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Conclave 2008: *Raising the Stakes*

Dear Brother Turconi,

Acacia marked its 104th year with the 55th Biennial Conclave and Leadership Academy from August 6-10, 2008 at The Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. With the famed Kentucky Derby and Churchill Downs as a backdrop, we prepared to *Raise the Stakes*.



The Conclave opened on Wednesday afternoon, August 6th, with greetings and challenges for the business that lies ahead. Over the course of four days, many friendships were rekindled and much was accomplished.

[Click here to read more!](#)

Acacia Welcomes Director of Development

The Acacia Fraternity Foundation is pleased to welcome Ken Ayers as its first Director of Development. With over twenty-five years of non-profit development and communications experience, Ken is an important addition to the New Century Campaign team.

Through leadership positions at the Indiana University Foundation, The Visiting Nurse Service Foundation, and the public TV and radio station in Indianapolis, Ken has demonstrated his ability to lead successful fundraising operations. He was directly involved with a \$1 billion campaign supporting the Indiana University Purdue University at Indianapolis... [click here to read more.](#)

We're Growing! Fall 2008 Expansions

Acacia Fraternity is growing! For the past several months, efforts have been made to bring our expansion to new heights. An aggressive policy is in place and the Fraternity is seeing results. Through the hard work and dedication of our Director of Expansion Tony Phillips, Carleton '06, expansions have been finalized for the 2008-09 academic year. [Read more about our expansion efforts...](#)

Support our expansion efforts by donating today!



2006 Conclave Logo

Acacia's Four Olympian Brothers



Millions of Americans and countless people worldwide tuned into the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China, to watch their nation and favorite athletes "go for the gold." It was a truly inspirational Games for viewers of all ages and all walks of life. Four Acadians in our 104 year history have medaled in the Olympic Games.

Basil Bennett, Illinois '19

Bronze Medal, Hammer Throw; 1920 Olympic Games, Antwerp, Germany

Everett Bradley, Kansas '19

Silver Medal, Pentathlon; 1920 Olympic Games, Antwerp, Germany

Emerson Norton, Kansas '26

Silver Medal, Decathlon; 1924 Olympic Games, Paris, France

Jack Van Bebber, Oklahoma State '31

Gold Medal, Wrestling; 1932 Olympic Games, Los Angeles, CA, USA

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