

Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association - TEXAA

September 2008



Calendar

Homecoming 2008

Pre-Game Get Together

Saturday October 11th
Casa Capri (Louies)
Starting at 10:30a

Carthage Football Game vs Elmhurst

Starting at 1:00p

Dinner / Reunion

Parkway Chateau
Starting at 5:00p

Bro-file Articles

Due March 6, 2009

Homecoming 2009

Saturday October 3rd

Carthage Football Game vs IL Wesleyan

TURTLE 55TH AND CLASS OF 1958 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association (TEXAA) invites all alumni to come back to Carthage College for Homecoming on October 10-12th. We will start at the Casa Capri at 10:30a Saturday. It is a short distance from the college. At the north gate take Sheridan Road up the hill to Birch Road and turn right. It is on the left at the corner of Birch Road and 22nd Avenue. The association will cover the cost (\$350) and all donations are helpful to keep this going. The football game starts at 1p and the actives will be serving brats at the south end of the field. Help support them and have a beer with the brat. After we will meet with the actives and see if we can help clean up.

The dinner/reunion will be held at the Parkway Chateau at 5p on Saturday on Highway #50 just off of I-94. You have a choice for dinner of Baked Herb Italian Chicken (\$23.81), Filet Mignon (\$30.82) or Pasta Primavera (\$22.27). Make your reservation with the current president, Chris Steenrod, at csteenrod@carthage.edu or 815/541-1053. You must send your check to Chris at Carthage College, Box 1146, 2001 Alford Park Drive, Kenosha, WI 53140 by October 1st.

The class of 1958 had eight members. They have had some bad losses with the deceased being Dave Dumke, Kenneth Mercks, William Mueller and Ed Walline. We need information on Fredrick Miller if you can help us. We hope to see Ellsworth Freyer (Waukie), Herb Reed and Dave Tarnow at the Turtle events. Welcome!

On the Tuesday before homecoming, October 7th, the Turtles will officially be 55 years old. Check the history book and see how we got started.

A GOOD TIME WILL BE HAD BY ALL --OH BOY!!!

Fraternally,

Don (Ace) Henderson, 1956
1st Turtle President

Need to stay Friday night before the game or Saturday after the party?

If you want to come in the night before and/or stay Saturday night here are a couple of hotels that are located at the corner of Hwy 50 and I-94.

Best Western Executive Inn
7220 - 122nd Ave Kenosha 262.857.7699

Country Inn & Suites of Kenosha
7011 - 122nd Ave Kenosha 262.857.3680

Days Inn
12121 - 75th St Kenosha 262.857.2311

Need to Invest Your Money?

Well the cash dividends aren't much but the return on investment is great. Yup we're talking again about getting some donations from you Turtle and Turtledove alums out there. As you can see from Divit's statement it costs over \$300 every time we put a newsletter out and if we're going to continue to host the Alum Homecoming at Casa Capri, add another \$500 plus. When you contribute you allow us to continue to expand the tradition beyond the walls of Carthage and keep the fraternal bonds alive and well.

If you can take a minute and write a check to TEXAA c/o Randy DiVito 1805 W Shore Dr Delafield WI 53018, you can make a significant investment to the future of the alumni association. Also add a note with your thoughts and suggestions on how we can continue to pull more brothers and sisters into the fold. If you'd also like to reach out and join the planning effort don't hesitate to throw your name in the hat, help is always wanted.

TEX Advisor Update

Well if you've been in a cave you probably didn't know that Jim Unglaube retired as did his role as the Turtles Advisor. Not to fear, the alums are here!

Currently the actives are having discussions with Bob Zapf '69 to see if he can step in for the short term. Bob is an adjunct faculty member at Carthage so he fulfills the requirement. Of course Bob is up to his eyeballs in DA stuff for Kenosha so that may be more of a figure head position. Kurt Lehrmann '75 has also volunteered to help through this school year and of course he also enlists the help of the TEXAA Leadership Team.

Turtle Tailgate Tradition Rekindled

During the late '70's and early '80's, Turtle Alums used to gather for a traditional Brewer-White Sox tailgate party at County Stadium in Milwaukee. Tickets were easy to get because both teams were usually pretty bad (except, of course, the 1982 Brewers!) and the turnout was fairly decent. We had some great memories, including the "disappearance" of Bill Faul and the "graduation" of Dave Harris, among others. But the times changed – we got older, kids' schedules took over, etc. – and the Annual Tailgate fell by the wayside.

But the TEXAA Board thought it was time to rekindle this tradition, so we picked a date in August and started planning. Hopefully we can once again make this an annual tradition.

The result was the August 11 Brewers-Nationals game. It was a beautiful fall afternoon, and thirteen Turtle alums, spouses, friends, and kids gathered at Miller Park and enjoyed sub sandwiches, Bill Schacht's Bloody Marys, and a few beers in the parking lot, before heading in to watch the game. [NOTE: Unlike the old days, not very many beers were consumed – the times have changed!] We had a great time. Just for the record, the Brewers won 5-4 when Gabe Kapler hit a walk-off home run in the bottom of the 13th, but by that time the Turtles were all back at the tailgate party.

