



28 New Members Initiated December 5, 2010



Save the Date!



ILLINOIS VS.
NORTHWESTERN

Make plans and hotel reservations now!

- Pre-game tailgate in the stadium parking lots
- Complementary Post-game reception and dinner at the house courtesy of the chapter

Additional details will be available in the Summer edition of *The Hello* and at www.AcaciaIllinois.com



Front row (L to R): Alex Tapas, Zach Kromphardt, Nate Schroeder, Anthony Petrucci, Max Davis, Tom Ellison, Andrew Alsterda and Anthony Michael. Second row (L to R): David Handley, Connor Mara, Jon Battaglia, Al Nagode, Michael Keane, Jyoji Morimoto, Jimmy Turano and Dylan Lovering. Third row (L to R): Teel Gomez, Tom Connelly, Sam Moore and Tommy Pilewicz. Fourth row (L to R): Ricky Failla, Kevin Gallagher, Carson Masterson, Ben Murphy, Nathan Schuler, Mitch Lewis, Ryan Ferm and Alex Solome.

FALL 2010 INITIATES

Andrew Alsterda Lincolnwood, IL Physics	Ryan Ferm Naperville, IL Special Education	Zach Kromphardt Naperville, IL Civil Engineering	Sam Moore Lake Forest, IL Economics	Nate Schroeder Arlington Heights, IL Undecided
Jon Battaglia Crystal Lake, IL History	Kevin Gallagher Lemont, IL Undecided	Mitch Lewis Wheeling, IL Art	Jyoji Morimoto Schaumburg, IL Finance	Nathan Schuler River Forest, IL Broadcast Journalism
Tom Connelly Chicago, IL Political Science	Teel Gomez Mt. Zion, IL Chemical Engineering	Dylan Lovering Lincolnwood, IL Cinema Studies	Ben Murphy Naperville, IL MCB	Alex Solome Crystal Lake, IL Political Science
Max Davis Chicago, IL Architecture	David Handley Wayne, IN Political Science and Spanish	Connor Mara Wheeling, IL Advertising	Al Nagode Niles, IL Undecided	Alex Tapas Prospect Heights, IL Architecture
Tom Ellison Sydney, Australia Music	Michael Keane Roselle, IL General Engineering	Carson Masterson Oak Park, IL Aerospace Engineering	Tony Petrucci Carpentersville, IL General Engineering	Jimmy Turano Chicago, IL Communications
Ricky Failla Kirkland, IL Recreation Sports and Tourism		Anthony Michael Naperville, IL Communications	Tommy Pilewicz Wheaton, IL Mechanical Engineering	

Chapter Officer Reports

Eric Ruzalski '09, Venerable Dean

Acacia Illinois is continuing to improve and grow by setting high expectations and goals. At the end of the fall semester, the chapter voted for new executive board members eager to learn from predecessors in keeping Acacia on the rise. The chapter's morale continues to be extremely high with each brother searching for ways to contribute. The chapter's previous goals are continuously emphasized along with new goals as well. Some of the new goals set for this semester include initiating over ten spring pledges, increasing the chapter GPA, maintaining solid relations and communication with the Corporation Board and University officials, and improving on pre-existing areas such as philanthropy and scholarship methods.

Recently, the Corporation Board visited in February to participate in a successful New Initiate Breakfast. Furthermore, the Corporation Board and the executive board met to discuss various topics and future plans. The meeting was very beneficial and insightful for the chapter. A special thanks to the Corporation Board for their impressive and consistent efforts, especially in regards to the Capital Campaign. As men of Acacia Illinois, the brothers are determined to continue to improve in every possible aspect to become the best fraternity on campus. A-C-A, C-I-A!



Jyoji Morimoto '10, Senior Dean

With the school year rapidly nearing an end, there is still one responsibility that falls on the Senior Dean: planning Mom's Day. This should prove to be an enjoyable experience for all, as Acacia moms get to spend time with their sons and the brothers



of Acacia. The event includes a brunch followed by a silent auction. Keeping with tradition, mothers are asked to graciously donate items for the auction. All proceeds will benefit Acacia Illinois and the chapter hopes to continue the tradition and great success of this event.

