

Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association - TEXAA

April 2011



Calendar

Golf- Ives Grove Racine WI

I-94 & Hwy 20
Friday June 24th
11:00a Teeoff

Brewers-Pirates Tailgate

Saturday August 13th
Afternoon - TBA
See article to right

Homecoming 2011

Pre-Game Get Together

Saturday October 1st
Casa Capri (Louies)
Starting at 10:00a

Carthage vs North Central

Starting at 1:00p

Homecoming 2012

Saturday September
29th
vs North Park

4th Annual Brewers Tailgate Party

It's Baseball time again! We purchased 30 tickets for the Saturday, August 13 Milwaukee Brewers versus Pittsburgh Pirates game. Our seats are in Section BL 203 Rows 6-7 (You can go to www.brewers.com to see the view from our seats!)

As in the past, we'll gather outside of the stadium and enter the parking lot together and tailgate. Ticket price of \$40 includes game ticket, sandwich, chips, etc. Bring your own beverage of choice.

Ticket sales are first come-first serve, so get your money in soon.

There are two ways to pay: either send me a check for \$40 to:

Tim Hughes, 5741 Forsythia Place Madison, WI 53705

or go to our website www.tausigmachi.org and click the PayPal button (NOTE: you will either have to already have a PayPal account, or will need to create an account.)

Hope to see you on the 13th!

Tim Hughes '76

Final Printed Newsletter

We believe that many of you love getting the Turtle alumni newsletter but with printing and mailing costs running over \$350 for each edition we had to make the tough decision to no longer mail copies out to alums. Fear not, we're still going to put one together a couple of times a year but we needed to find a more cost effective way of making that happen. Going forward we'll posting the newsletter online (check out the link in this newsletter and bookmark it) as well as sending you an email notice when it's available. We hope you still find it enjoyable and easy to get to.

DON'T HAVE COMPUTER ACCESS? We know that not everyone can get access to a pc so on request we'd be happy to print a copy and mail it to you. Please call Kurt Lehrmann at 262-880-2447 and **let me know if you need one mailed.** Leave your name and mailing address and we'll make sure one gets shipped out.

Check out the Turtle alumni website:

<http://www.tausigmachi.org>

YOU ARE THE FUEL.....

That keeps the Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association alive and building for the future. When the concept of having an alumni association was discussed, there as a host of "ideas" of how we could be a "value add" for the Turtles and the Carthage community. Some of which were; providing a scholarship fund, assisting financially in times of hardship and donating necessary items to the actives when appropriate. Those initiatives are still part of the vision, but as you are witness to there are many steps to take and a limited time to deal with them.

Currently our biggest issue is staying financially afloat. As you can see there is \$360.00 in the treasury. That is barely enough to pay for this mailing. Historically our organization has 2 expenses annually; this mailing and the Homecoming get together we sponsor each year at Casa Capri. Total annual expenses of about \$1,000.00 and we are falling short. Thank you to all that have donated and especially for your notes of encouragement of what the TEXAA is doing and where we are going. For those of you that wish to fuel the flame, please send your donation made out to TEXAA to:

Randy DiVito
1805 W Shore Dr.
Delafield, WI 53018

Did you know?

Carl (Chief) Rossler conceived the organization's first seals consisting of a candle, sword and the Greek letters for Tau Sigma Chi on a shield. On the top of the shield was Tau Sigma Chi. It differs from the current ones in that there is no Turtle picture.

Brofiles in this Edition

Nathaniel "McFly" Chapman '06
Mike "Mangina" Jones '04
Gonzalo "Gonzo" Gonzalez, Jr. '90

Welcome the new Turtle advisor Dr. Eric Pullin.

He is a history professor at Carthage. When coming to a decision on a new adviser the Actives could not think of anyone better that embodies the Tau Sigma Chi spirit than this man. He has a plethora of stories that would put all of our noses to shame. When first approached with the offer of becoming our adviser, he was happier than a freshman receiving a bid. We hope he will be with us for a long time to come to keep our fraternity strong for years to come.

On a side note, Pullin is Jewish so we shall be promptly providing him with a kippah with the Turtle crest embroidered on it for him to wear on letter days, along with a stylish Turtle tie. Check out his picture on our blog.

