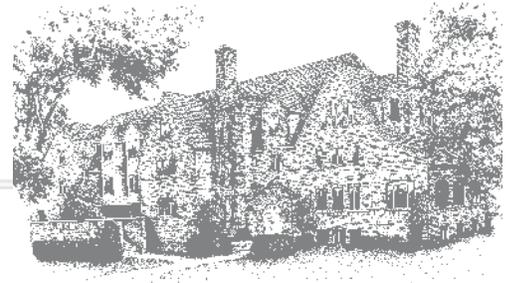




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ACACIA FRATERNITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS • SUMMER 2008



Alumni volunteers met on April 25th in Chicago to map out a course of action and timeline for the \$1.75 million fundraising effort.

Officially Launched: The \$1.75 Million Campaign for Acacia Illinois!

Acacia has officially launched a capital fundraising campaign to help secure its future at Illinois for many, many years to come. The opportunity for the Fraternity to acquire a sustainable, permanent house that reflects the caliber of its membership is on the immediate horizon.

To date, more than 60 alumni have stepped forward and made financial contributions for this important endeavor. Total pledged funds are in excess of \$1 million and counting!

The Acacia Chapter at Illinois has been without a house of its own for 18 years. As a result, Acacia rented a house during most of the interim and began its lease at the ΣAE house at 214 E. Daniel three years ago. Acacia's current lease at 214 E. Daniel will expire at the end of the 2008-09 school year. Unless alumni act fast and stay on course, the undergraduate brothers will be without a home and at a severe disadvantage when it comes to competing in Rush, finding locations to hold meetings, social events and brotherhood activities. This immediate deadline spurred the Acacia Alumni Board of Directors into action. The goal is to purchase an existing facility that suits Acacia's needs and, if needed, properly renovate the structure.

To this end, the Corporation Board is diligently working on finding a new home that will be Acacia's for many years to come. The Board has worked with local Campaign professionals to assess the market and the most viable options for our fraternity. Currently there are at least two properties that meet the Fraternity's needs. Both purchase options are in a range of \$1 million to \$1.5 million, with an additional \$200,000 to \$500,000

If Acacia cannot guarantee housing for our undergraduate membership for the 2009-10 school year by September 2008, individual fraternity members will be forced to seek and confirm alternate living quarters elsewhere – the fraternity's existence will be in jeopardy.

required in renovations to bring the facilities up to code. Significant renovation work beyond that is needed to make them suitable for living and capable of netting market-rate rents.

To accomplish the task of purchasing a new home, money must be available. The Corporation Board, through previous alumni donations, chapter rental income and savvy financial management, has over \$160,000 on hand today. To complement the savings and keep a potential mortgage loan as minimal as possible, the Board authorized the \$1.75 million capital fundraising campaign that has now officially begun.

As of our publication deadline, alumni leaders are happy and thankful to report that the capital campaign currently totals \$1,093,600 for the future Acacia house! National Campaign Co-Chairman **Dan Bayston '80** stated "The support for the Fraternity has been astonishing in the early going of this campaign. I think this

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amazing start to our major fundraising effort speaks to the value our brothers place in the Acacia organization.” The Campaign is being co-chaired by Bayston and Mike Duncan ’74.

Over the next few months, finance committee volunteers will contact their peers to discuss this campaign. When called upon, the hope is that alumni brothers will agree to participate and thoughtfully consider making a financial pledge for the maximum amount that they possibly can. “This is a major fundraising drive, and if it’s done right, it will be the last one for a long time,” stated Mike Duncan. Pledges can be paid over a one to five year period.

“When you are called upon to participate in this campaign, please remember that the brother asking for your help is himself, a volunteer. We’re involved because we love Acacia for what the Fraternity has done to cultivate our personal and professional lives,” commented Dan.

“Our campaign is off to a great start with 62% of our \$1.75 million goal already committed. Join us in this monumental effort – an effort that is greater than all of us. Please, let us count on you, now, when the Fraternity needs you most. We hope you will consider donating to this important cause, helping secure a long-term future for our chapter at Illinois,” added Mike.

If you are not contacted in a timely manner and want to make a financial pledge to this important Acacia campaign, please contact Dan or Mike at dan.bayston@duffandphelps.com or michael.conniff@reuters.com.



Dan Bayston
National Campaign Co-Chairman



Michael A. Duncan
National Campaign Co-Chairman

\$500,000 Donor Profile: James T. Wormley ’60

“My life was changed for the better because of the four and a half years I spent in the Acacia house at Illinois,” said James “Jim” Wormley ’60 about why he has decided to donate \$500,000 to the \$1.75 Million Campaign for Acacia.

