

Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association - ΤΣΧΑΑ

April 2010



Calendar

Golf- Bristol Oaks

Friday June 25th
11:00a Teeoff

Brewer Tailgate

Saturday August 21st
Afternoon - TBA
See article to right

Homecoming 2010

Pre-Game Get Together

Saturday October 9th
Casa Capri (Louies)
Starting at 10:00a

Carthage vs Millikin

Starting at 1:00p

Homecoming 2011

Saturday October 1st
vs North Central

3rd Annual Brewers Tailgate Party

*Yes, it's time once again to gather your lawn chairs, your beer coolers, and your baseball gear and head to Miller Park in Milwaukee for the 3rd Annual TEXAA Tailgate Party on **Saturday August 21st**.*

After seeing how much oxygen we had to use to get to our seats last year, we did a little survey and discovered that most people would be willing to pay more money to get seats that were actually below the cloud bank. So we decided to make a few changes.

First, you'll notice that we are attending a game on Saturday night. We thought this might bring out a few more brothers and would allow a day of recovery on Sunday.

Second, we will purchase a group of 25 "good" seats which will be sold first-come, first-served to brothers who get their money in early. Once those are gone, we will attempt to buy more seats as close to the original group as we can using StubHub.

So check your calendars and get out your checkbooks. We're going to try to buy tickets in the \$30 - \$40 range, so the charge for the tailgate will be \$45. Please send your check to Tim Hughes, 5741 Forsythia Place, Madison, WI 53705, or if you prefer paying through PayPal, send me an email (twh17@yahoo.com) and I'll send you a payment request.

Hope to see you on the 21st!

Tim Hughes '76

Steenrod Added to the List

The Leadership group is really excited about Chris Steenrod '09 joining the team. It's a huge benefit to have someone with recent connections to the College and of course the Actives and Doves. I must admit it's also a plus having someone who's not so technically challenged (yah I admit it) when it comes to Facebook and all the other cool things out there. Anyway, when you see Chris give him a big thanks for helping out, His contributions have had an immediate impact.

Check out the new website:

<http://www.tausigmachi.org>

Read all about it on page 3.

We Need Your \$elp

If you looked at our financial statement you can see we're running low. We've been running a pretty lean mac\$ine \$ere but wit\$ newsletters running around \$350 and a couple \$undred more for \$omecoming it does evaporate. We've been fortunate over t\$e last few years to \$ave some generous bro's w\$o've dropped a \$undred or more at a time to \$elp out but we can't count on t\$eir generosity all t\$e time. If just 50 of t\$e almost 750 brot\$ers and Doves out t\$ere t\$rew in just \$20, we'd be good for a couple of years. We don't want to stop mailing t\$is newsletter but wit\$out some cas\$ we'll need to go to plan B. If you can t\$row a few bucks our way it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Randy Divito at rdivito@wi.rr.com to \$elp.

WANTED: One "Lonesome Dove"

That's right, the TEXAA committee is looking for one Dove that wants to help keep the Dove MOJO going after graduation. Are you someone that misses getting together with your college buds. Do you miss the camaraderie and fun that being an active Dove offered you? Would you like to see that camaraderie and fun continue after graduation? Are you the type that makes things happen rather than wait for someone else to do it. Then you are needed! The committee needs a Turtle Dove alumni to help develop the Dove side of the Association. Responsibilities would be to communicate with the actives and the alumni, update and keep current the Dove alumni database, sit in on quarterly telephone conference calls, add fun to the process and most importantly; write a better article than I just did! Time investment is minimal, 10-12 hours annually not including any event you may attend. If you are interested please contact Randy DiVito at rdivito@wi.rr.com. E-mail me now, you know ya wanna!

Mid 70's Golf

Are you talking about a golfing score? Don't I wish! Actually what we're looking for are some Turtles from the mid 1970's who want to join some others for a round of golf and a few rounds of beer. For the 3rd year in a row Mike Matson, Dave Narey and Kurt Lehrmann are inviting others to tee it up for fun. Last year we were joined by Freddy 'Jake is much better' Curtis and Tim 'playing out of his butt' Hughes who elevated the level of competition (on getting the beverage cart girl's attention). Each of us is going to try and get another bro to join us but don't wait for an invitation. We all refuse to let this die have some sympathy, dust off those clubs (or borrow some) and join us. Better yet, get your own 4-some together, there's plenty of room. Come on, the economy sucks so why not take a day off and hit some balls into the corn field.

- Friday June 25th, 11:00a tee off.
- Bristol Oaks Hwy 50, west of I-94.
- Cost - \$45 greens fees and cart.

Sign up with Dave Narey at 847.274.0007 or david_narey@sbcglobal.net or Kurt Lehrmann at 262.880.2447 or kurt.lehrmann@gmail.com

Homecoming 2010

Homecoming this year is on the weekend of October 9th with the game at 1:00p. We will recognize the class of 1960 as they celebrate their 50th reunion. Their class was a small one with six members and now one lost (Thomas Watkins) and one deceased (Thomas Beau).

We will again meet at the Casa Capri on Saturday morning at 10a.m. You have time to go to the Carthage breakfast and then come to the Capri and still get to the game and have a brat with the actives. We had 19 Turtles last year and hope to increase that number this year. Join us!

Last year we tried to have an after game party but it didn't work. We had it close to the Marriott where Carthage people were staying but it was a long way from the campus. We are working on trying it again with a place close to the campus. If it works, A GOOD TIME WILL BE HAD BY ALL, Oh boy!!!

