big picture." So here is my attempt to try and answer at least some of the primary questions you might have.

Where is the money?

The bank Acacia formerly worked through was sold to MB Financial, one of the larger banks in Chicago, and that is who we bank and work with today. Acacia's assets reside in five different accounts at the bank to ensure funds are maintained in appropriate accounts. That includes: a capital campaign primary account, a capital campaign checking account, a corporation board checking account, a chapter security deposits account and a chapter account. In addition, Acacia Illinois funds are on deposit in two different accounts with the Acacia Foundation, and lastly an account at Wayne Hummer is used to hold funds when stock is donated to the capital campaign.

Is the money "safe" from bank failures etc?

All balances are below the FDIC maximum coverage. This is partially accomplished through the use of "CDARS", an investment vehicle similar to CD's but funds are available at almost any time if needed (for example, on a down payment for real estate or a new home).

Are there adequate safeguards to protect from fraudulent activities?

We and the bank certainly think so, and our auditors have just reviewed our systems for the year ending June 30, 2010. Basically, the bank will not make payment for a withdrawal without having one of two previously agreed on record signatures on file at the bank. Various board members are

signers on the different accounts. Currently the treasurer is not one of the signers.

Checks are written for Acacia when a request and approval has been given to Hays Accounting in Champaign. After Hays receives appropriate authorization to do so, the check is written and sent to the signator persons mentioned above for signing.

Are chapter funds and board funds kept separately?

Absolutely. The chapter has its own set of books and is responsible for its own budget. One board member, **Matt Conway '04**, serves as a board liaison with the chapter as they work through the details of a budget and



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Housing Search Update

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Next came the consideration of purchasing a fraternity house whose chapter was having difficulty maintaining their payments to the owners. It became obvious that to have the house we wanted, the particular building would have to be demolished and to build anew. However, the owners experienced complications with regard to tax matters related to the sale and ultimately did not further respond to our negotiation attempts.

Through diligent review of potential opportunities, two adjacent though somewhat narrow lots were subsequently located on Daniel just a few blocks from the campus. The location, however, took the property completely out of our reach when it came to the price.

Following these experiences a multiple parcel of real estate was located that contained three older houses that would have to be demolished. In addition the location was less desirable than most would like. In the process of the negotiations to buy and our interest level became known, the asking price went up by almost 50% and beyond



Active chapter greets alumni outside the Chapter House. Note: I L L I N I pumpkins.

our budget or ability to pay, thus ended that opportunity.

Understand that more often than not, negotiations regarding such a purchase can last for months and months and then fall through. Throughout our investigations we have maintained timely contact with our lessor regarding an opportunity to purchase, but to no avail as they planned to re-colonize.

One of the considerations has always been that a property built for fraternal use might end up on the market because of their problems, financial or otherwise, that the owning fraternity might have experienced.

The encouraging news is that we are now investigating a property that could well resolve all the concerns we have had about purchasing the right facility. Negotiations have just begun, but we are once again optimistic. We think the property would well fill our fraternity's needs.

This particular property, more than any other to date, would fulfill the fraternity's needs and your expectations, we are sure. Stay tuned.

Meanwhile, as you may know, our alumni have continued to fulfill their pledges toward the capital campaign and we now have \$1 million in cash with payments being made monthly on another \$500,000 in pledges. We are optimistic that within the near future we'll be able to forward you a letter saying that a purchase has been made and a property is under contract.