Thanks to Jim’s generosity, generations of future Acacians will have their lives changed for the better as well. Jim’s lead gift of \$500,000 for the fundraising effort to purchase and renovate an Acacia fraternity house has provided the foundation and vision for the most ambitious project in fraternity history.

“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,” stated Wormley. He further stated that he is impressed with the current chapter and the high caliber of membership.

Upon hearing of Jim’s financial pledge to the Acacia Campaign, brother Dan Bayston ’80 stated in an email to his contemporaries, “A fine brother of our beloved organization has chosen to take the lead in this important fundraising effort by committing a very significant contribution of \$500,000. This gift is a great example of how positively Acacia has touched the lives of many. More specifically, this gift reflects the type of person that joins our Fraternity – one who puts others first and himself second. Jim upholds the highest of Acacia’s ideals, and I am proud to be a part of the same organization as him. I hope others will see fit to follow in Jim’s shoes and give what they can to support the Fraternity that has given so much back to all of us.”

Jim decided to join the Acacia fraternity in 1959 as a freshman and immediately moved into the house located at 501 East Daniel. Meeting



Jim Worley ’60
National Campaign Vice-Chairman

friendly and outgoing Acacia brothers during rush turned him on to the house, which at the time, was the third largest fraternity with agriculture majors – a field of study that interested Jim.

Jim quickly ascended through the ranks of the fraternity, serving the chapter on several committees, as Secretary and as Venerable Dean his senior year. He balanced these responsibilities with other campus activities, most revolving around the Illini Union. Studying was also a priority for Jim. He would obtain a degree in Agriculture Economics with high marks.

Upon graduating, Jim attended two semesters of graduate school at Illinois before starting his MBA at Stanford. During this time Jim never earned less than an A in any accounting course, which prompted him to take, and pass, the CPA exam while at Stanford.

After serving in the United States Army, Jim would eventually become the fundraiser for Boggs Academy, a boarding high school near Augusta, Georgia, for seven and a half years. Then the Wormleys moved to Menaul School in Albuquerque, New Mexico for another seven years. Wormley spent one half of his professional career in fundraising, a job that morphed out of what was to be just one year of volunteer service to the Presbyterian Church.

In 1993 Jim and his family moved back to Woodstock, Illinois where Jim started working for A.G. Edwards and Sons, now Wachovia Securities, as a financial advisor. He will celebrate his 25th anniversary in the profession this fall.

Jim grew up on a farm in Oswego, Illinois. He and his wife, Cheryl, were members of the same 4-H club. The Wormley family includes three sons and daughters-in-law, Ryan and Gwen, Paul and Rosemary and Matthew and Alexis, and six grandchildren. They enjoy time together, including an annual ski trip to Steamboat, Colorado.

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STANDARDS OF GIVING CHART
Types of Gifts generally required to raise \$1.75 Million
Pledges are payable over 5 years
\$1.75 Million Goal

Number Of Gifts Needed	Individual Gift Amount	Monthly Payment	Total Raised at this Level
1	500,000	8,333	500,000
1	250,000	4,167	250,000
2	100,000	1,667	200,000
2	50,000	833	100,000
5	25,000	417	125,000
25	10,000	167	250,000
30	6,000	100	180,000
35	3,000	50	105,000
35	1,500	25	52,500
136			\$1,762,500

Plus numerous gifts below \$1,500 = new house

Parents Support the \$1.75 Million Campaign for Acacia

The Chapter has once again surprised the Board with additional support for the Capital Campaign.

Mom’s Day is always a special time for Acacia undergraduates and their families. This year was no different. As is tradition, an auction was held and parents in attendance were generous.

Of course the new home for the fraternity was a hot topic and the parents wanted to know how they can support the effort to purchase a new house. During the auction, an anonymous parent offered to match the combined \$100 donations of any of the other parents up to \$2,500.

Consequently, 26 parents raised their hands and donated \$100 each to the new house and the future of Acacia. The total raised was \$5,100 and made the excitement of the year that much greater.

This marks the second significant donation from our undergraduate Chapter. At last year’s Homecoming, the Chapter President, Joel Grachan presented the corporation board with a check for \$40,000,



Mel Rapp
Campaign Advisor

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Message from the President

By **Art Mertes '85**, House Corporation President
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Perseverance. Dedication. Accomplishment. Teamwork. We're now at the point where we can acknowledge our many strengths as an organization, at both the Chapter and Alumni organization levels. I have to say I am so proud of what we have accomplished thus far as a team. Even more amazing, our team extends across many generations of Acacia men whose common bond is apparent. Our strengths and accomplishments are a direct result of this team, and we continue to build upon it.

