

Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association - TEXAA

September 2010



Calendar

Homecoming 2010

Pre-Game Get Together

Saturday October 9th
Casa Capri (Louies)
2129 Birch Road
Starting at 10:00a

Carthage vs Millikin

Starting at 1:00p

Homecoming 2011

Saturday October 1st
vs North Central

HOMECOMING - Turtle 57th and Class of 1960 50th Anniversary

October 09, 2010

Again the Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association (TEXAA) invites all Turtle Alumni to return to Carthage College for Homecoming. Plan on attending our annual pre-game get-together at the Casa Capri (2129 Birch Rd Kenosha) on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Then you will have time to get to the parade and game after. The TEXAA has been able to keep this event going through donations of members and class group donations. Keep on helping! Also help out the actives at the game by buying a brat. Look for the new TEX flag in the concession area and come on over.

This year as the Turtles celebrate their 57th year at homecoming we will be recognizing the Turtle Class of 1960. It was a class of six members and one is deceased, Thomas Beau, and one lost, Thomas Watkins. If you have any information on Watkins please let us know. It also had the 7th Turtle President, Wendell Olson.

At this time the post game festivities are going to be informal but drop one of the Leadership Team members a note and we'll post it on our website. Whatever it is, A GOOD TIME WILL BE HAD BY ALL -- OH BOY!!!

Don (Ace) Henderson
1st Turtle President

Need to stay Friday night before the game or Saturday after a party? Here's a couple of hotels within 15-20 minutes of campus.

Marriott – Racine 7111 Washington Ave (Hwy 20) 262.886.6100
Fairfield Inn – Racine 6421 Washington Ave (Hwy 20) 262.886.5000
Super 8 – Racine 1150 Oakes Rd 262.884.0486
Best Western Harborside Inn – Kenosha 5125 6th Avenue 262.658.3281
Microtel Inn & Suites – Racine/Mt Pleasant 5419 Durand Ave 262.554.8855

Check out –

<http://www.>

[tausigmachi.org](http://www.tausigmachi.org)

Need a Turtle Shirt for Homecoming?

Over the past year the Leadership Team has been exploring different ways to get shirts, sweatshirts and other attire emblazed with our favorite Turtle logo and Greek letters. While we found a great on-line site (bluecotton.com) the individual purchase price was a bit steep so we're going for a group purchase. To start off with we're going with a white t-shirt with TEX in green letters on the front and a reclining Turtle on the back. The cost is \$10. When we get 10 interested people we'll order. Please drop Chris Steenrod an email (steenrodchris@gmail.com) by Sept 15 so we can have them by Homecoming. Also let us know if there are some other items that you'd be interested in.

Brewers Tailgate Party

Only enough time in this newsletter for a quick note on the Aug 21st Brewer Tailgate party. Number wise, up from last year, 30 Turtles and some Doves caught the Saturday afternoon festivities and evening ball game (along with some beer and snacks). John Neff from the early 60's was our senior bro but we also had the 70's, 90's and recent grads attend. Check out the Turtle website for some pictures and I'm sure Tim will have a little article for us in the next newsletter.

WANTED: More Doves!

We're starting to hear from the Dove alums out there but we've got a long way to go. If you're reading this and still have contact with a Dove track them down and let us know you found them.

The committee needs Turtle Dove alumni to help develop the Dove side of the Association. We're really hoping to we can find someone who can sit in on quarterly telephone conference calls and help us get the Doves involved in the Alumni Association and continue their much need support of the Turtles.

If you are interested or know someone who might be, contact Randy DiVito at rdivito@wi.rr.com.

Membership

Just a quick update on our membership lists. We currently have 569 Turtles on the master roles (incl 35 deceased) but we're missing 34 from our last mailing. Please take a few minutes and check the website to see if you know the whereabouts of any of these "Missing Brothers" and send me an email at tw17@yahoo.com.

TEXAA Treasurers Report 8/1/2010

<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>\$412.28</u>
<u>Income</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 72.00</u>
<u>Ending balance</u>	<u>\$ 390.88</u>

Actives Keeping Turtle 'Service' Alive

The Turtles and Turtle Doves are once again showing a powerful presence on campus. Last Homecoming the brothers and sisters of Tau Sigma Chi competed in the homecoming games and walked away with a first place prize. The organization now also serves as the college's go-to organization for catering. The Turtles also held a fundraiser for Haiti last year. The brothers collected clothes, money and non-perishables in hopes of helping those impacted by the earthquake.

Facebook for Dummies

What do ya mean you're afraid of Facebook!! Come on, your kids (or grandkids) are on it every day and you can too. Of course you don't have to make it your life but just getting out there and sharing pictures and stories is a great way to reconnect with old friends and discover what the new Turtles and Doves are up to. Also the Alumni Association is using Facebook to post events and upcoming news so join in.

Looking for some easy steps to get started? Here's our Facebook for Dummies guide for beginners:

- Enter www.facebook.com into the address bar.
- Either sign in or create an account by entering the necessary information.
- Ask people to be your "friends" by searching their name in the search bar, clicking on the name and following the 1 to 2 steps.
- You can write on your "friend's" wall by navigating to their profile (search their name) and clicking in the text box. On this same page you can also send the person a private message by clicking "send a message" under the profile picture.
- Your home page (you get to it by clicking home at the top right of any page) has updates and notifications about your profile and events.