Keep checking the website for next year's game. Once the schedule is set, we'll select a date.

Calling all '59, '69, '79, '89 or '99 Grads

OK for some of you CC is still doing grade audits and others still have bills to pay before it's official but regardless, you're on our books. Next year we're going to start targeting grads on their 10 year reunion cycle for a Homecoming reunion. I must admit it's been refreshing watching the original members communicate and plan on getting together so why not the other classes! Over the next year we'll be looking for some bro's from those grad classes to lead the charge for getting your group together at Homecoming.

Do we have any volunteers? If you'd like to be the catalyst to get this started contact any of the Leadership Team members for names and numbers.

Turtle Golf Outing

OK it wasn't what we hoped for but Dave Neary, Mike Matson and Kurt Lehrmann, all Turtles from the mid 1970's, made it official by playing in the first Turtle golf outing on Friday June 27th. Playing between some significant downpours, the trio managed three rounds in the 80's over the par 72 Bristol Oaks course and finished up with a strong 19th hole over some beers and stories of old times.

What about next year? Well it's clear after a couple of lean years that in order for it to get going we're going to need to get some key people to make some calls and get other bro's around their class to come. Since we're only getting a handful of tee times we could also shoot for a weekend day instead of a Friday if that would help. Over the first beer we also agreed that moving it around between Chicago and Milwaukee would give others a chance to participate. OK, who's in? We're looking for a few of you to get a foursome together. Drop any of us a line (info at the bottom of the newsletter) and let us know if you'd like to pull a group together, which metro area would work and if you prefer a weekend or a Monday or Friday. We'd be happy to supply you with names and contact info for any class of Turtles if you've lost contact.

Padre, JoJo and Kurt are in for 2009, how about you!!

Check out -
http://www.geocities.com/twh171/TEX_Home.html

Cat Got Your Tongue?

Come on, I know you guys are talking out there! You can't live for four years in a small confined space with a bunch of party animals and not stay in touch once you leave. In the last two newsletters we started a series titled 'Bro-File' which gives you a chance to tell some tales about the folks you lived and grew up with (at least some of us did). Fortunately most of us haven't spent too much time in a cave so there's some good stories to tell.

As you may recall the plan is to chain our articles together so once you're written about, you need to return the favor and write about someone else. While we haven't abandoned that plan we thought there might be a few of you out there that just have the urge to 'tell the rest of the story' on someone else. Please DON'T ask for permission, just do it. You can mail or email any stories to any of the leadership team (info at the bottom of the newsletter).

BTW- I apologize if the 'cave' reference hit too close to home. After all the idea for the 'Cavemen' TV show did start somewhere.

Second Lake Michigan Fishing Charter Outing - Recap

The Second Lake Michigan Fishing Charter Outing was held on June 28, 2008 at Kenosha Harbor. We had reduced participation from TEX Alumni with only one TEX member in attendance. We were able to gather enough of Menter's friends at the last minute to send out one boat. We had to cancel the second boat. Since Divito's Crew dropped out of the race this year, it was an easy victory for Menter's Anglers. Menter's Anglers boated 12 fish to include 5 Steelhead Trout, 5 Coho Salmon, 1 Chinook Salmon, and 1 Brown Trout with the largest being 15-pounds. This fishing event is a great opportunity for all interested TEX alumni to spend quality time together reestablishing old friendships and creating new memories, but if participation remains limited, we may have to reevaluate our commitment to this event in the future. Suggestions are welcomed! On a final thought, since many of you have not been in attendance for this event, we would greatly appreciate your ability to support the organization by sending in your most generous donation possible. Thanks for your continued support and we hope to see you on the water next year.

Brofile: Geoff "Ahps" DeLucca, Class of 1981

Written by Randy DiVito, Class of 1977

Ahhh yes. Who can forget that young man walking down the hall with that long flowing blond hair? Yup, that was Dave "Evad" Ittel, the guy next to him with the huge 'fro was Ahps. And huge it was. Picture this, a 3 foot wide Brillo pad with legs and a cigarette....that was Ahps! Unfortunately time has dealt a cruel blow! The "pad is sad" and is no longer. Instead of looking like a member of Kool and the Gang, he now closely resembles Yul Brenner or Michael Jordan!

Geoff is a 1981 graduate of Carthage and is a General Manager for Food for Thought. He married his college sweetheart Paula and they have one child Nick. Nick is going to the University of Minnesota with a double major of Astro Physics and Aerospace Engineering. It is obvious in this situation that the genius gene was passed down from the mother's side! Nice job Paula!

Ahps' first remembers being exposed to the Turtles in August of '76 as an incoming freshman. He saw us as a bunch of fun, regular guys with no cliques. He felt we had the coolest floor, no doubt due to the number of fans in our rooms! The turning point for him; when he realized he was born to be a Turtle was when he saw my pledge brother, Cal Korpela urinate on my refrigerator during a party in my room. Boy, if seeing that does not endear you to an organization I don't know what will!

