

IOWA CLUB

The University of Iowa Alumni Association

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Award Categories

1

Overall Programs/Large Club

(alumni population of 1,501 or more)*

2

Overall Programs/Small Club

(alumni population of 1,500 or less)*

3

New/Reorganized Club*

4

Individual Club Program

(service to university or community or unique programs or events)

5

Volunteer of the Year

(individual recognized for outstanding service through his/her club)*

*contact the UIAA with questions regarding eligibility for these categories

RULES OF SUBMISSION

- Programs sponsored between January 1, 2004 and December 31, 2004 are eligible for awards.
- Mark only one category on each nomination form. Forms may be copied for multiple entries.
- Clubs may submit more than one nomination for the Individual Club Program category.
- Nominations must include this form and a brief description of the club's qualifications for selection.
- Multiple nominations may be submitted in one envelope.
- Nominations will be reviewed by a committee of UIAA staff members.
- Nominations are due no later than **February 28, 2005**.
- All clubs will receive the selection results by **March 31, 2005**.

CHECK OUT THE UIAA WEBSITE: www.iowalum.com

2004 Iowa Club Awards Nomination Form

AWARD CATEGORY

(please check one, forms may be copied for multiple entries)

- Overall Programs/Large Club
 Overall Programs/Small Club
 New/Reorganized Club
 Individual Club Program
 Volunteer of the Year

Club Name Memphis Iowa Club

Club Leader(s) Shawn Beyer, President

Address 10480 Taos Trail Drive

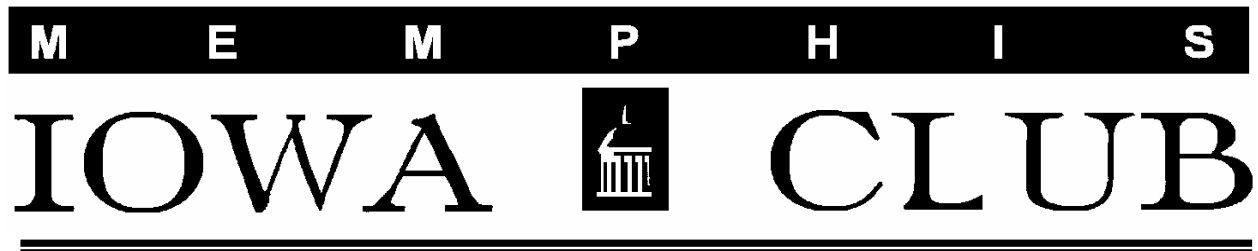
City Lakeland State TN ZIP 38002

Home Phone (901) 867-8038

Email sbeyer@vermeertnmsar.com

Nomination completed by (if different than club leader) _____

This cover sheet and a description of qualifications are due no later than February 28, 2005 to: IOWA CLUBS, Attn. Kerry Jones, 100 LCUA, Iowa City, Iowa 52242-1797, or fax to: 319/335-1079, or email to kerry-jones@uiowa.edu.



2004 Small Iowa Club of the Year Nomination

The Memphis Iowa Club (MIC) has a longstanding tradition of community service, academic interests, and social events. The MIC continues to provide outstanding opportunities for our members to contribute in these areas while supporting the University of Iowa. Throughout 2004, the 20th anniversary year of the MIC, we continued to flourish and find new ways to increase member involvement in all aspects of our varied agenda. Communication via monthly newsletters and weekly e-mail to members has continued to improve. Current projects are continually reviewed and ways are sought to make our work even more productive. In addition to matching our achievements of previous years, the MIC experienced a record-breaking Scholarship Dinner, established a Kinnick Fund, doubled our national I Club membership, and improved our support of Corning Elementary School. These and other MIC projects are further detailed below.

The nine-member MIC Board of Directors was led by Tim Theisen and Shawn Beyer during the first part of 2004 and by Shawn Beyer and Mike Dailey during the last part of 2004. Two new board members were welcomed, one a 2000 graduate of the University of Iowa and the other an Iowa native who recently relocated to the Memphis area. The new board members enhanced the solid leadership already in place. The MIC is blessed with a outstanding blend of new and established members who do not hesitate to contribute to our projects. This in turn forms the foundation of our continued success.

Communication

Communication is looked at as one of the most important services the Board can provide to our membership. Our website has continued to provide up-to-date information. MIC newsletters and e-mail communications have increased in frequency making available the most complete and timely information which encourages member participation in MIC-sponsored events (Attachment 1).