Those are the essentials to Facebook as I see it. Still having issues? Drop me a line at Chris Steenrod [steenrodchris@gmail.com]

Turtle Golf Outing

The list is growing! While we missed not having Freddy Curtis with the group this year we were excited to add Rick Wirch and Mike McBride (who was joined by his son) to the fold. Adding these bro's to the regular repeat offenders of Dave Narey, Mike Matson, Kurt Lehrmann and Tim Hughes, all from the mid 1970's, for the third year in a row we increased our numbers. We continued with our streak of good weather on June 25th and we hit it around Ives Grove golf course just outside of Racine for the first year. For a bunch of old guys playing 18 holes we did well plus we had an opportunity after the first 9 holes to switch up groups so we could catch up with a few others. You may not be aware that McBride has had a few heart attacks (5 or 6 I think)but it looks like the doctors have figured things out so he's back enjoying life.

The plan next year is for each of us to get one more person to join. Of course you don't have to wait for an invite as there plenty of room for us to grow. Drop any of alumni leadership team a line (info at the bottom of the newsletter) and let us know if you'd like to play next year. Friday seems to be a good day and the course isn't as crowded (though JoJo complained of not having enough targets out there). If you're not sure where someone is living we'd be happy to supply you with names and contact info for any class of Turtles if you've lost contact. How about adding your name to the list!!

Brofile: Ace (Don) Henderson – Class of 56

Written by Mark "Psycho" Wild '57

Ace! One of the originals and over a 1/2 Century later, still an active Turtle. The "Quintessential Turtle!"

At Carthage he was everywhere, knew everybody, a nice guy, a leader -- AND -- he had a yellow convertible -- so of course he became our 1st President. I smile when I remember Ace's years at Carthage -- He was part of it all -- tipping a few brews at Carthage Lake, Chet's and wherever and whenever Turtles met; he was part of Turtles dressed in pork-pie hats and topcoats, entertaining at Convocation, basketball & football games; Intramural football; shaking up opponents at away games; skits at various events - i.e., Polio Drive & Kampus Kapers; Anna Trips; and close friend of Turtle Advisor Eric Olson; and so much more -- Ace was there. And he's still there working with the TEXAA guys who he's proud of and they proud of him.

In 1956 he graduated and closed his always open bedroom window in the dorm -- open no matter how cold and freezing it was outside, because he was from "Minnesota!" -- and moved back to work in real estate investments, apartments & hotels, and later starting an income tax preparation business. Also in 1956 he married Nancy Harmon and they proudly had 5 kids (one died in 1962) Moved to Edina, MN in 1968. They divorced in 1981.

Judy Kovarik became his "current" wife (Ace's endearing term) in 1982, who has 3 children. Together they've been working, travelling and enjoying each other for almost 30 years. They've visited their kids and nine grandkids in VA, GA, SD CA, WA. & NY. They've been to Norway, Sweden, England, France, Germany, Switzerland & the Czech Republic. "Theme trips" are their thing, like the Lewis & Clark Trail, Route 66, and "Sponge" trips staying with Turtles throughout the United States. And in between Ace squeezed in a Quintuple Bypass in 2004 -- a Heart Survivor!

If you're ever in Edina, MN, make a "Sponge Stop" and see Ace & Judy -- and (to use Ace's usual sign off) -- "A good time will be had by all, OH BOY!"

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TEXAA Association Update

I wonder if this internet thing will take off? OK maybe I'm one of the slower ones to catch on but I know when there's something out there that can really help the alumni association. Thanks to the efforts of Randy DiVito '77, Tim Hughes '76, Brian Mertens '04, Nathan Fisher '07 and a few other, we're building up our contacts on Facebook and getting some more hits on the Turtle website. Outside of the obvious benefit of helping us reach out to more alums, especially more of the recent grads, we're seeing a cost saving as well getting out more timely and accurate information.

Our get togethers are also growing as we continue to build on the number of bro's attending the Brewer game. After listening to some of your suggestions we're making some changes so please check out Tim's article in this newsletter for what's new. The group of mid to late 70's alum golfers is also growing and we hope to add a few more this summer.

Can we email you a copy of the newsletter? Printing and mailing costs us \$300 each time. Send Tim an email at twh17@yahoo.com so we can help save a buck.

Donations

Some of you old timers remember the line 'money makes the world go around' from Cabaret. Well I can't speak for the world but it certainly helps the Alumni Association get around. If you'd glanced at the Treasurer's report you've seen it takes about \$300 to put the newsletter out and \$600 for the Homecoming party. While in the past a few bro's have kept the fund in the black we can't keep counting on their generosity to bail us out. We need your help! Take a few moments and drop a check for \$20 or even \$10 to Randy DiVito so we can keep TEXAA viable.

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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Brofile: Nathan Fisher – Class of '07

Written by Chris Steenrod '09

Nathan Fisher came to Carthage in 2003 from Waubonsie Valley High School. Fisher decided to pledge Turtle his sophomore year in school. During his time as an active member he served as vice president and was honored as 2007 Man of the Year. Fisher's favorite memory from school comes from his senior year. He and a few other Turtles took a road trip to the Smokey Mountains to stay in a cabin with all of the amenities (they were really roughing it). He enjoyed spending the week with some of his best friends and all of the shenanigans that took place during the week.

Fisher graduated from Carthage in 2007 and is now attending National University of Health Sciences and studying to become a Doctor of Chiropractic. He has passed his boards and is now completing his clinicals. He currently lives in the Chicago area.