Jack Roberts '09, Junior Dean

Due to the new and more impressive chapter house, the chapter's social calendar continues to grow and improve. This semester, the University allotted 10 social events to Acacia Illinois, the most since the fall of 2008. The chapter is also looking forward to supplementing this calendar with a host of new, creative, non-alcoholic events to form new relationships with sororities across campus. A few of the new social events include a paintball trip, ice skating and a picnic/canoe trip. For next year's fall semester, the chapter is planning a riverboat exchange and possibly an off-campus formal. Acacia Illinois is constantly kindling relationships with other houses on campus. It is a very exciting and fun time to be an Acacian and the chapter here at Illinois is excitedly looking towards the future.



Eric Russell '09, Alumni Chair

Hello, Alumni! As the newly elected Alumni chair, I would like to tell you a little bit about myself. I hail from the small town of Lake Bluff, Illinois in the northern suburbs of Chicago. As a sophomore in the College of Media, I am currently studying advertising and considering a possible minor in English. Aside from being an active member in Acacia, I am also a member of the Digital Committee of the American Advertising Federation on campus and work as a Classified Advisor at the Illini Media Company. I look forward to having the



opportunity to meet with you in the future and will work to the best of my ability to keep in touch by informing you of any news or events concerning Acacia Illinois. I'm excited to be a part of the executive board as the chapter house continues to progress to new and promising levels. As such, I expect to have much good news to pass on in the coming semesters.

Another thing worth mentioning is the mentorship program. Many active brothers in various fields of study have continued to express an interest in continuing the mentor program first established by Acacia several years ago. The brothers understand the value of guidance gained from predecessors. I would like to extend an invitation to all alumni and ask any of those who are interested in taking on a mentee to please get in contact with me at eric.russell13@gmail.com or alumnus **Phil Chapman '71** at pchapman@highlandil.com. We thank the alumni for their consistent support and guidance.

Patrick Stevens '09, Scholarship Chair

As the newly elected scholarship chair, I have been placed in an exciting position. Acacia Illinois is always trying to improve the chapter GPA. The chapter is now placing a stronger emphasis on academics to improve and maintain the house grades. The brothers are currently implementing several new systems to aid members scholastically with the help of older brothers in the house and even recent graduates. These electronic resources, which have been discussed in the past, are beginning to take shape and offer much promise for the active chapter. The network of academic resources will be virtually free of cost, easily navigable and entirely supported by university policy. The chapter's goal is to consistently have one of the best GPAs on campus, and with the help from everyone, I think we can make that happen!



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Cornerstones News at Illinois



Alumni and new initiates at the New Initiate Breakfast "Round Table Discussion." (Front left wrapping around back to front right) Max Davis '10, Kevin Gallagher '10, Nate Schroeder '10, Mel Rapp '49, Mitch Lewis '10, Al Nagode '10 and Adam Powers '98.



Actives note-taking during the corporation board meeting. Back row (L to R): Mitch Lewis '10, Connor Mara '10, Jimmy Turano '10, Sam Moore '10 and Ben Murphy '10. Front row (L to R): Jyoji Morimoto '10, Chase Clinebell '09, Eric Ruzalski '09 and Kevin Langendorf '09.

Acacia Cornerstones Hosts New Initiates Breakfast February 19, 2011

On Saturday, February 19, the Illinois Chapter marked the initiation of the newest actives with a specially catered New Initiates Breakfast 'Round Table Discussion' moderated by **Phil Chapman '71**. The discussion centered on "How to Make the Most of the Acacia Experience". **Art Mertes '85**, **Mel Rapp '49** (Chapter Advisor), **Adam Powers '98** (Board Secretary), **Mike Duncan '74** (New Property Initiative), **Dave Thies '73** (Chapter Advisor) and **Mike Conniff '93** welcomed the new members and discussed their years in the house. Board Members discussed their activities, fond memories, old friends, their responsibilities

as officers and provided advice on how to get the most from Acacia at the University of Illinois. The new initiates seemed most interested in the entire presentation and thanked the board for traveling to Champaign to honor their entrance into the Fraternity. Afterwards, a number of the new initiates stayed for the board meeting. Several alumni commented on the high quality of the new initiates.