Community Service & Other Projects

1. **Corning Elementary School Supplies Project.** The MIC supports this one-hundred-percent poverty-level school with donations of supplies. In 2004 this project shifted from a once-a-year drive to a year round project. One unforeseen result of this change was

difficulty in maintaining the level of giving necessary to be successful. MIC member, Susan Tepaske, suggested providing MIC members with more specific requests for supplies. This was done by adjusting the project to a "Supply of the Month." Corning Elementary School officials provide suggestions for item(s) to be collected, thus assuring that the items donated are matched to the school's needs. MIC members are informed of items that will be collected during the month, and special incentives are offered to encourage donations, i.e. one raffle ticket (game watches) for each box of Kleenex donated. Past President Tim Theisen assures that all items reach the school in a timely manner.

2. **Arkansas Iowa Club.** In 2003 the MIC undertook to support Iowans in Arkansas in the formation of the Arkansas Iowa Club. In early 2004, Will Smith and Jack Nelson, who were instrumental in founding the MIC, met with several interested persons in the Little Rock area. This project was temporarily put on hold due to the relocation of the primary organizing force in the Little Rock area. Another individual has stepped forward, and we look for this project to resume and get off the ground during 2005.
3. **Hope House.** MIC members volunteered on two different Saturdays during 2004 to assist with projects at the Hope House, a Memphis area day care specifically for Memphis area children who are effected and/or affected by HIV or AIDS. On January 31st, 14 Club members donated more than 60 hours to paint and rake leaves at the Hope House. On November 9th, MIC members assisted in the repair and repainting of one of the children's bathrooms. Seven volunteers installed sheetrock, patched, sanded, taped, painted and cleaned up. A note of appreciation from Hope House Executive Director, Betty Dupont, is attached (Attachment 2).

Support of the University of Iowa – Academics

1. **Scholarship Endowment Fund.** In 1997 the MIC established a scholarship endowment fund through the University of Iowa Foundation. The money raised supports a Memphis area student attending the University of Iowa. Annual scholarships have increased over the past 8 years from \$250 to \$750 per year, an amount which is matched by the Foundation to double the scholarship award. The past two years, a MIC member has anonymously donated \$500 to the scholarship award, meaning that together with the Foundation, we have been able to award \$2,500 each year. The 2003-04 and 2004-05 scholarship awardee is Patrick Ashcraft of Germantown, Tennessee. We are especially proud to support Patrick as he is the first recipient of our scholarship who has no prior Iowa connection. The attached e-mail from Patrick details his activities and accomplishments at the University of Iowa (Attachment 3).

In addition to the financial support via the scholarship, the MIC extends a hearty welcome into the University of Iowa family to the recipient's parents and siblings. We are very pleased to have had Mona Ashcraft, Patrick's mother, attend several of our 2004 events and become a dues-paying MIC member .

2. **Scholarship Dinner Fundraiser.** An annual tradition beginning in 1997, the 2004 MIC Scholarship Dinner was planned around a Hawaiian theme (Attachment 4). The 2004 Dinner broke several records which allowed the MIC to reach the \$10,000 milestone. New records established were:

- Lowest expense total: \$541 spent for equipment rental, groceries, decorations, etc.
- Most prizes donated from area businesses and MIC members
- Most donations for drawing tickets: 521 tickets exceeded the prior record of 406 by 115, an increase of 28.3%.
- Number of paid meals: 55 exceeded the prior record of 41 by 14, an increase of 34%.
- Highest ever net income from dinner: \$834
- Highest ever net income from the drawing: \$1,213
- Transfer of \$2,047 to the U of I Foundation endowment account was nearly double previous transfers.

The balance in the endowment account at the Foundation along with the scholarship fund money kept locally sends the total amount of scholarship funds over the \$10,000 mark.

3. **Cookbook Project.** An ambitious project commemorating the 20th anniversary of the MIC was started during 2004. MIC members are working on a cookbook which is projected to be available for sale in the Fall of 2005. All proceeds from sales will benefit our scholarship fund. The UIAA is assisting with the collection of recipes from “celebrity” contributors.
4. **College Fair.** Each year, the MIC coordinates the University of Iowa participation in the Memphis Area College Fair which hosted 160 colleges from across the country. The U of I was represented by Bob Patterson (BBA 1961), Steve Regenwether (Law 1980), and Emily Baum (BA 2000). Several Iowa parents attended with their children, and several students interested in the athletic programs at the U of I stopped by. Twenty-eight information cards were completed throughout the evening and returned to the University of Iowa.