At the Chapter level, we have proven that with a correct balance of focus, physical plant and guidance, fine men will develop at Acacia Fraternity. At the Alumni level, we are beginning to realize what is possible through rekindled spirit that is being fostered by heightened involvement

that builds upon itself and reconnects our Alumni with each other and your beloved fraternity.

This is a historical time in the life of your Acacia Fraternity. Significant strides towards achievement of our goal to secure a permanent home are being made. Most importantly at this time, our National Campaign Co-Chairmen are being supported by Alumni well beyond what we have seen in our lifetimes as Acacia men. We are hopeful that we can touch your heart with what is going on, and that you will be part of this experience of achievement that will surely build a legacy we can all be proud of.

To become involved in the \$1.75 Million Campaign for Acacia, the Alumni Board, or to include Acacia Illinois in your giving plan, please contact any member of the Alumni Board. I request and encourage you to get involved with what is happening at Acacia Illinois, and to support our team as we continue to make great strides for the benefit of us all!

Wanted: A Few Good Men

No, this is not a call to join the U.S. Marines. Qualifications? A belief that Acacia was a contributing factor to your success and willingness to give back just a little.

Most alumni would agree your Acacia Corporation Board has great momentum. Perhaps you too have noticed. Why not be a part of it?

The need for other alumni to add their shoulder to the wheel can help insure Acacia's progress. While most Board meetings are held in metro Chicago, attendance by telephone can be easily accommodated. Consider once more: "the man who works for something greater than himself will ultimately benefit himself the most." Are you that man?

Call or e mail corporation President **Art Mertes '85** today. He's waiting for your call. amertes@synergylawgroup.com or (773) 782 1490.

HOME COMING: OCTOBER 11, 2008

The past two Acacia Homecomings have been resounding successes, so don't miss your opportunity to reconnect and join in the fun at this year's festivities. The Chicago-Champaign charter bus will leave early enough to set-up and provide a home base for our 8:30AM pre-game Acacia Alumni-Sponsored Tailgate at the Memorial Stadium parking lot. A special thanks to **Michael A. Burson '70** who is flying in from California and sponsoring the tailgate. Stop by for some breakfast sandwiches and experience a true Illini tailgate. Then walk across the street and sit with your fellow brothers in our 75-seat block of tickets and watch the Illini take the Golden Gophers to task. Kickoff is 11:00AM.

As is becoming a new tradition, immediately following the game we'll gather at the Chapter house for a reception, pig roast and presentation. The day's events will then conclude with drink specials in a reserved room at a campus bar. Ask any of those fortunate enough to be at either of the last two Homecomings, our new traditions have been a blast and this year promises even more! **Buy your football, reception/dinner, and charter bus tickets now online at www.acaciaillinois.com**

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www.AcaciaIllinois.com**

The \$1.75 Million Campaign For Acacia

**Securing a Future for the Illinois Chapter
\$1,093,600 pledged as of May 28, 2008**

Acacia Legends \$500,000 - \$1,000,000
James T. Wormley - 1960

Acacia Guardians \$100,000 - \$499,999
Anonymous

Acacia Benefactors \$50,000 - \$99,999
John M. Lundsten - 1960
Mel W. Rapp - 1949

Acacia Mentors \$25,000 - \$49,999
Daniel D. Bayston - 1980
John F. Beatty - 1952
2006-07 Heth Chapter Donation
Arthur E. Mertes - 1985
Timothy J. Sullivan - 1977