-The Actives

Homecoming 2011

Turtle 58th and Class of 1961 50th Anniversary

October 01, 2011

It is an early Homecoming this year so start planning on attending. The Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association (TEXXA) invites all Turtle Alumni to come to Carthage College for Homecoming. Attend our annual pre-game festivities at the Casa Capri (2129) Birch Road, Kenosha on Saturday at 10:00am. You will have time to attend the parade and game after having pizza and beer with fellow Turtle Alums. The TEXXA has worked hard on keeping this event going but they need donations to continue. Send a check or put something in the basket at Casa Capri. Look for the Turtle flag in the concession area at the game and buy a brat from the Actives.

As we celebrate our 58th anniversary at homecoming we will be recognizing the Class of 1961. It was a huge class of 23 members including the 8th Turtle President, Donald Pardonner. Three, William Aulwes, Eugene Freeman and Ronald Palmen are deceased. Three, David Miller, Ferdinand Rodriguez and Lee Ahsbridge have been missing for a long time. If you have any information on these missing brothers please let us know.

Post game activities will be informal and decided on that day. On Saturday A GOOD TIME WILL BE HAD BY ALL -- OH BOY!!!

Don (Ace) Henderson
1st Turtle President

4th Year of Golf and Counting (not the strokes mind you)

Look, if Tiger can make an ass out of himself, what's stopping you! OK maybe you didn't run into your neighbors tree with your SUV or blow millions of dollars in endorsements but he's still out there trying. How about you!

Each year or list is growing. Last year for example, even after 5 heart attacks Mike McBride dragged his butt over as well as Rick Wirch. I'm hoping Freddy rejoins the group of regulars which includes Kurt "Lajerman" Lehrmann, Dave "Padre" Narey, Mike "JoJo" Matson and Tim "Sow" Hughes. Who wouldn't want to join such a fine group of men (I use the term loosely).

Each of us who played last year is going to try and get another bro to join us but please don't wait for an invitation. We're not going to let this go without a fight so sneak over to the neighbor's garage and steal his golf clubs (like Tim did). I've got a lot of 'seasoned' golf balls and tees so there's no reason not to join in the fun (and some beers during and after). Hey there's nothing stopping you from getting your own 4-some together, there's plenty of room. Come on it's time for a Friday road trip!!

- Friday June 24th, 11:00a tee off.
- Ives Grove Hwy 20 and I-94 west of Racine WI
- 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

Turtle Obituary

Tom Bowersox passed away peacefully on December 15th from Alzheimer's disease. Born in Troy Ohio and raised in Arlington Heights IL, Tom graduated from Carthage in 1957.

Tom had his own executive search firm in Des Plaines IL for more than 30 years and could always be found sporting a Chicago Cubs cap. Please keep Tom's wife Jan and his whole family in your thoughts and prayers. Check out other details on our website.

TEXAA Association Update

For those that have been following our alumni association conversation over the last few years you know that our financial situation is not great. While many of our activities are pay as you go, the newsletter is an expense with no revenue, that is unless you all chip in to help defray the cost. The reality of reaching this tipping point forced to think of other approaches so after this edition we're moving the newsletter on line and abandoning for the most part the printing and mailing. Of course we know that some alums don't have pc's or have some other 'technical' challenges so we will continue to mail a few newsletters out.

We're also adding a couple of other low cost things to make it easier to stay connected and to help support the cause. First we've worked with the Actives who are now posting blogs on their current activities. To make it easy to find we've put the link on the TEXAA home page. I'm sure they'd love to hear from you so just click on the response button and let them know you appreciate their efforts. It only takes a minutes. The other initiative is to get more of our activities and donations linked up with PayPal so we don't have to pass checks in the mail. Right now you can pay for the Brewer game or golf outing on line as well as make a donation. Soon we'll be getting Turtle t-shirts and sweatshirts out there.

I'd be remiss if I didn't mention our continuing effort to keep you up to date with our alumni website and Facebook accounts. Finally I'd like to make another shameless plug for our 60th Anniversary in 2013. I haven't gotten an official date yet from Carthage but we'll let you know as soon as it's posted. We're making plans to have an open buffet from 4:30p – 8:00p at the Best Western Harborside Inn just across the street from Villa D'Carlos. We plan on having a brief ceremony starting at 5:30p with a bunch of socializing after. Plan on attending our milestone anniversary.