Support of the University of Iowa – Athletics

1. **Game watches.** Attendance at game watches continues to be good. Visitors are frequently welcomed, having seen our game watch information on our website. Proceeds from the raffle held at each game watch have allowed the MIC to support the U of I Athletic Department at the Bronze level. The MIC contingent traveling to Iowa City for the Ohio State game in October numbered 58, and another 28 were watching from Gill’s in Memphis.
2. **Golf Tournament.** The MIC’s annual Hawkeye Golf Tournament is held each May. A full slate of 7 four-person teams competed. The 2004 event netted \$161 for our athletic department fund.
3. **I Club.** In early 2004, the MIC made a concerted effort to increase our membership in the National I Club. As a result, we doubled our membership. During his visit for the MIC annual meeting and potluck last August, Andy Piro met with local I Club members (Attachment 5).

- 4. Kinnick Fund.** To support the renovation cost of historic Kinnick Stadium, the MIC established a Kinnick Fund during 2004. The initial deposit to the fund came from monetary donations for food at the pre-game tailgate party in Iowa City prior to the Ohio State game. Money is being contributed from other designated and non-designated events.

Support of the The University of Iowa within the Big Ten

The MIC leads the way for other Big Ten clubs in the Memphis area. We receive frequent requests to share our secrets to success with the Ohio State, Michigan and Penn State clubs, and we are happy to do so.

The Memphis area Big Ten clubs made a concerted effort during 2004 to increase their interaction. All area clubs meet for game watches at Gill's Bar & Grill. In addition to a social evening in mid-August, the MIC joined other Big Ten clubs in a pre-game tailgating party at Gill's prior to the last football game on November 20th. The MIC's visibility has been increased by the purchase of a U of I flag which is displayed above the bar at Gill's. At the initiation of Tim Theisen, the MIC requested and were granted permission to paint Hawkeye Black & Gold in one of the game watch rooms ("The Iowa Room"), and the club's logo is now proudly displayed there (Attachment 5). A flag and flag pole were purchased and will be displayed in front of Gill's prior to every game watch or other MIC activity held there.

Social Events

The MIC sponsors many events purely for the purpose of socializing with others connected in some way with the University of Iowa. These include: (1) Memphis Redbirds baseball game, (2) Holiday Mixer (combined with game watch), (3) Horseshoe Tourney, (4) bowling night, and (5) any other excuse we can find to get together.

The annual membership potluck/picnic provides another opportunity for interaction between MIC members. Activities during this event include the annual election of Board members, raffle for opportunity to win one of several Hawkeye prizes, and a silent auction. New T-shirts and polo shirts were designed during 2004 and made available for purchase beginning at the annual meeting in August. Proceeds go to the MIC general fund.

Future Goals and Plans

1. Continue to assist in the formation of the Arkansas Iowa Club.
2. Continue community service projects: Corning Elementary, Hope House, and others that may arise.
3. Continue assisting with the growth of Memphis area Big Ten clubs.
4. Continue all MIC annual activities and represent the University of Iowa to the best of our abilities.

Summary

The year 2004 has been an exciting and rewarding one for the Memphis Iowa Club. An active and enthusiastic Board, with diverse backgrounds, has introduced new programs as well as improved existing programs, all of which continue to add to the success of the MIC. Our emphasis on club communications has created increased interest among the many University of Iowa alumni, Iowans, and Hawkeye supporters in the Memphis area. This has helped our club increase membership, and participation in our club events. An active membership has also produced an increase in numbers of volunteers for our community service projects, increased funding of our scholarship, and an increase in funds to donate to the UI Foundation at the bronze level (\$600).

The Memphis Iowa Club is looked upon by other Big Ten clubs in the Memphis area as a model of what a Big Ten club should be. We are often asked about our success as a club and about the programs we support. We are happy to share this information and we are also extremely proud to tell of the continued support we receive from the U of I Alumni Association and the Foundation. No other University supports its Big Ten Memphis-area club at the level of the University of Iowa. The Memphis Iowa Club looks forward to many years of continuing to spread the good will of the University of Iowa throughout the Memphis area.