Legacy Society \$10,000 - \$24,999

Neal R. Frankel - 1974

Marshall "Lou" Mabie - 1957

John R. Revell - 1957

Steven P. Hoffner - 1972

Robert "Joe" Main - 1973

Michael A. Rutkowski - 1986

Robert A. Lincicome - 1950

Todd R. Plocher - 1986

Roe E. Walker - 1951

Loyalty Society \$6,000 - \$9,999

Charles E. Rockwood - 1952

Heritage Society \$3,000 - \$5,999

George R. Biderman - 1966

Dana R. Drysdale - 1976

Shawn R. Hill - 1992

David L. Mari - 1964

David A. Tillema - 1955

Joel W. Busboom - 1994

Philip Dale Feldman - 1947

Devin S. Huber - 1995

Heth Chapter Moms Club 2007-08

Bruce E. Warren - 1974

Michael A. Conniff - 1993

Ronald M. Hamelberg - 1957

Eric J. Kuehl - 1989

Marcus J. Samaan - 1995

Brotherhood Society \$1,500 - \$2,999

Kenneth N. Brosh - 1975

Robert B. Smith - 1955

Andrew J. Millard - 1998

Kenneth A. Wagner - 1955

Mark S. Read - 1973

Bruce D. Wheeler - 1959

Proud Donors \$500 - \$1,499

David W. Andrews - 1942

Richard L. Cowart - 1953

Shelton Skip Heaver - 2001

Todd D. Porter - 1973

James M. Tucker - 1958

Warren G. Beebe - 1980

Delos Detar - 1939

Arthur Christian Hoelck - 1941

Adam Powers - 1998

Robert D. Walker - 1949

Dennis Charles Bone - 2002

Roger H. Evans - 1956

Eldon W. Olson - 1973

David C. Thies - 1973

Roger A. Warnke - 1964

Meet the New Chapter Officers

Venerable Dean: Matt Schild



My name is Matt Schild and I am currently a sophomore in the pledge class of 2010. Throughout the last year at Acacia, I have been involved as Assistant Pledge Educator, Rush Chairman, and Pledge Educator. I

believe my experience in these fields will help me make the 2008-2009 school year exceptional at the Heth Chapter.

I was born and raised in Naperville, IL. I love to play soccer and have played the last two years on the U of Illinois club team. Other extracurricular activities I participate in include: Fycare (First Year Campus Acquaintance Rape Education) in which I facilitate mandatory discussions for first year students concerning sexual assault on campus as well as Finance Club. I am currently studying Accounting/Finance in the school of business and have been fortunate to receive a 3.92 cumulative G.P.A. in my first three semesters of college. I am very excited about the new executive board for next year. With its help, I plan on taking Acacia to an even greater level of excellence!

Senior Dean: Ryan Van Echo



I am from Hilliard, OH, a suburb of Columbus. I attended Hilliard Darby High school, where I played soccer and baseball, and was also involved in the Panther Ambassador Leadership Team. I am currently a

sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering. I also plan on obtaining a minor in bioengineering, hoping to one day work in the field of biomechanics. I have always remained active outside of my academics, and this is something I wish to continue through my role as Senior Dean. Over the next year, I plan on working closely with the Executive Board in order to ensure that our house continues in the great direction it is heading, and will strive to do the very best job I can to fulfill all roles of my office.

Matt Hawk, Treasurer

Greetings, Alumni! I am finishing up my sophomore year at the University of Illinois. I have recently been elected as the new Treasurer for the 2008-2009 school year. I grew up in Morton Grove, a northern suburb of Chicago, and went to Niles West High School where I was an active member of our soccer team all four years. Presently, I am a finance major in the college of business. Over the next year I plan on

creating a budget that best accommodates the active members of Acacia's Heth chapter.

Secretary: Demetrius Taylor



I grew up in Lisle, IL for the majority of my life where I attended Naperville North High School. I am currently majoring in computer science engineering and am working towards a minor in business.

Over the next semester I hope to continue the tradition of superb management and organization of Acacia Heth's records and information. I hope that my hard-working attitude and attention to detail can help me get the job done.

Junior Dean: Nikos Lioutas



I am proud to have just been elected to my second term as Junior Dean of Acacia Fraternity's Heth Chapter. I am from Louisville, Kentucky and am studying to become a material science engineer with a minor in chemistry.

Apart from being an active member of Acacia, I am involved in a number of on-campus groups, including playing for the Men's Club Soccer Team. My position entails being in charge of scheduling various date functions and sorority exchanges for the active members throughout the semester. Being in charge of the social aspect of fraternity life, I am a firm believer that developing social skills through public interactions is a key trait that can be used to any young man's advantage in their future business careers. These events also serve as a great way to meet new people, forge lifelong friendships, and even meet their future wives (as some alumni can attest to). For all these reasons, I'm excited to lead our chapter into another monumental semester as we continue to grow as individuals and as a fraternity.

House Manager: Pete Villa



I grew up in Long Grove Illinois. It is here that I attended Adlai E. Stevenson High School where I participated in four years of football, wrestling, baseball, and track. I am currently majoring in accounting, and

I plan on obtaining my MBA on the 5 year plan. During my term as the House Manager, I intend to ensure that the house's physical quality remains in top condition. Through this position, I will learn how to deal with the university policies pertaining to maintenance. I will also learn how to fix common household problems, and be able to interact with university officials as well as other members of the house.