Don (Ace) Henderson, 1956
1st Turtle President

New Turtle Website

Last fall Yahoo! Geocities, the free web-hosting site we were using for our TEXAA web pages decided to fold all of their free users (us!) into their pay service. Since the TEXAA doesn't have a lot of money (and since the money we do have we would much rather spend on Homecoming) we went looking for other alternatives.

We didn't have to look far, because Brian Mertens ('05) offered to latch onto the tausigmachi.org domain name and to host our website on his server for free. Doesn't get any better than that!

Tim Hughes ('76) then "borrowed" his wife's website creation software she had recently purchased and went to work creating a new TEXAA website. Check out the results at www.tausigmachi.org.

It's still a work in progress - Tim makes little changes every week and is still learning the software. Sometimes what he "sees" on his screen does not translate to the web very well. And just recently he purchased an add-on which allows photo albums to be created and added to the website. Kurt Lehrmann ('75) is scanning pictures from old yearbooks and we'll be adding them over the next few months so keep checking back.

Also, if you have any ideas for the website, send Tim an email (tw17@yahoo.com) and he'll see what he can do to incorporate them.

Turtle Friend Passes Away

I hate to give you terrible news but it's my sad duty to let you know about the passing of Craig Klyve who in the mid 1970's became a friend to a number of the Turtles. Craig and I became very close in 1986, when we both moved to Madison; carpooling together, playing volleyball together, and partying together. He was a special man, a special friend, and a special father. Please keep Craig's wife Rebecca and his whole family in your thoughts and prayers.

Fraternally, Tim

Brofile: Mark Wild (PSYCHO) – Class of 57

Written by Don "Jawge" George, Class of 1959

Mark was one of the original Turtles on the old campus of Carthage. He married Jackie Edwards (Class of 58) who has passed away. Mark moved around a lot! After graduation he attended the Minneapolis Seminary for 3 years during which he worked in a psychiatric hospital. After the seminary he moved back to Wisconsin as an assistant pastor in Waukesha. From church work he became a Probation Officer and received a Masters in Social Work from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He became the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer in Waukesha and then a Mental Health Consultant for the State of Wisconsin. In 1968 he moved to California to become a Psychiatric Social Worker at the Camarillo State Hospital and ended his working career at Big Brothers of Greater Los Angeles until he retired in 2000.

"Psycho" moved to the mountains of California but is now away from the cold at Pismo Beach in central Calif. Mark and Karel (a former grade school teacher from Michigan) have been married for 34 years and along with their 3 boys and a girl are enjoying the warm weather. He is still active as a volunteer at the Day Shelter for the Homeless. Golf, reading, and developing the Central Coast Puzzle Exchange (for people interested in jigsaw puzzles) keep him busy along with spending time with one granddaughter who lives in Los Angeles. By the way, our TEX brother almost made it in the movies at Universal Studio but starting out as a mail boy wasn't his idea of fun.

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Actives Help Haiti Relief

The actives have been busy keeping the Turtle tradition of helping others. Over the past few months they did a Haiti food/clothing drive and are now selling shirts (though we don't know for sure if those are philanthropy or fund raising shirts).

TEXAA Association Update

The 60th Anniversary in 2013 is just around the corner and we're already starting to get some plans together. I wish I could give you a date for Homecoming but Carthage hasn't committed yet however that hasn't stopped us. While the 50th was a big hit we don't think that a formal dinner like we had is the right approach. Instead the Leadership team is looking at doing an open buffet from 4:30p to 8:00p at a local hall. We seem to lose people after the game so hopefully they'll head right over. Still others have to head home due to other family obligations. Of course there are others who are planning on spending the entire weekend so we think this idea will service everyone. We're thinking about having a recognition ceremony around 5:30-6:00 but nothing serious. Keeping it low key will keep the price down and allow everyone the freedom to come and go. Anyway we'd love to get your feedback on this approach.

The Brewer game will also have a new twist as we change days to Saturday and breakdown for better seats. Please check out the article that Tim has in the newsletter and make your reservation as those good seats are limited. On the media front we're making some major progress toward having a 'real' website thanks to Tim and both Randy and Chris have put some life into our Turtle Facebook accounts. You may not be into either of those but we've still got the old email standby for communicating with you all plus it's free. Finally we've had a slow start getting the Dove's involved but I'm hoping that over the next year we can start building those numbers up beginning with the most recent grads and actives. We'd love to hear from you so don't hesitate to drop any of the Leadership team members an email or call me at 262-880-2447.

Special thanks to Jeremy Hanna for publishing and mailing our newsletter. Check out the TEXAA website below for links to old newsletters. If you're interested in writing an article, have an interesting Brofile or 'Old Bone' you'd like to submit, contact any of the Leadership Team members.

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The Tin Man by Duane "Dewey" Menter '66

Mike Swasko graduated from Carthage in 1968 and often wonders how he ever made it through the TEX pledge process with a Pledge Father like Dewey, but he did and now relishes the memories. Speaking of memories, Mike remembered the time we went to a gathering for the Republican Party (where he was undoubtedly over-served) and threw up all over the fraternity bathroom. Although he made a mess of things, he found a way to blame it on a rival fraternity and not get caught by his brothers. Sound familiar? Other interesting memories included a part-time job cleaning horse stables for \$5/hr and unloading ships at the docks of Kenosha Harbor.

After successfully completing the whole college experience, Mike went on to marry his wife Kate. They have a son (23) and three daughters (20, 17, and 11). Mike has been in the metal finishing business for many years, thus widely regarded as the "Tin Man". He enjoys his work and fully expects to keep on working in this industry for many more years. Mike currently spends most of his free time with his family, cooking for others, and coordinating backstage activities for the Nutcracker – Salt Creek Ballet.