Thank you.
Shawn Beyer
President, Memphis Iowa Club

M E M P H I S

IOWA CLUB

 January 2005 

Exciting Capital One Bowl kicks off the New Year

CAPITAL ONE BOWL

The Memphis Iowa Club held its New Years Day game watch at Gill's Bar and Grill with some 25 Hawkeye fans in attendance. There were lots of cheers, a few VERY nervous minutes, and then a spectacular finish to an exciting New Years Day game. Capital One Bowl MVP QB Drew Tate capped off a tremendous sophomore campaign with one of the best passes in Hawkeye history. Tate's 56-yard pass completion to WR Warren Holloway on the final play of the 2005 Capital One Bowl lifted Iowa to a 30-25 victory over defending national champions and 11th-ranked LSU. For a special year end report, surf over to Hawkeyesports.com and read "Hawkeyes Find a Way! Final notes from memorable season".

If you want to relive the final seconds of the game, the most exciting replay called "Final Call of the Game" is the mp3 you can download from: www.hawkeyedownsspeedway.com/dolph.mp3 It's a classic.

It's great to be a Hawkeye!!!

GO HAWKS!!!

Corning Elementary School

Supply Drive The January item for the month is Kleenex. This is certainly the time of year when the need for cold tissue is high and tissue is in short supply in school classrooms. We will be delivering tissue in January as donations are received. Other items may continue to be donated and any cash donations will be used to purchase the monthly items. We will also be collecting the February items which are Brite Sticks and Glue Sticks. Items may be brought to any game watch or club function. Pick up/drop off arranged with Tim Theisen (385-7736). The most recent contributions have been delivered to the school. Among the items delivered were construction paper and a donation of 3000 pencils arranged through a Tennessee pencil manufacturer. All of our contributions are greatly appreciated by the school. Volunteers are still needed to tutor or read to the students. You may contact Anne Buchacek (753-8427) or Tim Theisen (385-7736) for details on how to make volunteer arrangements with the school.

Scholarship Dinner

Our annual scholarship dinner will be held Saturday, April 16th. The scholarship dinner is our major fund raising event of the year. Since 1997, the Memphis Iowa Club has funded an annual scholarship for a Memphis area student attending the University of Iowa. Our current award is \$750. This is matched by the university which brings the total award to \$1500. An anonymous donation of \$500 for each of the last two years has also been matched by the university effectively raising our annual scholarship total for each of the last two years to \$2500.

Our club also contributes to an endowment fund which will eventually fund annual scholarships from investment income. The Memphis Iowa Club endowment fund is currently the largest of any club outside of Iowa. The food theme for this year's dinner is German and we expect a great selection of menu items for this event. Mark this date on your calendar as it is an event you shouldn't miss. Watch your mail for additional exciting details.

BASKETBALL GAME WATCHES - Organized game watches are listed below. For those games not listed, if you would like to watch them with other Hawkeye fans, please contact Tim Theisen at memphishawkeye@aol.com.

Saturday, 1/15/05 – Minnesota @ 1:30 PM – Gill's
 Thursday, 1/20/05 – @ Illinois @ 6:00 PM – Gill's
 Saturday, 1/22/05 – Purdue @ 1:30 PM – Gill's
 Saturday, 1/29/05 – Indiana @ 4:00 PM – Gill's
 Saturday, 2/5/05 – Michigan State @ 1:30 PM – Gill's
 Saturday, 2/12/05 – Northwestern @ 7:00 PM – **TENDERLOIN NIGHT***

***Tenderloin Night will be held at Tim & Colleen Theisen's.** This is another of those "don't miss" events. You all know how hard (impossible?) it is to get a good old fashion Iowa Tenderloin sandwich here in the South. Now is your chance. Just come to this annual Tenderloin Night at Tim and Colleen's and experience one of the best. Plus, enjoy the game with fellow Iowans. The address is 2935 Christoval in Bartlett. Call 385-7736 if you need driving directions. It would help Tim plan his cooking if you could let him know how many are coming. Give him a call if you can, but come regardless. Bring your beverage of choice and come anytime after 6:00 for the 7:05 start.

Holiday Mixer – Tuesday, December 21, 2004 Around 20 Memphis Iowa Club members enjoyed this event at the home of Jay and Kathy Baum on December 21st. Special treat of the evening was the big 83-53 Hawkeye victory over the Texas Tech Red Raiders. The appetizers were especially tasty, and the weather was good once again this year. Our special thanks to Jay and Kathy for hosting this club function.