Philanthropy Chair: Patrick Couture



My name is Patrick Couture and I am a sophomore studying molecular and cellular biology. I grew up on the Southside of Chicago and attended Marist High School, where I participated

in marching band, ice hockey, soccer, volleyball, and student ambassadors. Upon my coming to the University of Illinois, I immediately sought to become more involved in student life and in the greater community of Champaign-Urbana. In addition to being a full-time student at the University of Illinois, I am involved in New Life Volunteering Society as a short-term volunteering coordinator, Phi DE pre-medicine organization, Global Medical Brigades, which is a relief-mission organization, and Habitat for Humanity. As a new member on executive board, I hope to bring a fresh perspective to Acacia at Illinois and hope to provide a new spark to the position of philanthropy chair. I plan to provide all of our active members with opportunity to become more in touch with the community by offering frequent community volunteering events. As current philanthropy chair, I plan on motivating Acacians to become more involved in our fraternity, our university, and our community through service and volunteerism over the next academic year.

Ryan Alberts, Alumni Chairman



I was raised in Naperville Illinois for the majority of my life. There I attended Naperville Central High school where I swam and played water polo on varsity all four years. Currently majoring in molecular and

cellular biology and planning on obtaining a minor in chemistry, I hope to either attend medical school or conduct laboratory research concerning genetics. Over the next semester I expect to improve the overall quality and quantity of active alumni relationships, and in doing so hope that both groups will gain knowledge, but more importantly will enhance their understanding of brotherhood.

I would like to increase the efficiency of house bill collections and want to strengthen our relationship with the Alumni and Corporation Board. An additional responsibility that I will assume is being the new Hello Co-Editor. I will do my best to forward the chapter's progress and I look forward to seeing you at Homecoming!

Risk Manager: Casey Savatski

Hello fellow Acacia Brothers! I grew up in Streamwood, IL, but I attended Driscoll Catholic High School. While there I played varsity basketball and baseball for three years. I



am presently in the College of Business and plan on majoring in accounting with a possible minor in finance. I hope one day to be the CFO of a Fortune 500 company working around the Chicagoland area. Through

my position as Risk Management Chair, I plan on making sure the chapter maintains its high standing with the university. It is extremely important that the rules and regulations of the University are followed by all of our members, and I will make it a priority to not only educate my brothers on these rules but to also help enforce them.

Rush Chairs: Dan Witt, Matt Fitterer, and Tyler Smith



I am originally from Naperville, Illinois. I am a sophomore studying political science and I hope to attend law school after I graduate. I lived in the house and served as commissar as a new initiate and served as philanthropy

chair this past year. I have always been active in rush since I have been an Acacian and I greatly look forward to rushing a group of solid guys next semester. I am confident that I can use both my formal and social experience in the house to put together a great 2012 class and raise the bar even higher.



I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Matt Fitterer and I have lived in Wheaton, Illinois for almost my entire life with my parents and three older siblings. I am currently a sophomore finance major in the College

of Business. I have been involved in several clubs on campus but I am currently the Champaign chapter president of an organization that registers students to vote. Since I have been an Acacian have I been both an assistant rush chair and an assistant pledge educator. I will use all that I have learned from both of these positions in order to recruit men that will be contributing members to the Fraternity and will carry on the Acacia legacy.



I have lived in Nazareth, Pennsylvania for the past two years, but I grew up in Seneca, Illinois, a small farm town near the Joliet area. I am currently a sophomore studying finance in the College of Business. I have

been very active in the chapter and just finished my term as senior dean. I learned a lot of leadership and budgeting skills as senior dean and I plan on utilizing these newly acquired skills to recruit solid young men to continue the success of the U of I Acacia chapter.

This year, unlike past years, the chapter has decided to entrust three men with the task of rush as opposed to one. With house numbers double what they were as recent as two years ago, we feel that a team of rush chairs can better handle the task of member recruitment. As always, every active member will be active in rush, but as rush chairs we will strive to lead the house in finding men of outstanding quality to lead Acacia into the future.



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Board Volunteer

Parents Support Campaign

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representing funds saved and secured through disciplined financial planning by our Chapter.

"We were thrilled and surprised to receive this initial support from the chapter and their parents. This was a spontaneous effort and we thank the parents that gave," commented **Mel Rapp '49**, Campaign Advisor.