Cornerstones Pledge Classes

On February 19, following the board meeting, Brother Chapman taught the twelve new pledges the portion of the Cornerstones curriculum he developed for Acacia National. The new pledges came well dressed in slacks and ties as befit

the occasion and gave Chapman their undivided attention. Dr. Chapman was impressed with the intelligence and active interest of his audience, which paused to ask excellent questions. Dr. Chapman told the pledges they could not have chosen a better fraternity and urged them to make the most of the world class education at the University of Illinois along with the activities and brotherhood of Acacia. He reminded them to give their best at the university and to make the most of the sacrifice their parents make to provide them an education at the U of I. Dr. Chapman then provided the following classes, "How to Maintain a Positive Attitude", "How to Make Straight A's", and "How to Take Control of Your Time and Your Life: Goal Setting and Time Management". Afterwards, the pledges enthusiastically applauded Dr. Chapman's presentation and asked him to return.

Acacia Illinois Gets Involved on Campus

With a large student body at Illinois, the opportunities to get involved with activities outside the classroom are endless. Listed below are activities Acacia leaders have been involved with or will be involved with this semester:

- March 1: FSA Workshop: Responsibility: Bystander Intervention
- March 3: FSA Workshop: Incorporating Ritual into Your Chapter
- March 10: Certified Housing Semester Meeting
- March 15: FSA Workshop: How to Turn Friendship into Brotherhood/Sisterhood
- April 2: Fire Factor
- April 10-16: National Volunteer Week
- April 11: Bowl For Kids Sake
- April 15-16: Relay for Life
- April 25: Greek Oscars
- April 29: Walk A Mile In Her Shoes

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needs your help!**

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today and add your e-mail address.

Providing you with e-mail updates about the chapter is faster and cheaper than traditional print mail.

2010 Annual Fund Raises \$14,485!

The chapter would like to thank the 61 donors who donated over \$14,000 to the 2010 Annual Fund! Annual Fund donations support alumni communication efforts and events. Specifically, the generous donations of alumni fund *The Hello* newsletter, the alumni website and the online directory. Donations also help develop the alumni mentorship program.



2010 ANNUAL FUND

Soon, alumni will receive a letter from Corporation Board President **Art Mertes '85**, asking and encouraging alumni to participate in the 2011 Annual Fund Campaign.

Contributions the 2011 campaign will once again be used to finance Acacia Illinois' alumni communications program and up to \$10,000 in scholarship awards given by the fraternity to those members with high scholastic achievement and who have contributed to the success of the chapter. Start thinking about your 2011 contribution now!

2010 ANNUAL FUND DONOR LIST

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James E. Lee '67

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Daniel D. Bayston '80

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Mark C. Fialkowski '85

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David L. Mari '64

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Other

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Michael Patrick Aldworth '99

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As alumni who carefully and judiciously read each issue of *The Hello* are aware, the publication has benefitted significantly by having a chapter member who serves as a co-editor of the publication in recent years. Further, *The Hello* has benefitted greatly from the input gathered by this individual relating to chapter activities. Since the objectives of *The Hello* include sharing information

about the chapter as well as alumni, this content is imperative. This responsibility has become an additional charge for the individual elected by the chapter to serve as Alumni Chairman. Their assistance is very much appreciated. Please welcome new co-editor, **Eric Russell '09**, and extend a sincere thank you to outgoing co-editor, **Alex Chiang '09**.

Brother to Brother

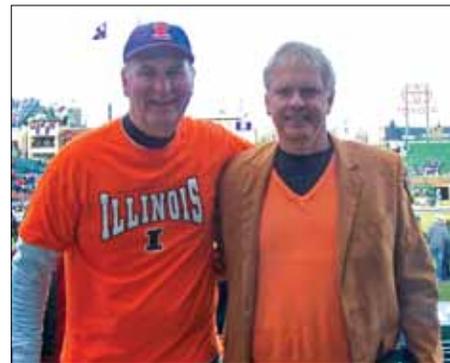
Donald K. Hanes '52 recently spent time with Col. **Homer Koop '53** and his wife, Shirley, at their retirement property in San Antonio, TX. Koop gave Hanes a tour of the Texas Hill Country, LBJ Ranch, Fredericksburg's Museum of WWII in the South Pacific and Luckenbach of Willie Nelson fame. The friends also enjoyed some world-class margaritas at the annual Fiesta celebration in San Antonio, and toured Lackland Air Force Base (where Koop began his military career), Ft. Sam Houston and the King William Historic Area of San Antonio. Hanes stated, "Brothers of the '50s will always enjoy a superb time with the Koops while in San Antonio. Give 'em a ring."