Cookbook Fundraiser – The cookbook project commemorating the Club's 20th year is underway and we are beginning to collect recipes. In addition to recipes submitted by club members, relatives and friends, we will be including a "celebrity" section of recipes contributed by famous persons who have a connection to the U of I, i.e. alums, professors, athletes, etc. All proceeds will go to support our Scholarship Endowment fund.

How can you help??? We need you to take a few minutes to submit your favorite recipe(s). There are several ways you can get your recipes to us:

(1) E-mail them to Tim Theisen (memphishawkeye@aol.com) or Nancy Carter (memphisiowaclub@midsofuth.rr.com).

(2) Go to the Fundcraft Web site (www.fundcraft.com) and enter your recipes directly into the Memphis Iowa Club cookbook database. On the lower left hand portion of the Fundcraft home page, enter Web ID: 36453-04KJ in the members box and press enter (ignore the password box). The page that opens is customized for the Memphis Iowa Club cookbook and is only accessible with the Web ID noted above.

(3) Mail them via the US Mail to Tim Theisen at 2935

Christoval, Bartlett, TN 38134
A recipe submission form that you may use for mailing your recipe is included in this newsletter. If you prefer not to use the printed form, you may simply photocopy or hand write your existing recipe and send it in. Please include your name and hometown so that can be included in the cookbook with your recipe.

4) Finally, you may bring your recipes to any Game Watch or club function. Any board member will deliver them to a committee member.

Also, if you have any free time to spare, your help would be greatly appreciated with any of the tasks needed to make this project a success – typing, proofreading copy, checking recipes, etc. Just let us know what your talents are, and we'll find something for you to help with – as much or as little as you desire!!! Contact Tim Theisen at memphishawkeye@aol.com

MEMPHIS IOWA CLUB COOKBOOK

Please type or print clearly

Only one recipe per page

RECIPE TITLE _____

INGREDIENTS

Recommended Abbreviations: c, tsp, tbsp, pkg, qt, pt.

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DIRECTIONS

Please include (1) pan/pot dimensions, (2) oven/cooking temperature, (3) cooking/baking time, and (4) number of servings.

STORY OF RECIPE

Please check the appropriate category for this recipe:

<input type="checkbox"/> appetizer	<input type="checkbox"/> soup, salad, sauce	<input type="checkbox"/> vegetable
<input type="checkbox"/> BBQ	<input type="checkbox"/> bread, rolls, pastries	<input type="checkbox"/> beverage
<input type="checkbox"/> entrees (main dish, chicken, fish, eggs)	<input type="checkbox"/> cake, cookies, dessert	<input type="checkbox"/> miscellaneous

Name _____ Phone _____
(as you want it to appear in book) (will not appear in book)

e-Mail Address (will not appear in book) _____

Relationship to the University of Iowa or the Memphis Iowa Club: _____

Mail completed form to:

Memphis Iowa Club, c/o Tim Theisen, 2935 Christoval, Bartlett, TN 38134

Please take a moment to review the information above to assure accuracy and legibility. Thank you!!!

Remaining 2004-05 Iowa Hawkeye Basketball Schedule

The Official Site of the Iowa Hawkeyes: <http://hawkeyesports.ocsn.com>

Thu	01/20/2005	Illinois	Champaign, IL	ESPN	6:05 PM	**
Sat	01/22/2005	Purdue	Iowa City, IA	ESPN-WP	1:32 PM	**
Wed	01/26/2005	Northwestern	Evanston, IL	ESPN Plus	7:05 PM	
Sat	01/29/2005	Indiana	Iowa City, IA	ESPN	4:05 PM	**
Sat	02/05/2005	Michigan St	Iowa City, IA	ESPN-WP	1:32 PM	**
Wed	02/09/2005	Wisconsin	Madison, WI	ESPN Plus	7:05 PM	
Sat	02/12/2005	Northwestern	Iowa City, IA	ESPN Plus	7:05 PM	#
Wed	02/16/2005	Purdue	West Lafayette, IN	ESPN Plus	7:05 PM	
Sat	02/19/2005	Illinois	Iowa City, IA	ESPN-WP	11:17 AM	
Wed	02/23/2005	Minnesota	Minneapolis, MN	ESPN Plus	7:05 PM	
Sat	02/26/2005	Penn St	State College, PA	ESPN-WP	11:17 AM	
Wed	03/02/2005	Ohio St	Iowa City, IA	ESPN Plus	7:05 PM	
Sat	03/05/2005	Michigan	Ann Arbor, MI	TBA	TBA	
Sun	03/06/2005	Michigan	Ann Arbor, MI	CBS	TBA	
Thu	03/10/2005	TBD	Chicago, IL	TBA	Big 10 Tournament	
Fri	03/11/2005	TBD	Chicago, IL	TBA	Big 10 Tournament	
Sat	03/12/2005	TBD	Chicago, IL	TBA	Big 10 Tournament	
Sun	03/13/2005	TBD	Chicago, IL	TBA	Big 10 Tournament	