Brother to Brother

Michael A. Burson '70 was appointed President and CEO of the Lyles Construction Group (LCG) headquartered in Fresno, Cal. LCG does infrastructure, power, and water related construction throughout California. He will serve as Chairman of the Board for each of the four companies that make up LCG, American Paving Co., Kaweah Construction Co., Lyles Mechanical Co., and W.M. Lyles Co.

Living a good life in Chicago with his partner Mike, **Timothy J. Sullivan '77** does the reverse commute up to his veterinary practice in Mundelein. He said, "Mike and I attended the centennial homecoming celebration in 2006 and were extremely impressed with how things look for ACACIA going forward. I hope we can

come together as a fraternity to get this capital campaign rolling. I look forward to reconnecting with many of you as we reach out to each other during the campaign."

Marc N. Stiglitz '90, along with his wife Kim and daughter Poppy recently moved their company, HAND in HAND custom jewelry design, into a new design studio at 3150 18th St. in San Francisco. Marc added, "it's very exciting news as HAND in HAND is on target to more than double our business again this year after being named 'Best of the Bay' by San Francisco Magazine, 'Best of Citysearch' Jewelry/Shopping and had four of our pieces published in an international art book about wedding rings. This all while enjoying the truly profound opportunity to help our international clientele best commemorate their lives' most special celebrations (engagement/wedding, birth/

adoption of children, birthdays, anniversaries, etc.) by creating one-of-a-kind pieces of fine jewelry/wearable art. Check us out at www.handinhandsf.com and please don't hesitate to let us know how we can help you create your one-of-a-kind HAND in HAND original."



Acacians will build on the successes of Homecoming 2006 and 2007 for Homecoming 2008!

Acacia Mentoring Program 2007-2008

By **Phillip "Chappy" Chapman '71**, Chapter Advisor for Mentoring

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Twelve alumni mentored 14 actives during the 2007-2008 school year. This year the house officers and board moved to a new mentoring checklist which has been adopted by ACACIA International office for the "Cornerstones Program". The Chapter Advisor for Mentoring found those actives who take responsibility for maintaining active communication with their mentors profit most. The new mentoring checklist, when followed, provides a catalyst for discussion and growth.

The mentoring relationship is enhanced when we can pair an alumnus with an active who is pursuing a similar career field. Thank you to all the mentors who volunteered and a special thanks to the following mentors who completed all of the requirements of the programs with their protégés: **Fred Garrott '68**, **Tom Strickland '97**, and **Dan Zollner '76**. Additional special thanks go to **Mike Duncan '74** who stepped up at the eleventh hour to help a deserving active and to **Bruce Carlson '69** who acted as our first mentor for an active in the medical field.

The Mentoring Program Illinois ACACIA continued to evolve during its second year. **Phil Chapman '71**, Chapter advisor for Mentoring, provided training in time management and a class entitled *How to Make Straight A's* to 41 pledges during the year. Time Management classes enabled the pledges to maximize their time through the use of daily game plans and by prioritizing their tasks. Brother Chapman challenged the Fall Class to improve the GPA of the previous pledge class. The 33 fall pledges came through with flying colors and increased the pledge average by over two tenths of a point to 2.97 for the semester. Many pledges credited the *How to Make Straight A's Class* with helping them make their grades during the semester.

The House Officers and Mentoring program sponsored the New Initiates Breakfast during the year. Chef Al prepared an excellent breakfast of scrambled eggs, biscuits, gravy, bacon, orange juice, sausage, and coffee. The following alumni helped welcome the new initiates into the house: **Phil Chapman '71**, **Mel Rapp '49**, **Dave Thies '73**, and **Bruce Warren '74**. The alumni shared their experiences from their years in the house in hopes of enabling the new initiates to make the most of the Acacia experience. Afterwards, the group thanked the alumni for coming.

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Mentoring Roundtable Planned for the Fall

There are plans for another alumni meal to honor the new initiates this fall before one of the home football games. If you are interested in participating in the ACACIA Round Table Discussion, "How To Make the Most of the Acacia Experience" at a time to be arranged this fall, please contact **Phil Chapman '71** at pchapman@highlandil.com or call him at 618-654-1118.

Visit www.acaciaillinois.com the official Acacia website to:

- Learn more about the chapter
- Search for alumni
- Update your address, phone number and e-mail address
- Post noteworthy accomplishments (a new baby, a recent marriage, a recent promotion, etc.)

Do you have interesting information you'd like to share with other alumni? Post it on the website by visiting www.acaciaillinois.com and clicking on the alumni links then "Brother to Brother."

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