Allan C. Campbell '61 was promoted to Clinical Professor of Pathology and Dermatology at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Peoria and is serving as the Chair of the Department of Dermatology. Campbell also continues his part-time practice as a Consultant in Dermatopathology. He and his wife, Marlene (AXO), have four children, all educated, married and off the payroll, with 13 grandchildren. Campbell also serves as President of the Board of the Spurlock Museum at U of I, which is an archaeology/anthropology museum, whose collection will be 100 years old in 2011.

Ward "Doug" Hargis '65 notified *The Hello* about how much he, **Dave Mari '64**, **Bob Walberg '65** and their wives enjoyed the Illinois victory over Penn State on October 9, 2010 at Beaver Stadium. It

was a great reunion for the three couples after meeting again at last year's Illinois Homecoming. "PA sports writers referred to Illinois as a hapless, sadsack, rudderless program," stated Hargis, "lots of sour grapes being spewed forth over their loss to an underdog."

On Dec. 16, 2010, Brothers **Phil Chapman '71** and **Richard O. Erdmann '67** crossed off a "bucket list" item. They were each invited to sing solo with The Lettermen, a popular vocal group since the 1960's, on stage and in concert at McKendree University at Lebanon, IL. Chapman was "Four Calling Birds" and Erdmann was "Ten Lords A'Leaping" in a terrific audience-involved rendition of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" at The Lettermen's Christmas Concert. The two enthusiastic Acacians, adlibbing physically in their respective roles as well as singing,



(L to R) Mike Duncan '74 and Patrick Gaughan '74 enjoyed watching the Illinois v. Northwestern game with seats right off the field west of the 20 yard line. According to Gaughan, "The Illini came, saw and conquered in a glorious atmosphere at Wrigley Field."

drew applause from the packed house and, thankfully, received no "boos" or rotten tomatoes. Their wives, Melissa and Ruth Ann, handled the embarrassment as well as could be expected.

Brother Eternal

The Hello has been advised of the death of **James H. Davis '51**, Champaign, IL, on November 16, 2010, the death of **George "Dick" Armstrong '62**, Oswego, IL, on December 29, 2010, and the death of **Klaus Timmerhaus '48**, Boulder, CO, on February 11, 2011. *The Hello* was also notified that **William L. Vineyard '43** passed on September 6, 2009 and the wife of **Warren Gedstad '55** passed on December 11, 2010. We extend our sincere condolences to the members of their families, and welcome them into the ranks of Acacia Eternal.

Editor's Note: We rely on members of the family as well as alumni submissions to report the passing of alumni. We apologize for any delay in forwarding this information.

Lost Brothers

Help locate lost brothers! We do not have current contact information for roughly 12% of all Acacia Illinois alumni. Do you know where to find one of the over 180 names that are currently on the lost brother listing at www.AcaciaIllinois.com? Try your luck at locating one of the brothers below. If you know where they live, send their contact information to one of *The Hello* co-editors whose e-mail addresses are provided on page 4.

Eugene C. Swager '46
Burl P. Baker '55
Bela I Sandor '58
John A. Kirk '60
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Eric J. Trotter '65
Bruce G Blair '67
Stephen T. Blair '70

Merlyn W. Otto '72
Jeffrey J. De Leeuw '75
Glenn C. Berg '77
John B. Conroy '78
James R. Gnaster '80
Timothy A. Stone '84
John Hecht '85
Robert Ciosek '89

Marc Lawler '92
Kristopher E. Price '94
Bryan D. Scholnick '96
Brad A. Weber '99

Attention Retired Alumni!

Want to make your time really count? Interested in helping others? Want to feel good?

Consider working with Acacia's Board of Directors. Anyone may help, regardless of where you live and with minimal time input. Contact Corporation Board President **Art Mertes '85**, at amertes@synergylawgroup.com.



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(L to R): Art Mertes '85, Dave Thies '73, Mike Duncan '74, Mel Rapp '49 and Adam Powers '98 at the Corporation Board Meeting on February 19, 2011. The meeting immediately followed a breakfast for the new initiates. Full article and additional photos inside!

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