** Game Watch at Gill's Bar & Grill # Tenderloin Night at Tim & Colleen's.

The Memphis Iowa Club

c/o Cook & Love Shoes
91 Peyton Pkwy., Suite 101
Collierville, TN 38017

Board of Directors 2004-2005

Tim Theisen, President-Emeritus	2005
(901) 385-7736	
Shawn Beyer, President & Treasurer	2007
(901) 867-8038	
Nancy Carter, Secretary & Coordinator	2006
(901) 387-0200	
Mike Dailey, Vice President	2005
(901) 382-0731	
Daryl Helle, Director	2005
Kent Hayworth, Director	2006
Bob Patterson, Director	2006
Emily Baum, Director	2007
Jacob Thompson, Director	2007

Awards and Recognition

1996	Reorganized Iowa club of the Year
1997	Small Iowa Club of the Year
1998	Small Iowa Club of the Year
1998	Alumni Volunteer of the Year (Susan TePaske)
1999	Small Iowa Club of the Year
2000	Small Iowa Club of the Year
2000	Iowa Club Program of the Year (Hope House)
2001	Small Iowa Club of the Year
2002	Small Iowa Club of the Year
2003	Small Iowa Club of the Year

From: grichardellie@bellsouth.net
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2004 8:02 PM
To: Vince Nelson; Susan Griffith; Betty Dupont
Cc: Carter, Nancy; Tim Theisen; sbeyer@vermeertnmsar.com
Subject: Fw: Iowa Hawkeyes
Vince and Susan,

Thought I would pass this on to you. Tim and Nancy deserve all the credit for this project. I was not able to do anything except "coordinate" (which means do nothing) between Betty and Nancy. As usual, the Hawks came through in great fashion. And as always it gives me great satisfaction to know that the Iowa ethic of ingenuity, hard work and compassion are present whenever needed. That's why we are and always will continue to be one of the best Iowa Clubs in the country!!!!

Thanks Tim, Nancy, Shawn and which ever other "elves" helped.

Dick

----- Original Message -----

From: Betty Dupont
To: grichardellie@bellsouth.net
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2004 8:48 AM
Subject: Iowa Hawkeyes

Our bathroom looks fabulous! The plumbers came last week to put in the two children's toilets and the basin. You all did a lot more than you had originally thought. Tim Tyson purchased and installed sheetrock in the bathroom. The rest of the Iowa Hawkeye elves painted the next morning. Many, many thanks. It saved us a bundle of money and is such a quality project.

Please pass this note of appreciation to the rest of the Memphis Iowa Hawkeyes. The children of Hope House are served because people like the Hawkeyes care for the wonderful children of Hope House.

Elizabeth Montegut Dupont, Ed.D.
Executive Director
Hope House
(901)272-2702, extension 202
(901)722-9520 (fax)



Phil "Coach" Schager and Tim Theisen with Betty Dupont and a child from the Hope House - February 2004



Vince & Pam Nelson with children at the Hope House
April 24, 2004



Update from Patrick Ashcraft 2003-04 Scholarship Recipient

From: Patrick Ashcraft [pashcraft32@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2004 1:28 PM
To: Carter, Nancy
Subject: RE: Memphis Iowa Club - Scholarship Fund Dinner

Dear Nancy Carter & the Memphis Iowa Club,

First of all, I want to extend my gratitude and thank everyone involved with the Memphis Iowa Club who makes the scholarship possible. It certainly has helped us out financially, and I'm grateful to be the recipient of the scholarship.