Written by: Brian "Can't reasonably put my nickname in this brofile without getting fired" DiVito

Mike Jones was born Michael Jones, and later became known as Mike "Mangina" Jones. Young Mike started at Carthage in the Fall of 2000, recruited heavily for his ability to swim, yet endeared for his ability to motorboat, Mike Jones decided to join the Turtles that many of his fellow swim teamers were a part of. Mike had come to Carthage from the Rockford area, and since graduation has been unable to resist the pull of Kenosha. After graduation, Mike found work as a salesman working for Hearth and Home, selling fireplaces. His success in selling put his name on many a company radar, one of which eventually brought him on to sell decorative stone. He covered a vast territory of states, spending weeks away from home at a time. It was during this period that he married his college sweetheart Lindy, and bought his first house. The young lovebird soon grew tired of being away from the love nest for weeks at a time, so he decided to make a career change. He is now the Executive Director for a Golden Living nursing home and gets to spend more time at home.

Mike Jones was arguably the greatest treasurer of any fraternity anywhere, ever, using his financial smarts to help plan for the big 50th anniversary, which I am sure you all agree, was a great success. But this super-treasurer also had a wild side. He was our resident Parrot Head and introduced me to my first Captain and Coke, and after a night of a few too many of them, also introduced me to my last one. His favorite memory of being an active came during the semester when we had 14 pledges. The actives decided to pimp every last one of them. A group of actives, including Mike, were heading to my car when we saw a pledge. He asked us what we were doing, we told him that one of the actives got pimped by the doves and we were going to get him back. We asked him if he wanted to come with, he excitedly agreed to, hopped in the back seat, with an active on each side he asked us which active got pimped, we told him no one, but they will be looking for you. It was at that point that the pledge realized he had been pimped. The impromptu pimping went down as the easiest pimp ever. To get a little frosting on the cake, we were on our way back to campus after dumping the pledge off when we saw another pledge at a gas station and pimped him too.

A couple of fun facts about Mike Jones: he is a huge Miley Cyrus fan, he claims he was a Packers fan his whole life but we all know his wife converted him to it, he created the fictitious "Turtle Tap" as the sponsor of our first city softball team, and 5 years later, we are still using that name, he knew Danica Patrick in high school and most importantly, sometime in September of 2010, will become a father to his first child, a daughter!

Mike can be contacted at mwjones@uscellular.blackberry.com

Best Regards
Brian DiVito

*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
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Financial Report

Beginning Balance	\$195
Donations	165
Expenses	0
Ending Balance	\$360

MARCHING TO THE 60TH - OCTOBER, 2013

This column will be continuing articles on the origin and early history of the Turtles as recorded in the Turtle History Book by founder Bill (Bushes, Tree-tops) Trees.

On October 7th at 2:35pm in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-Three an idea was born which was later to become a reality. It is significant not only to the original members, but to each succeeding generation of Tau Chi's. For in its humble beginning a true spirit of fellowship and instant service were evident.

On the above date in room 231 of Memorial Dorm on the campus of Carthage College, Carthage, Illinois, Larry (Crane, Cronie, The Orangeville Flash) Crone and Bill Trees were discussing world problems. During the interim between topics, the possibility of celebrating the end of another week of tedious classroom preparation was hailed as a momentous idea and was heartily accepted by all. (Favor 2 Against 0). At this time Cronie was telling Bushes of a sport his brother and his friends used to participate in to acquire liquid nourishment for medicinal reasons. If a friend were asked if he were a Turtle, he must answer, "You bet your happy ass I am" or suffer the privilege of furnishing his friend with a mixture of hops, barley, malt and other exotic ingredients (beer). At the time it seemed to be an excellent idea to form our own group and it was further noted the more participants the greater the opportunity of securing said refreshments. At this point, Jerry (JJ) Johnson was asked to participate and he readily accepted.

A few minutes later, Cronie, Bushes and JJ proceeded, Turtle in hand (small replica) to room 303. It was here Warren (Diskie) Diskerud, Gerry (Eyes) Eisele, Dean Ferrell, Ken (Gorsk) Gorsky and Don (Ace) Henderson (who seemed to really appreciate the idea of such an organization) were sworn in. The club, now eight members strong, continued to the room of Carl (Duke) Obert and Tom (Horse) Lisle where they hastily accepted the invitation and were sworn in. THIS THEN REPRESENTS THE ORIGINAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF TAU SIGMA CHI. It was interesting to note that all accepted membership without hesitation, especially after learning the liquid refreshment had already been purchased for the first gathering that night. This was a first for the members and Carthage as the only fraternities on campus were honorary.