There were many aspects of being a Turtle that stick out. The Muscular Dystrophy Marathons, the sense of community we created, the Us versus "Them" atmosphere, and of course Eric's homecoming party's.

His most memorable experience while at Carthage? Being the fine student Ahps was you would assume it would have something to do with his academic prowess; but nooooooooo. It was the first Kamikaze party they threw. Apparently they thought it would be fun to replace the American flag with the Japanese flag on Pearl Harbor Day! Geeeee, and you wonder how that Us versus "Them" was started!

Dove Update

We are slowly getting the names and addresses updated for the Turtle Doves. They are an integral part of the "active" Turtle history and we would like to continue that after graduation as well. We are still far from having a complete database of names and addresses of all the Doves. Please forward any name and address that you have so that we can make sure they are on the list and getting the information. Also, we are still asking for a Turtledove that would like to help the committee. If you would like to help please send an e-mail and let me know. Send all correspondences to: rdivito@wi.rr.com

P.S. Turtledoves are always invited to any TEXAA activity. Please visit us homecoming morning at Casa Capri for a festive few hours prior to the game. Food and refreshments are provided. If you cannot make it, tell a fellow Dove who can. If you can make it, call a fellow Dove to accompany you as well.

Brofile: Bob Bosin, Class of 1965

Written by Sean Fitzgerald, Class of 1996

When you're a young snapper who pledged the Turtles in the 1990s like I am, it's always a pleasure to meet the guys who lived and made the legendary stories that built the foundation of Tau Sigma Chi in its early years. I had another rare chance to reach back into the past when I ran into Bob "BOBO" Bosin, class of 1965, at a business function in Fond du Lac, Wis. a few years ago.

Bob served as the designated driver for Carthage's move from Illinois to Kenosha back in 1964. Already married a year earlier to his wife Bonnie, Bob never lived on the Turtle floor at the new campus in Kenosha, instead living in an apartment about 100 yards down the road from Prof. Olsen.

Ahh, those stories of Prof. Eric Olsen that us young squibs can only imagine. Those of us who came to Carthage after 1990 never had a chance to meet the man. But Bob assures me, as others have as well, that Prof. Olsen was very social, very Republican, and that the parties he held at his "crib were always the bomb."

There are lots of quality memories from those days at Carthage, including the Great Turtle Walkout from Carthage, Ill. to Chicago while pledging freshman year, and the first ever Greek Olympics on campus allowing the other local fraternities to square off against one other. "We had a big chariot race, and we took a little liberty with our chariot and won, and of course, that caused a bit of controversy." None of us expected anything less, Bob.

After graduating Carthage with his political science and history degree in tow, Bosin attended law school at Valparaiso in Indiana for three years before returning to his hometown of North Fond du Lac in 1968 to practice law. Eight years into his law career, Bosin shifted gears, landing an opportunity with Northwestern Mutual as a life insurance agent. He's been with the firm ever since – for 32 years at this point.

Bosin and his wife, Bonnie, have now been married nearly 45 years. Together they have one daughter, Kelly, 35, and a son, Judd, 31, along with three grandsons and two granddaughters.

He still keeps touch with Ed Truschke out in Las Vegas; Jim Nelson, who also worked for Northwestern Mutual out of Milwaukee and is now retired; Herb Tallitsch, who was my high school assistant principal and the father of one of my friends while growing up; and lastly, the legendary John Sladek, the West Coast academic who served as the first president of our Turtle alumni group.

TEXAA Treasurers Report 9/3/2008

<u>Opening Balance</u>		<u>\$997.95</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Alum dues	\$ 0.00	
Total income		<u>\$ 0.00</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Printing/ mailing Alumni newsletter	\$356.25	
Total expenses		<u>\$356.25</u>
<u>Ending balance</u>		<u>\$641.70</u>

HELP Printing Costs are eating us alive!!

For this publication we're making a special effort to once again reach out to alums both with this printed copy and also an email (if we have one on file). The great thing about emails are they're free, the bad news is many people are using their spam filters to the max so some good things don't get through. What can you do to help?

- If you get an email from the Turtles, please reply back so we know your address is good and we're not getting spammed out.
- In your reply let us know that you'll accept the next newsletter as an attachment. Don't worry, it's only a small pdf doc.
- If you didn't get an email from us it doesn't mean we don't love you. Send us an email at twh17@yahoo.com or kurt.lehrmann@gmail.com . We'll reply to make sure the email is getting through. From then on you'll be getting your newsletter via email.
- Don't have an email or you can't use it for important stuff like the Turtles? Thanks ok we're not too hurt but do drop us a note and let us know if you'll be able to look on line on the TEXAA website for the latest Turtle news.

Bottom line is any of these options will lessen the printing load on our budget. As you can see from the budget above we spent over \$350 on the last printing (and that was less than normal). For those non-techies out there, don't worry, we have every intention of continuing to mail the newsletter but every dollar we save helps.

By the way those donations help keep this going.

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