Here's what I've been up to since August: In October, I was elected to the Bijou Board of Directors. The Bijou is a student run on-campus movie theater, which showcases art, foreign, independent, and classic cinema. The Board of Directors is in charge of selecting all of the films, publicizing weekly films, selling concessions, and other various duties. I'm applying for a spot on the Executive Board for the next year as the Underwriting Director. This means I'll be handling the budget and all things financial. I think I have a good shot, but I don't want to speak too soon.

As far as the theatre program goes: in the fall I was cast in a play called "Trojan Women Retold". I had a small part, but it started to get me involved and it was a great experience. A few months ago I was the light board operator for "Hamletmachine." I had never done lights before in my life, and I had a blast. It gets me excited about doing even more things with the department. I've been ushering numerous times as well. The House Manager is going to Ireland to study abroad next year, and I've been asked to take her place while she is gone. So for the fall semester I'll be acting as the House Manager for the Theatre Department.

Classes have been going well and I'm staying in Iowa for the summer to take classes and do some possible summer theatre work. I'm very happy with my choice of Iowa for college. I look forward to three more years with the University.

Again, I thank everyone for their support.

Yours truly,
Patrick Ashcraft

PATRICK ASHCRAFT

Pride of Memphis

As a high school student in Germantown, Tennessee, Patrick Ashcraft loved the dramatic spotlight. So when it came time to select a college, he wanted to go somewhere with a top-rated theater arts program.

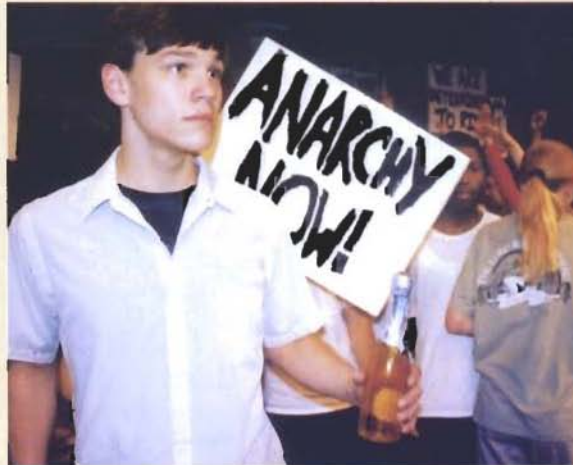
Now, he's pursuing his dreams at the University of Iowa. And, thanks to a scholarship from the Memphis Iowa Club, he's doing so without the financial struggle that often comes from attending an out-of-state school.

Ashcraft, a sophomore cinema and theater major, received the club's 2003-04 award, matched by the UIAA for a \$2,500 total scholarship.

"I really wanted to attend college in a completely different place, and I was looking for a school with strong focuses in theater and cinema. Iowa had that," says Ashcraft. "Out-of-state tuition is not pretty, and the scholarship certainly helps."

Since 1997, the Memphis Iowa Club has kept young Hawkeye hopes alive through its annual scholarship, established to enhance area students' access to the UI. Along with helping students such as Ashcraft—the fourth person to receive the honor—discover the rewards of the university, club members also celebrate Iowa with game watches and social events throughout the year.

Ashcraft's first year at the UI included typical freshman classes and nights of studying, but also a venture into the university's theater department. He appeared in last fall's *Trojan Women Retold* and worked the light board of the experimental production *Hamletmachine*. But performing in Iowa City's ad hoc No Shame Theatre was his favorite experience, as the opportunity gave him a chance to test his playwriting



Patrick Ashcraft puts his theatrical skills on display during a production of the musical *Show Boat*.

skills—his chief interest.

Ashcraft also served on the Bijou Theatre board and helped develop the IMU cinema's film schedule. This coming year holds exciting new challenges: he will direct the Bijou's marketing, advertising, and budget endeavors and serve as the theater department's interim house manager.

Whether it's acting or playwriting, Ashcraft can't wait to find out what the future holds. "As long as I work in an environment where art is created," he says, "I'll be happy."—**Mary Fishburn**

Scholarship Dinner – April 24, 2004





Andy Piro with MIC members taken with Memphis area National I Club members at Gill's Bar & Grill on August 28, 2004.
Front (l to r): Will Smith, Tim "Ty" Theisen, Tyler Theisen, Phil "Coach" Schwager.
Back (l to r): Shawn Beyer, Nancy Carter, Andy Piro, Mike Dailey