Later that evening the first function was held at beautiful Lake Carthage in the Camp Fire Room of Shelter No. 2. It was here before a bodacious campfire with mugs held on high that the first fellowship of the Turtles was instituted and A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL -- OH BOY!!!

Thus we started out!

Don (Ace) Henderson
1st Turtle President

Composite Picture Drive

I bet you know right where it is but you know what, it ain't doing anyone any good sitting in that box in the basement. It's time to start the trip down memory lane by digging out those old composite pictures (you know the big prints with all those smiling faces) and get it on the alumni website for other to enjoy (or mock). It's not really that hard to help in the cause so first carry it over to the nearest Office Max, Kinkos or Office Depot and have them scan it. Doesn't matter if it's a jpg, gif or other picture file, we can handle most. It only costs a few bucks but think of the enjoyment it will bring. When you get the disk home send it to me at kurt.lehrmann@gmail.com and I'll make sure it gets posted on the website. Wondering what it might look like? Check out <http://www.tausigmachi.org/1975Album.html> Hey that's me in the middle!

There's plenty of holes to fill in. Right now we've only got 1971-72, 1974-75, 1986-87-89 so there's your challenge to see how many we can get posted. Hey don't stop there, if you got some other great pictures, send them in too.

Gonzalo "Gonzo" Gonzalez, Jr. '90

Date of Graduation: May 20, 1990 - Political Science Major

Marital Status: Married

Children: 2 (Maria Gabriela and Roman Gabriel)

Occupation: Regional Retail Manager CONVERSE Latin America

Interests/Activities: Softball and Flag Football, Reading and Gardening

Favorite Turtle Activity: TURTLE BRATS, HOMECOMING, GREEK WEEK

Favorite Turtle Moment: When the Lick-Ass Six Pack (carrying Eddie Chong, who blew his knee while running at the beach) made it to the Turtle Hall as members of the best fraternity

Best Experience at Carthage: Spending my time with my TEX brother and Dove sisters, Intramural sports, and the welcome you guys threw at me when I made it out of Panama, after the 1989 US Invasion

Worst Experience at Carthage: Having to protest in front of the President's lawn, lack of security for some of the girls (several unreported attacks on campus), and the time Crazy Joe and some other jocks stumped on my Frat Dad and other bros

PROUDEST MOMENT AS A TEX MEMBER: Making the DEAN'S LIST and helping improve our GPA, as the # 1 frat on campus...and of course that wild night when you guys decided to transform KISSING ROCK into a KELLY GREEN TURTLE, with TEX written all over...we were hangin' from the cliff, in the middle of the night, and it was just freakin' crazy. By the way, if I would have gotten caught, it would have meant the end of my college career, hahaha, as foreign students have limited penalty points and disciplinary actions!!! And we have the picture in the 1990 Yearbook to prove it!

Nathaniel Chapman '06

Fraternity Pledge Name - McFly

Major - Computer Science, which he states "I am not using at all, not one bit. And thats okay."

Current job - Global Distribution Analyst for Cummins Power Generation. Currently working a lot in China setting up a new Distribution Channel.

Current Residence - Minneapolis, MN and Beijing, China

Marital status and children - Married in 2007 to Erin Wilson (now Chapman), a Dove, which he says is obviously the best thing to come out of his Turtle experience. One son, Graeme (1.5 years), and a TBD baby due early May 2011!! Life has changed as much since Carthage as it did during College, actually more, and they wouldn't have it any other way.

Favorite fraternity memory - Other than meeting his wife, he really enjoyed slicing his finger open with a Buck knife at Formal while trying to prepare a cigar, its one story he has actually told people outside Turtles. Six Turtles/ Doves came with him to the hospital...which he actually thought that was pretty cool, they could have ignored him and let him bleed out. Chapman says that he realized then it was more than just dues and drinking.

Shout out to anyone? - "Um, yea, everyone that I don't talk to anymore." He says that he hopes that some day our lives cross and the Fraternity experience we had continues to add value to each of our lives. Feel free to contact him directly for anything, nathaniel.chapman@yahoo.com.

Who's the last Turtle Brother or Dove that you've seen? Kind of like 'Where's Waldo' we're trying to make sure as many alums as possible know we're here. Send us their email or phone number and we'll reach out to them and make sure they're on our list.